



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

25th June, 2023 - Twelfth 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
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Tibebeselassie Abza
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy
Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
Fairfield NSW 2165
Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165
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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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!”
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the day-light; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

Communion Antiphon

Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: Outside of Mass, what is the other primary Liturgy the Church may offer?

Answer: Adoration is a common form of devotion outside of Mass, but the Church calls the Liturgy of the Hours (or, the Divine Office) ‘the public prayer of the Church’ (CCC 1174).

The Divine Office is a collection of hymns, psalms, readings, and orations for each day of the year divided up into 7 parts so as to live the command of St. Paul to ‘pray constantly’ (1 Thess 5:17). 5 of these parts are obligatory for clerics and those who have promised to pray the Divine Office in religious life or personal commitment.

The practice of public recitation has largely fallen out of use; which is contrary to the intentions of the Second Vatican Council (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 100).

The psalms are Christ's prayer to the Father. They are both *about* Christ and *are* Christ speaking. It forms an excellent form of material for meditation and unites the whole Church in prayer – not just the one praying it. It sanctifies the whole day by its division throughout and functions as a universal intercessory prayer.

Dear Friends,

The readings today have a Lenten feel about them, as they present the trials of the prophet Jeremiah [**Jeremiah 20:10-13**], describing the plotting against the prophet with the people trying to seduce him into error. It concludes with a hopeful note as the prophet states that ***'I have committed my cause to you'***. This reading leaves us with the theme of how a prophet can remain faithful and fearless within a situation where there is terror and persecution all around. The answer to this is found in the words of the Collect for today: ***'Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.'*** These words put our hearts at rest as we acknowledge that the foundation of our faith and hope in the midst of tribulation is God's love for us.

The Gospel [**Matthew 10:26-33**] today picks up this theme quite dramatically. It forms part of the Missionary Discourse of Matthew's Gospel – [**10:5-42**]. This section is structured in the following way:

- vv 5b-15, corresponding to vv 40-42 (theme of **welcome/acceptance**);
- vv16-23 corresponding to vv34-39 (theme of **persecution within the family where betrayal is prominent**);
- vv 24-25 corresponding to vv 32-33, (theme of **Christian suffering and loyalty to Christ**)
- vv 26-31, the central point of the section: ***'Do not be afraid'***. In fact, the exhortation to not fear is mentioned three times in this central section: **vv. 26; 28; 31.**

It is this trust in God's faithful love that allows Jeremiah and Jesus to live out their ministries with hope and with their hearts ***'set firm on the foundation of your love.'*** It is to this same faith in God's love that we are called as well. We can realise that fidelity to our Christian call can put us at odds with the world around us – the Gospel values to which we attest may be counter to the values that the 'world' proposes. We may find ourselves clashing with the establishment as we profess values that speak of the sanctity of life; respect for the poor and needy; justice, equity and fairness in economic and political dealings. We may find ourselves waging a war of words and ideals against those who do not hold to the values of Gospel. What is important in all this is our strength and fidelity to the message of Jesus. Jesus assures us that there are things worse than physical death as he states that we should fear ***'those who can destroy both body and soul in hell'*** [v. 28]. Jesus makes the promise that if we are prepared to declare our loyalty and fidelity to him and his message even in the face of trials and tribulation, then he will be ready to declare Himself for us before the Father [v. 32-33].

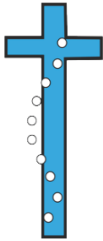
We celebrated two weeks ago the Solemnity of the Body

and Blood of Christ. It reinforced for us that through our faithful and continual participation in the Eucharist, we feed on the Body and Blood of Christ [**John 6:53-54**]. It is a reminder to us that in being nourished by Christ's Body and Blood we receive the strength to endure whatever trials and tribulations may come our way in the living out of our Gospel mission. In fact we need to recognise that the Eucharist becomes the source which allows us to overcome our fear of rejection by the 'world' and to have confidence in God's faithful and never-ending love for us. It is this Bread that is offered and this Blood that is poured out that renews and strengthens us, simply because these gifts which encompass the Eucharist are a recognition of God's great love for us.

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 clergy 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 catholicjobsonline.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 journey.



Our Lady of the Rosary

Farewell Morning Tea



Joseph Li will be concluding his parish pastoral placement this week and return to the seminary. His work in the parish supporting the ministry and the schools have been remarkable and a huge blessing for our community.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and renew him as he continues his studies and prepare to serve God in many ways.

Join us for morning tea in the parish hall, this Sunday 25 June after the 10:30am Mass as we farewell Joseph!

LOCATION

**PARISH HALL
(HARRINGTON HALL)**

**25TH JUNE
SUNDAY
11:30AM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Julia Brancatsano & Vicki Meldrum.

Anniversary of Death: Darren Van Reyk & Antonino Zaccardi.

In Loving Memory of: Michele & Rosina Inzitari, Domenico & Rosa Agresta, Domenico Marzano, Antonia Toscano, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Kar-menu & Vincenza Ciantar, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Vincenza & Giuseppe Cagliano & Carmel Windred.

Sick: Tran Phuong & Brother Nicholas Harsas fsp.

Thanksgiving: Tran Nguyen.

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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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