



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

21st May, 2023 - Ascension of the Lord - 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.



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

Ascension of the Lord - Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, and Prayer Ministry on Saturday 27th May at the Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills. 2pm-5.30pm. Enquiries 9810 2499.

Dear Friends,

'Parting is such sweet sorrow'. These are the words of Romeo to his beloved Juliet in Shakespeare's play ***Romeo and Juliet (Act 2, Scene 2)***. These words seem to summarise the emotions that can be experienced at the departure of a friend or the end of an era. In fact, farewells and departures can be trying times for us, especially when we are saying our goodbyes to someone who has been close to us, who has assisted us in so many ways and has had a great influence on our lives, or when we are leaving a place which holds deep and intimate memories for us. I remember the emotional period I went through when we had to sell our family house in 2010, a place which had been home to my family since 1959. Stepping through the front door and locking it, knowing that it was for the last time was a heart wrenching experience. So great was my sorrow, that I couldn't even find the strength to drive past our home, knowing that it was no longer ours and that another family was living there. One thing we try to do to cope with the absence of such a person or thing is to in some way keep their memory alive. We try and achieve this by surrounding ourselves with memorabilia which highlights our time with our departing friend – photographs, memories, sharings and the like. Even now some twelve years since we sold the family home, I still have fond memories of it, with the house being a prominent part of many of my dreams. All this helps us to cope with and adjust to the absence of our friend.

In today's liturgy, we find ourselves experiencing a departure – the physical departure of Jesus from the lives of his disciples. They are now to go back into the world and continue his mission and be his presence to others. We heard Jesus saying to the women on that first Easter morning: ***'Go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; there they will find me' [Matthew 28:10]***

In today's Gospel passage (**Matthew 28:16-20**) we find the disciples being faithful to that command. They remain silent. It is Jesus who has the final words to his disciples. He speaks to them in what is known in Matthew's Gospel as the Great Commission, rather than the Ascension. Jesus speaks these words to his disciples to achieve three things:

Jesus assures them of his power [*'All things in heaven and earth has been given to me'* v. 18].

Jesus commissions them. [*'Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you'* v 19-20a]

Jesus Promise them his abiding presence. [*'And know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time'* v 20 b]

The celebration of the **Ascension** of the Lord is more about the **commission** that Jesus gives to each of us through our **Baptism**, than about his physical departure. It becomes a time to **recognise** and **celebrate** what his presence and mission has done for and to us: **enabling us to continue to preach his word in his name and for his presence to be seen through us.**

The Celebrant challenges us at the conclusion of each Mass with the words: ***'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'***. We go in the peace and assurance that Jesus will be with us until the end of time. This Sunday, as I hear these words, I can ask myself how will I continue to be the presence of Jesus to those I will meet in the coming week and beyond?

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Justice Jane Lantion & Oscar Da Silva.

Anniversary of Death:

In Loving Memory of: Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Vincenza & Giuseppe Gagliano, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Carmel Windred, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, 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 Agosto, Maria Agosto, Jose Agosto, Mario Agosto, 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, Domenica Toscano, Maria Rosa Marzano, Badour & Jamil Sadiq, Di Domenica Eleon Tina-Maria Fiore, Joseph Richard Nguyen, Alejandre & Estrella Prescilla.

Fairfield Maltese Seniors Group

Meeting **Tuesday 30 May at 10:00am** in the OLR Parish Hall.

Join us for Morning Tea & **Gardening Workshop**

with Grand Champion Gardner (Doris Meilak - SBS Radio)

New Members and Parishioners are welcome

Contact: Marisa on 0414 863 123



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WALK WITH CHRIST

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SUNDAY 11 JUNE

FESTIVAL:
Martin Place from 1:00PM

PROCESSION:
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St

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Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: A Sprinkling Rite may replace a Kyrie during Mass. What is its significance?

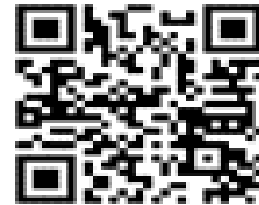
Answer: During Eastertide, the Roman Missal does recommend a Sprinkling Rite in place of the Kyrie. It is accompanied by a chanting of the *Vidi Aquam* ('I saw water flowing from the right side of the Temple').

Prior to 1969, the Sprinkling Rite occurred before a High Mass on Sundays. Post-1969, however, sprinkling the congregation during Mass became an option on Sundays and it serves as a reminder of the waters of Baptism which we are baptised into.

Additionally, it serves as an instrument of forgiving venial sins or what is called 'conducive to the remission of venial sins'. This is because within the rite grace is infused. Therefore, calling to mind your venial sins at that moment will have the effect of forgiveness of sin.

Nigeria campaign

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal or scan the QR code.



Fr Chris Alar, MIC

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'Understanding Divine Mercy'

Date: Sunday 28th May, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Patrician Brother's College Hall (268 The Horsley Dr, Fairfield NSW)

Free event but **MUST REGISTER** at
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