



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

14th May, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a believing community in the Catholic Tradition, whose heart is Jesus Christ, celebrated in the Eucharist. Our catholicity is lived through the diverse nature of our community which is open and welcoming to all. Daily we are open to the Holy Spirit who speaks to us through the Gospel, enabling us to experience personal and social transformation.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Administrator: Rev Fr Bob Bossini

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Fu

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Tibebeselassie Abza

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

Phone: (02) 9724 5997

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Parish Office Hours:

Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

Parish Website: www.olrfairfield.org.au

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY MASS: 8.30am

SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil) 6.00pm (Sat)

in Polish 7.30am

in English 9.00am, 10.30am & 6pm

in Vietnamese 4.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Monday & Tuesday: 7pm

Friday Mass: 7.00pm First Friday of the month

Business Manager: Florbela Caxala Mb. 0472 862 509

Events & Marketing Co-ordinator: Kathryn Gerardino
Mb. 0491 602 332

Sacramental Co-ord: Simone Smith Mb. 0432 437 552

Liturgical Music Co-ordinator: Fr. Ben Gandy

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer: (PSSO)

Florbela Caxala - safeguarding@olrfairfield.org.au

Novena Prayer: Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 6.30pm on Wednesdays.

Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6.30pm.

Holy Hour: Vietnamese Community 6pm on the last Friday of the Month.

Catechist Coordinator:

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Catholic Women's League: Matilda Petersen on Mb. 0426 847 213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

St Vincent de Paul: Meeting 1st Thursday of month - Marcel D'Abrera Mb. 0418 231 368

Spanish Group: Meets every Saturday in the Divine Mercy Room from 12.00pm - 2.00pm.

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form needs to be submitted to the Parish Office.

Marriage

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

Please check the Parish Bulletin for future dates for the administration of this Sacrament during Mass. Outside Mass times, requests to be anointed can take place after any Mass or by appointment.

For all church or room bookings, please contact Florbela!

Email: manager@olrfairfield.org.au

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: Ms. Jackie Vella

info@olrfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Patrician Brothers' College

Boys Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9728 4488

Principal: Mr. Peter Wade

info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Monastery: (02) 9724 1247

Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322

Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich

info@mmcwakele.catholic.edu.au

SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: www.scecs.nsw.edu.au

Mary Mackillop Hall 20 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165

Fairfield Montessori Academy Childcare Centre

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 1300 000 162

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

This Parish pays respect to the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Dempsey Medal

On behalf of the Parish Community, we would like to congratulate Mr. Lich Thanh Phan for being awarded ‘The Dempsey Medal’ in recognition for the work he does for OLR parish and the Vietnamese Community. The Medal will be presented to him by the Archbishop at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 21st May, 2023 at the 10.30am Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parishioners Please Note

There will be NO 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11th June, instead there will be a 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass. All parishioners are welcome. Please note there will be extra people due to the family and friends of the first Communicants.

Parishioners if you would like to attend the Divine Renovation; ‘**Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit**’ on Tuesday 16th May, 2023 from 6pm to 9pm via Zoom, which is being held in the Parish Hall, please indicate your interest by completing the sign-in sheet in the Church foyer.

Dear Friends,

The loss of hope can be a traumatic experience for us. It can lead to a sense of uselessness, fear, despair and even violence. It occurs when we can see no imminent answer or solutions to an issue that is present in our lives. It can occur when we experience health problems, illness, financial issues, the illness or death of a close relative or friend. It is at times like these that we benefit from the presence of strong individuals. These people can be for us a source of strength. They can allow us to view the issue at hand in a broader perspective, and as such to regain the hope that was initially lost.

A similar situation is presented to us in our Gospel reading [John 14:15-21]. Here Jesus, as he prepares his disciples for his eventual departure, reminds them that he will not leave them alone. He will not leave them orphans [v.18]. He reassures them that he will send them '*another Advocate*', [v.16] the '*Spirit of truth*' who will help them to develop and strengthen his word within them, allowing them to show their love for him by remaining faithful to that word. He assures them that in doing this they will be sharing in the unique oneness of the relationship that he, Jesus, shares with his Father. In a few verses on from today's Gospel [v. 22-24], Jesus gives his disciples the comforting news that '*those who love him will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*'

What an incredible and comforting promise Jesus makes to his disciples – and to us- with these words. All that is required of us is to love and remain faithful to the words given to us by Jesus! This Gospel passage reminds us of the fruits and rewards that are available to us if we continue to love Jesus and remain faithful to his words. It becomes for us a source of encouragement knowing that he has sent the Spirit into our Church and into our lives, who will lead us to the truth of the Trinity.

The Gospels for the last two Sundays come from John Chapter 14. We find the disciples asking Jesus certain questions: Thomas about not knowing where Jesus is going [14:5-7] and Phillip who asks to see the Father [14:8]. In response to these questions, Jesus assures them of His continued presence. He states that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life, in response to Thomas's question. To Philip He states that to have seen Jesus is to have seen the Father. Immediately after today's Gospel we have Judas asking another question. Jesus challenges him to realise a basic truth: If you love Jesus you will keep his word, and the Father will love you and Jesus and the Father will make their home with you [cf 14:22-24]. In all this Jesus is embellishing the opening statement that he makes at the beginning of this Chapter: '*Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me*' [14:1]. He is giving his disciples the means to continue to have faith and trust in him even in difficult moments.

Jesus further strengthens this by promising the Holy Spirit, who will come to them - the presence of this '**other Advocate**' – **the Spirit of Truth**, especially in those critical times when we find life spinning out of control or when we are in a difficult and confronting situation. It is at these times that we need to recognise that Jesus has not left us orphans or desolate. May we continually rejoice in this knowledge! And may we always allow Jesus and the Father to make a home within us!

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Con Sullivan, Maxima B. Mapagu, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien & Oscar Da Silva.

Anniversary of Death: Angelo Kenk & Concetta Filippini.

In Loving Memory of: Guida Alaugo Pereira, Domingas Pereira, Ana Fernandes, Alexandrina Da Costa, Clara Noronha, Maria Ornai, Ester & Poalino Climich, Silvana Gruber, Graziella Kenk, Mary, Anna, Joseph and Joseph Hoang, Ines Augusto, Maria Augusto, Jose Augusto, Mario Augusto, Puqueria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Ruben Joao B De Carvalho, Filomena Lemos Reves, Manuel Lemos, Maria Emaculada dos Ripiedade, Carlos Reves, Lemos Family, Mota Family, Caterina Toscano, Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenica Toscano, Maria Rosa Marzano, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Albertin & Joseph Jabro, Badour & Jamil Sadiq, Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta, Di Domenica Eleon Tina-Maria Fiore, Carmel Windred, Joseph Richard Nguyen, Alexandre & Estrella Prescilla.

Dear Parishioners,

On this special occasion of Mother's Day, let us take a moment to express our gratitude and love towards our mothers and mother figures who have nurtured and cared for us with unconditional love.

As Catholics, we recognise the important role of mothers in our families and communities. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a powerful example of a loving mother who teaches us to trust in God and to serve others with compassion and humility.

Let us honour all mothers, living or deceased, by offering our prayers and thanking them for their sacrifices and unwavering support. May the love and blessings of God be with our mothers and families today and always.

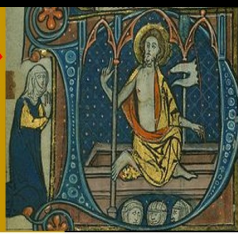
Wishing you all a Happy Mother's Day!

God bless you,

OLR PARISH

Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: The Paschal Candle has a prominent place in Roman Liturgy during Eastertide, Baptisms, and Funerals. Where did it come from?

Answer: Practice in the early church included a small candle, and by the 8th century the Paschal Candle was often sent from Rome to churches around Europe to be used in the Easter Vigil for catechumens as they were 'illuminated' by Christ.

In the medieval era, a larger candle was more common, often attached to the pulpit or ambo – depending on the size of the church. It was lit during Eastertide for Mass or celebrations of the Divine Office, a practice which has been retained.

It became tied to baptism and funerals because of the nature of those two events – baptism unites our lives to Christ's death and resurrection, and funerals commemorate a life being baptised into Christ. Ultimately, the Paschal Candle reminds us of Christ, the Light for the Nations (Luke 2:32) and what he has won for us.



Our Lady of The Rosary Parish, Fairfield
Formation Night

Fruit of the Spirit

Love and Discipline

Date: 19 May 2023
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Venue: Harrington Hall (Parish Hall)



TUESDAY
16
May 2023
6:30 PM Syd/Mel
8:30 PM Auckland

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Fr. Simon Eccleston
Cathedral Administrator,
Catholic Cathedral Parish (Christchurch)



Debbie Riddell
DR Leadership Coach



Hannah Vaughan-Spruce
Divine Renovation UK

Divine Renovation

Open to ALL Parishioners!

'Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit'

Date: Tuesday 16th May, 2023

Time: 6:00pm via Zoom

Venue: **Harrington Hall (Parish Hall)**
2 Weston St. Fairfield NSW



Fr Chris Alar, MIC

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Anna Nuzzo, Catholic Singer Songwriter



'Understanding Divine Mercy'

Date: Sunday 28th May, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Patrician Brother's College Hall (268 The
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