

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18th June, 2023 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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

Rev Fr Tibebeselassie Abza **Assistant Priest:** 

**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Ben Gandy Parish Office: 2 Weston Street Fairfield NSW 2165

**Presbytery:** 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165 Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

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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# **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

# **First Reading**

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

# **Second Reading**

Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

# Gospel

Mt 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

# **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

# We Remember and Pray for

# Recently Deceased:

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# Anniversary of Death:

Tome Cf Da Silva.

In Loving Memory of: Michele & Rosina Inzitari, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Venenza Ciantar, Aviet family deceased members, Oscar Da Silva, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Carmel Windred, Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta, Domenico Marzano, Domenico & Maria Cagliostro, Joyce Martin, Domenico Cagliostro, Alan James Doel & Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro.

# Sick:

Maria-Ly Pam.

# Please Pray for:

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Dear Friends,

With today's liturgy we move back into the Ordinary Time of our liturgical year, which we left at the beginning of the season of Lent [February 19<sup>th</sup>]. Today's Gospel [Matthew 9:36-10:8], together with the First and Second readings [Exodus 19:2-6 and Romans 5:6-11] have a theme of election and selection.

The reading from the Book of Exodus we see the Israelites finding favour with God, as they are reminded of God's providential care of them as He brought them out of slavery in Egypt into the freedom of the Promised Land. This election comes with a price and a challenge: the people are to remain faithful and obedient to the ways and commandments of God. God states this openly and emphatically: 'If you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation'. This election of the Israelites by God was not based on any special characteristic of the people: not for their strength, power, wealth or fidelity. Rather, it was solely due to the love of God towards the people. This election is pure gift on the part of God.

This is highlighted in the opening words of the letter to the Romans, when Paul states: 'we were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men'. Paul stresses the fact that what proves God's love for us is that 'Christ died for us while we were still sinners'. This great gift from God in Christ leads not only to our redemption but also to the foundation of our trust and faith in God – a joyful trust as expressed by Paul.

In the Gospel, Jesus through his compassion towards the harassed and dejected people, calls and commissions his twelve disciples to have the same authority that he does: over unclean spirits, demons, diseases and sicknesses. When we read the list of the twelve we notice no special credentials on the part of any of them. They consisted of fishermen, zealots, tax collectors and ordinary people. They did not hold any special or prominent position in so-They weren't graduates of any rabbinic school. They weren't influential or groundbreaking individuals. What they had in common was the fact that they had encountered Jesus and responded to His invitation to follow Him.

We too have been called, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to be his presence in our world. This is a call that we may believe we do not merit, but it is a divine call all the same. All that is required from us is to build on the joyful trust and faith that has been given to us in our Baptism. The rest we leave to divine grace. Perhaps in the coming week, we can ask ourselves how will we make concrete the elements of our call; how will we deal with the brokenness, sickness and fragility of the people we will encounter? Our faith-filled and joyful trust in the ways of God should be presented at the beginning of our encounters with others. It is only then, that with the grace of God, we can begin to bring wholeness and healing into the lives of a harassed and dejected people.

Fr Robert Bossini Administrator

# **Events and Marketing Coordinator**



Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the position of Events and Marketing Coordinator.

The primary purpose of this full-time position (37.5 hrs per week) is to assist the Parish's clergy, staff, and volunteers to evangelise and build up the Parish faith-community.

This involves assisting the Business Manager with supporting the ministry of the cleray to form disciples of Jesus by coordinating faith-formation events; providing a range of administrative, communication, and regulatory compliance services; and contributing cooperatively and collaboratively with the OLR Parish Office team, visiting clergy, and other speakers.

Salary negotiable based on experience.

Applications are only open for people who already have the required visa to work in Australia. For enquiries and to apply please contact Florbela Caxala, Business Manager on 0472 862 509 or manager@olrfairfield.org.au **Applications close Wednesday 28 June 2023** 

You can also view this job at catholic jobsonline.com.au



Dear Parishioners.

Please join us for morning tea in the parish hall, Wednesday 28 June following the 9:30am Mass, to farewell Kathryn Gerardino as she leaves her role of Events and Marketing Coordinator at OLR. For the past 3 years, Kathryn has been a valued member of this parish sharing her creativity, motivation and dedication with the team and the parish community overall. We appreciate all that she has done and pray that God will bless her next iourney.



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