



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18th February 2024 - First Sunday of Lent - Year B

Celebrating 100th Year Anniversary of Church Foundation



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 Tibebeleslassie 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
Emergency Ph: 0488 693 482

Parish Office Hours:

Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

Parish Website: www.olrfairfield.org.au

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY MASS: 8.30am

in English (Vigil) 6.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.15am - 8.15am

SUNDAY MASS

in Polish 7.30am

in English 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

in Vietnamese 4.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Monday & Tuesday: 7.00pm

First Friday Mass: 7.00pm (1st Friday of month)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.15am - 9.15am

DEVOTIONS & COMMUNITIES

Mass & Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help - first Wednesday of the Month at 6.30pm

Novena Prayer: Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm

Holy Hour: Vietnamese Community 6pm on the last Friday of the Month

Catechist Coordinator:

Heather Watt

Catholic Women's League: Meeting 4th Thursday of month. Matilda Petersen Mb. 0426 847 213

St Vincent de Paul: Meeting 1st Thursday of month - Marcel D'Abrera Mb. 0418 231 368

Spanish Group: Meets on Saturdays in the Divine Mercy Room from 9.30am - 11.30am

Legion of Mary: Saturdays in Divine Mercy Room 2pm

Maltese Seniors Group: Last Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall from 10:30am. Marisa 0414 863 123

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Parents & if possible godparents need to attend a Baptism preparation class on the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 7pm Mass (a month prior to Baptism being held). 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.

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@mmcwakeley.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.

First Sunday of Lent —Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you...
the waters shall never again become a flood to de-
stroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Second reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Dear Friends,

We have embarked on our Lenten journey once again. The first two Sundays of Lent are dedicated to the **Temptation** of Christ (**1st Sunday**) in the desert and the **Transfiguration** (**2nd Sunday**). In many ways it seems fitting that we should have the Gospel which depicts Jesus’ time in the desert, since this period of Lent calls us to move into our own particular places of solitude in order for us to confront our demons and temptations, and to be nourished by God’s presence.

This year we have the shortest of the accounts of Jesus’ temptation in the desert [**Mark 1:12-13**]. In two short verses, Mark tells us the very fundamentals of this episode in Jesus’ life:

- Jesus is driven into the desert by the Spirit
- He remains there for forty days
- While in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the Devil (Satan)
- Jesus was in the desert with the wild beasts (the implication being that they did not harm him)
- Angels tended to him during this period.

Just prior to this episode we hear of Jesus being baptised in the Jordan by John, and that during this baptism the Spirit of God descended on him in the form of a dove [**Mark 1: 10**]. It is this same Spirit that drives him into the desert, so we can fathom that this period in the wilderness will not necessarily be a negative experience for Jesus – the Spirit as the animator of this movement will also be the guide and protector of Jesus.

Mark does not go into any length in describing the content of Satan's temptations of Jesus. We receive a fuller account of this in the other two **Synoptic Gospels** – **Matthew 4:1-11** and **Luke 4:1-13**. We can be certain that the main aim of Satan's presence during Jesus' desert experience is to tempt him away from his primary goal – the announcement and establishment of the Kingdom of God, for if this goes ahead it will certainly mean the demise of Satan's kingdom.

We need to recognise that temptations are part and parcel of who we are as human beings. The author of the **Book of Genesis** tells us that sin becomes part of our story **through the temptation** given to Adam and Eve by the Devil – to eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, so that they may be like God. In recognising the **place that temptation** plays in our lives, we need to also believe that as great and as prevalent these temptations can be, **they are not sin**. They may cause us to sin, especially if we dwell on them (sometimes referred to as 'entertaining' our temptations) but in themselves they are not sinful. Many of us can feel an amount of guilt and shame when temptations come our way. We need to remember that the great saints were tempted many times in their lives. In fact, the closer we are to God, the more Satan tries to tempt us away from pursuing our spiritual goals – to have us move away from God. In all this **our movement into our own personal deserts** or places of solitude this Lent becomes a time for us **to recognise the factors that bring these temptations about**: anger, frustration, low self-esteem, jealousy, envy, greed and the like. Through the grace of God we can then deal with these temptations when they come our way, if we know and are aware of the **conditions** that bring them to us. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy gave us three ways in which we can confront and overcome temptation: fasting, prayer and alms giving. May we keep these three elements in mind as we begin this Lenten journey into our own private 'deserts' **that God will be with us**, sustaining us and urging us to remain in the desert for the full period of Lent, so that we may emerge from that experience renewed and strengthened in our resolve to move from the desert into the world with the same message that Jesus announced: ***"Repent, and believe in the Good News, for the Kingdom of God is close at hand."***

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

Congratulations to Matilda Peterson on being awarded the Councillor Award by the Archdiocese of Sydney for her work with the Catholic Women's League.



We Remember and Pray for

Recently deceased: Remedios Angeles Cerillo.

Anniversary of Death: Paolina Climich, Antonio Kenk, Domenico Giuliano, Ken Howard, Maria V. Di Domenica, Marcia Stevenson & David Jug.

In Loving Memory of: Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Michele & Rosina Inzitari, Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Charlie Camilleri, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri & Domenica Cagliostro.

Sick: Fr. Bob, Angela Giuliano, Doug Myers, Ted Malicki, Helen Konarski, Norma Boutabia & Marian Kot.

Thanksgiving: In honour of St Anthony.

Friday Devotions during Lent 2024

FRIDAYS OF LENT: 16TH & 23RD FEBRUARY

10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	6PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	630PM - 7PM RECONCILIATION	7PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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FRIDAYS OF LENT: 1ST MARCH

10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	6PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	630PM - 7PM ROSARY FOR FR BOB & RECONCILIATION	7PM 1ST FRIDAY MASS	730PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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FRIDAYS OF LENT: 8TH, 15TH, 22ND MARCH

10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	6PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	630PM - 7PM RECONCILIATION	7PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD

On behalf of the Parish Renewal Team,
The University of Notre Dame Australia presents

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Adult Faith Formation

**God the Beautiful:
An Introduction
to Theology**

Chris Wolter

Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024,
7:30pm – 8:45pm



Cost: \$35 per person,
\$100 for Parish Groups (+ BOOKING FEES)
Online via Zoom
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events





This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Become a Catechist

- do something of eternal significance!



Position available as a
Catechist at Fairvale
Public School.
Monday afternoons
for half an hour only.

Training available Parish
Hall over the next 3
Fridays (9.30am - 1pm).



Our Lady of the
Rosary Church.

Contact
Heather Watt
9724 5997

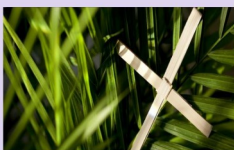


Your role as a Catechist

will be a living witness of Christ and a witness of God's love.

- exercise due care for the safety and good behaviour of students in your care
- have a current and verified Work with Children Check (WWCC), be aware of and accept guidelines of Child Protection legislation and any other relevant legislative provision
- cooperate willingly with the parish priest in fulfilling your duties for catechesis
- attend training workshops and opportunities in classroom management, safeguarding and use of the approved curriculum
- use the authorised curriculum programs and support resources provided for you and the students.
- be available for a 30 minute session each week during school terms for SRE lessons.

2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL & PALM SUNDAY 23/24 MARCH

6:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL) 9 AM (ENG) 10:30AM (ENG) 6 PM (ENG)



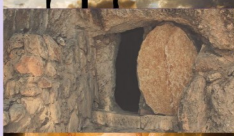
HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S SUPPER 28 MARCH

7:30PM (ENG) 8:45PM - 9PM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & WASHING OF THE FEET PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE



GOOD FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD 29 MARCH

9:00 AM (ENG) 3 PM (ENG)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - HELD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS



HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL 30 MARCH

8:30AM (ENG) 5:45PM (ENG) 6 PM (ENG) 6:10PM (ENG)
TENEBRAE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE PROCESSION INSIDE THE CHURCH VIGIL MASS



EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH 'NO EVENING MASS'

7:30AM (IN POLISH) 9:00AM (IN ENGLISH) 10:30AM (IN ENGLISH) 4:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)

SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS

How to Date With Passion and Purpose

#7 Keys to Having the Ultimate Relationship

Weekly 6:30 - 9:30pm,
Tuesday 13th Feb - 19th Mar 2024

Our Lady of the
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2 Weston St, Fairfield (Harrington Hall)

*Free ENTRY // Donations Welcome

To register: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

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