



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

3rd March 2024 - Third 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
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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..

Home Communion

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for parishioners that are homebound to receive Communion.

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.



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This Parish pays respect to the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Third Sunday of Lent —Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Dear Friends,

The first reading today [Exodus20:1-17] takes us to yet another mountain: Mount Sinai, where we hear of God providing his people with the Ten Commandments (or Ten Words), which was to become the basis of their spiritual and juridical lives. These ten laws which tradition has it were given by God to Moses during his forty day stay on Mount Sinai [Exodus 34:28] form the basis of our moral and spiritual code. We hear Jesus referring to them when

he presents his new commandments as the 'new Moses' in Matthew's gospel while preaching the Sermon on the Mount [Matthew chapters 5-7]. Jesus makes particular reference to the Commandments when he compares them to his new law: '*You have heard how it was said to your ancestors, but I say to you....*' [Matthew 5:21ff].

Having the liturgy present the Ten Commandments to us today, we have a golden opportunity to revisit them and examine their worth, value and application in our spiritual lives. As we revisit these Commandments, we need to keep in mind that they basically fall into two sections: those dealing with **our relationship with God** and those which deal with **our relationship with others and the world at large**. In fact, Jesus when asked which was the greatest of the commandments responded that love of God was the greatest of the commandments and the love of others as oneself is the second; Jesus goes as far as saying that the whole of the law and prophetic teaching hinges on these two commandments. [Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34 and Luke 10:25-28].

Within the history of the people of Israel we hear of the many times in which God called them into a covenant relationship, in order to impress on them their unique relationship with God. They were to become God's people and He was to be their God, above and beyond the pagan deities of their neighbours. With this in mind we can see why the Commandments are preceded by that emphatic statement: '*I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall not have other gods before me*' [Exodus 20:2]. On this statement the Ten Commandments take shape. In considering them, we need to read them in a **positive** way – not as statements that prohibit certain actions, but rather as words that bring us into a **living, fruitful, loving and fulfilling** relationship with **God, others and creation**. We need to ask ourselves: *how important and central is God to my life? Do I place more importance on other 'gods' (money, employment, material goods etc.) than I do in God; do I have enough space in my life to cherish some quiet time with God and therefore to give God the time and place God deserves – do I make room for some 'Sabbath' time in my life? How respectful am I to those people who gave me life and nurtured me along life's paths – my parents, whether they are living or dead? Do I respect my neighbour as persons created by God? Do I show respect to their possessions?* If I can answer these questions in a positive manner, then the Ten Commandments are elements which give a solid and strong Christian aspect to my life and my relationships. Being faithful to the meaning of the Ten Commandments allows us to keep focused on our relationship with God and with others, an aspect of our spiritual lives which becomes even more central during this season of Lent.

Fidelity to the Ten Commandments – the Sinai law – was the basis of Jewish life which was renewed through Temple worship. The Temple held the Ten Commandments in the Ark of the Covenant. A certain respect was

asked of every Jew when approaching the Temple for worship. This is why we hear of a very irate and angry Jesus in the Gospel today [John 2:13-25]. His anger is based on the fact that the people were more interested in making the Temple a place of commercial activity than seeing it as the Father's house. The readings today call us to a faithful and fruitful life of worship, based on our respect and love for God and others, as traced in the Ten Commandments. This then needs to be expressed in true worship as individuals and as a community, especially in our Sunday Eucharist. Perhaps I may be useful in this coming week if we use the Ten Commandments as an examination of Conscience to assist our Lenten journey. One such examination is found in the Lenten booklet produced by the Archdiocese: **Repent and Believe: be Filled With the Love of God**.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Guy Perrine & Vincenzo Cagliostro.

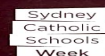
Anniversary of Death: Saverio Treccase.

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, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Domenica & Maria Cagliostro, Suzy Lilly Vann & the Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Fr. Bob, Br. Charles Barry, Ted Malick, Norma Boutabia, Marian Kot, Dough Myers, Helen Konarski, Angela Giuliano & Sing Lie & Nick Lie.



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OPEN DAY

Tuesday 19 March
4.00-7.00pm

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH FAIRFIELD

OLR WISHES FR BOB AND FR BEN
A BLESSED BIRTHDAY



FR BOB 1ST MARCH
FR BEN 3RD MARCH

Happy Birthday



Patrician Brothers' College
FAIRFIELD

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 12 March 2024
3.00pm-6.00pm



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2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL & PALM SUNDAY 23/24 MARCH

6:00PM 9 AM 10:30AM 4:15 PM 6 PM
(SATURDAY VIGIL) (ENG) (ENG) (VIET) (ENG)



HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S SUPPER 28 MARCH

430PM(VIET) 530PM(VIET) 7:30PM(ENG) 8:45PM - 9PM(ENG)
ADORATION MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 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

10:00 AM (ENG) 11AM (VIET) 3 PM (ENG) 5:30PM(VIET)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS INSIDE THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS THE LORD'S PASSION



HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL 30 MARCH

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



EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH

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

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 - 1015AM ADORATIONS AND BENEDICTIONS	1015AM 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

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
Founded in 1860-Nashville

WOMEN'S
LENTEN
RETREAT
DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

CHRIST, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION
Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL | SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.

REGISTRATION
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