



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

28th May, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday - 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
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Phone: (02) 9724 5997
Emergency Ph: 0488 693 482

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.

Pentecost Sunday - Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30**

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Dear Friends,

One of the ravages of our Australian summer is the ever present danger of bushfires. We know how devastating these can be, especially when we see pictures of scorched landscapes, burnt out frames of what used to be family homes and the charred remains of animals spread over the countryside. And yet as devastating and terrible as these bushfires are, without them there would not be new life in our forests.

As terrible and as destructive as these fires can be, without them, the Australian bush would not have the possibility of regeneration and growth, since the eucalypt seed pods require the intense heat generated from bushfires for them to burst open and generate new trees. One has only to visit a once scarred bush a year or two after a devastating fire to see a completely new and regenerated forest.

Fire is one of the symbols that is used in the Catechism of the Catholic Church to describe the actions of the Holy Spirit. It states that: *"While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.... The prophet Elijah... was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire [Luke 1:17.3:16]. Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"[Luke 12:49]. In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself [Acts 2:3-4]. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions [see the works of St John of the Cross]. [696]*

This image of the Australian bushfire, then, can become an image of the Solemnity we celebrate today. At the time of the first **Pentecost**, described in the first reading [Acts 2:1-11], the disciples were overcome with doubts, uncertainty and fear as they tried to come to terms not only with the tragic death of Jesus, but also with the more astounding rumours concerning the empty tomb and talk of his appearance among his followers.

Amid all this clamour, the Spirit descends upon them, and Luke describes this in beautiful and powerful images: *"they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house...and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit"* [Acts 2:2-4]. Luke's progression in speaking about the event is interesting: they hear at first a powerful wind; its noise fills the house; they see something like tongues of fire; they become filled with the Holy Spirit. The effect on the disciples of this event is indeed transformational. They immediately leave the safety of the upper room and begin with zeal and energy their mission to preach the Gospel, which continues

to this day.

Like a bushfire, Pentecost – and the presence of the Holy Spirit – clears the 'undergrowth' of fear, doubt and anxiety in our lives. The Spirit's presence in us and in our Church is a unifying force for good. As we celebrate this great event, we can ask ourselves: what is the condition of my spiritual 'undergrowth'? Is there a need for the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away this needless mass in my life, leaving me in a better position to grow in the gifts of the Spirit? Pentecost, even though it signifies the end of the Easter season, allows us to keep alive and deepen the very mysteries that have been celebrated over the last six weeks. May we be always open to the presence of the Spirit and to his promptings:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth.'

Fr Bob Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Churchill Vanderwert, Oscar Da Silva, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien.

Anniversary of Death: Mary Hoang, Maria Hue, Caetan Fernandes & Dora Gabriel.

In Loving Memory of: Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Venenza Ciantar, Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Domenico Marzano, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Carmel Windred & Anna, Joseph & Joseph Hoang.

Thanksgiving: Gomapas family & Fabul family

Funeral for Late Churchill Vanderwert

Parishioners please be advised that the funeral for the Late Churchill Vanderwert will be held at 'Our Lady of the Rosary Church' on Wednesday 31st May, 2023 at 10.30am.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.





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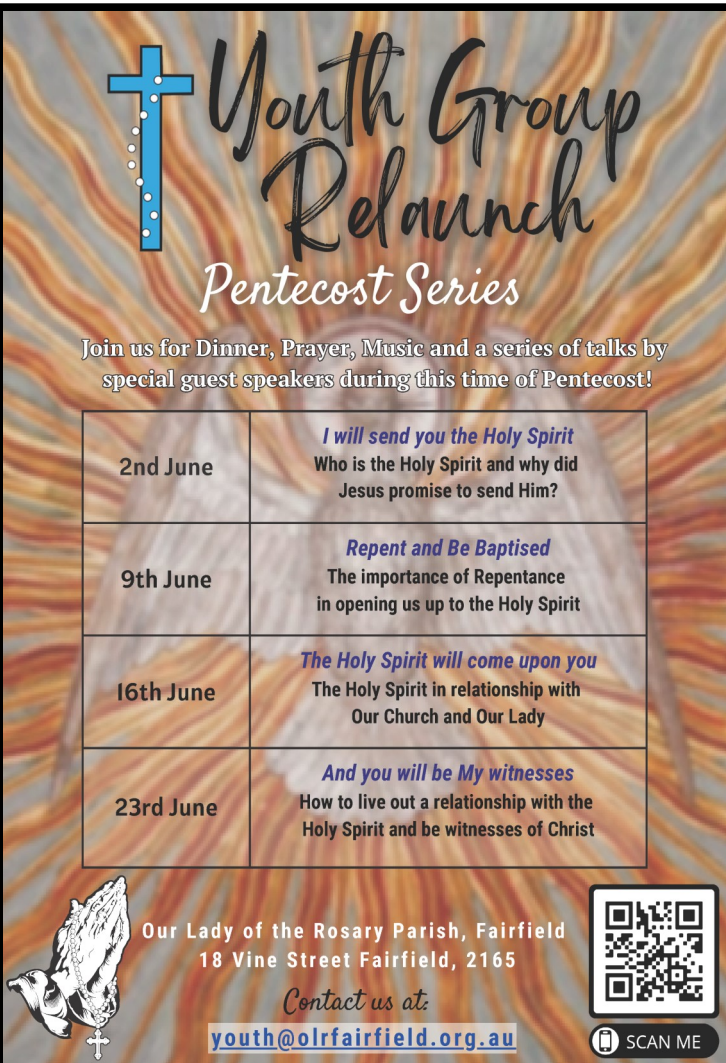
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SUNDAY 11 JUNE

FESTIVAL:
Martin Place from 1:00PM

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

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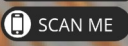
Youth Group Relaunch

Pentecost Series

Join us for Dinner, Prayer, Music and a series of talks by special guest speakers during this time of Pentecost!

2nd June	<i>I will send you the Holy Spirit</i> Who is the Holy Spirit and why did Jesus promise to send Him?
9th June	<i>Repent and Be Baptised</i> The importance of Repentance in opening us up to the Holy Spirit
16th June	<i>The Holy Spirit will come upon you</i> The Holy Spirit in relationship with Our Church and Our Lady
23rd June	<i>And you will be My witnesses</i> How to live out a relationship with the Holy Spirit and be witnesses of Christ


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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.



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



Announcement

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Please note that a third collection will be taken up for Charitable Works Fund (CWF) this weekend and next. Our parish will be taking up the extra collections to raise the funds needed for the appeal.

The CWF supports a range of charities and ministries, including The Good Shephard Seminary, Catholic Care, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and many others.

We thank you for your generous support.