



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

4th June, 2023 - The Most Holy Trinity - 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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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
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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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.
Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

We Remember and Pray for

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

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Mary Hoang, Caetan Fernandes, Dora Gabriel, Mauricio Pereira & Ana Maria Oliveira, Michele Inzitari, Silvestro Climich & Vittorio Bogna.

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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday our liturgy provides us with what must be one of the most difficult of all aspects of our faith – that of the **Trinity**. The Trinity is a mystery that can leave us a little baffled as we struggle with terms such as co-equal, consubstantial and co-eternal! And yet, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that ***'the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them'*** [CCC # 234]. As complicated a mystery as it is, it is perhaps the first theological aspect of the faith that was presented to us at an early age, when our parents and educators taught us to bless ourselves ***'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'*** Last week we were presented with an aspect of the life of the Trinity

when we celebrated **Pentecost** the work of the **Holy Spirit** – the Lord and Giver of Life - in the story of the early Christian community and beyond.

Thankfully the readings for today’s liturgy allow us some knowledge of the life of the Triune God. Our image of the Old Testament God is usually one of wrath, anger and unrelenting judgement on the part of God in response to the infidelity and idolatry of the Israelites. And yet today’s first reading from **Exodus [34:4-6.8-9]**, has God making a profound self-revelation about the God-head: ‘...*a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness*’ [v 6]. What a tremendous description of God! In the second reading [2 **Corinthians 13:11-13**] we have Paul referring to ‘*the God of love and peace*’. He concludes his letter with the salutation that we normally hear at the beginning of Mass: ‘*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*’ The Gospel reading [John 3:16-18] reminds us of God’s love for us, so much so that ‘*he gave his only Son*’ so that through our belief in Him we may ‘*not be lost but have eternal life.*’

When we speak of God as Trinity, we are not referring to three gods. We cannot speak of God as Trinity without speaking of the economy of salvation – our continued relationship with God, the ways in which God had revealed to us through the ages his Presence, ultimately in the Person of Jesus Christ. In contemplating the mystery of the Trinity, then, we find that our readings tell us something of **God’s activity** - an activity based on his love for us. In the Trinity

- *We experience a Father who creates out of love;*
 - *We experience a Son who redeems and reconciles out of love;*
- We experience a Spirit who inspires and sustains out of love.*

In the Nicæan Creed we state that we believe ‘...*in One God, the Father, The Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son...for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven...born of the Virgin Mary...suffered, died, and was buried...rose again...ascended into heaven...will come again...and his kingdom will have no end...we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets...*’ These statements speak of the working and continued presence of the Trinity in our human story. The Trinity speaks of a God who invites us to share the community of love which is part of the life of the Trinity. I invite you to meditate on Rublev’s icon of the Trinity in our Cathedral Hall. It speaks to us of the invitation that is extended to all of us to enter into its community of love.

Our contemplation of the Trinity then is one that invites us to live out these attributes in our dealings with others, so that in and through our love for each other our

actions may be *creative, reconciling, inspiring and sustaining*. In living such a life then indeed ‘*the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*’ will certainly be with us. In the Trinity we celebrate a God who is not distant from us, but who is always present to us in every aspect of our lives. May we continue to turn to God always.

Fr Bob Bossini
Administrator

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.



Catholic Theological College
Find Your Path at CTC Online Information Session

Monday 19 June at 7.30pm (AEST)

Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: Dr Christopher Knauf ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/





**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: Soon after Pentecost, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Why is this, and where did it come from?

Answer: Trinity Sunday goes back to the pontificate of Gregory VII. He stipulated that the Sunday after Pentecost should have added prayers to the Trinity during the Divine Office and during Mass.

Part of the reason we celebrate Trinity Sunday is because Christ himself, prior to his Ascension, gave the Apostles the Great Commission – to baptise in the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It was immediately after Pentecost where the Apostles went and carried this out; so, it seemed fitting that a Sunday dedicated to the Trinity would occur after Pentecost.

Gregory VII also was calling on an earlier tradition since the Council of Nicaea that on Sundays certain prayers would be said to acknowledge the Trinity. That Council had to combat the Arian heresy, and, as such, gave us the Nicene Creed which states systematically *who* each Person of the Trinity is, and *what* we know has done in the work of redemption.



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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Contact us at:
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Announcement



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Please note that a third collection will be taken up for Charitable Works Fund (CWF) this weekend. Our parish will be taking up the extra collections to raise the funds needed for the appeal. Each quarter the parish is required to contribute towards CWF. The total required contribution for the May Appeal is \$58,200 and the parish has only so far raised \$2,060.

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.