



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

10th March 2024 - Fourth 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent —Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second reading

1 Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you

have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, 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.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world

men have shown they prefer

darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth

comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever been in a situation where you have given all your energy, time, love and commitment to another person: to have helped them in every way possible, only to have it all thrown back at you because the person either failed to respond to your generous attempts at assistance or they were so caught up in their ways that they could not perceive the good attempts coming from you?

If you have experienced anything like this then you can appreciate the content of the first reading today [2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23]. The author tells us of God's divine patience finally running out with regard to the Israelites. The Chronicler tells us that both priests and people added infidelity to infidelity. He states that they ridiculed, despised and laughed at the prophets sent by God to bring them back to the right path. God's patience runs out and the author tells us that this manifests itself in the Exile – the devastation and destruction of the Temple by the Babylonians eventuating in the Deportation – the Exile – of the people to Babylon.

The story, however, does not end in destruction and desolation. The author tells us that God raised Cyrus, king of Persia a type of saviour of the people. He defeats the Babylonians and declares that he will rebuild the Temple. He frees the Israelites to return to their homeland. It is an emphatic way of stating that God's intentions for his people are for life and salvation, not death and destruction.

This is reinforced in the second reading [Ephesians 2:4-10] and the Gospel [John 3:14-21]. Paul reminds us of the generosity of God's love and mercy, shown to us in the person of Jesus Christ. He stresses that this grace is a total and complete gift from God, freely given, even though our behaviour may not warrant it. The end result of this, Paul reminds us, is that *'we need to live the good life... as God had meant us to live'* [v.10]. John continues this line of thought in the Gospel as he states: *'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son'*. God's gift of Jesus was to elicit from us faith in God's Son so that we may have eternal life. God's intention was not to condemn, but to bring about salvation. John recalls the incident in the Old Testament when Moses lifted up the fiery serpent in order for the people to look upon it and be saved [Numbers 21:4-9].

With today's liturgy we are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey. This Sunday is called *'Laetare Sunday'* – the Sunday of joy. This is the reason why the celebrant wears rose coloured vestments today, rather than the more sombre purple or violet used on the other days of Lent. This joy, then is the central point of our readings today. It is a joy that emanates from the knowledge that God has shown us an immense love through Jesus Christ. God asks of us to simply belief in Jesus as the Son of God and to live according to that belief – to live in the light of his mercy and love. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can make the line from John's Gospel our mantra: *'God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life'* [John 3:16]. In praying these words and believing in them, we have nothing to fear.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Br. Charles Barry, Dominico Doan Xuan Nam & Coralie Elizabeth d'Abrera.

In Loving Memory of: Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Stefano Cagliostro, Deceased members of the Aviet family, 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.

Sick: Fr. Bob, Ted Malick, Marian Kot & Blake & Bindi Webber.



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WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS
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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
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER.
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Our Lady of The Rosary Parish, Fairfield
Formation Night

The Power of Prayer and Scripture

Date: 15 March 2024
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Venue: Harrington Hall (Parish Hall)



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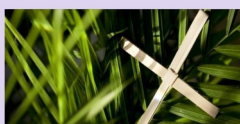
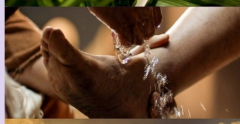



Saint Patrick's Day Morning Tea

17 MARCH | SUNDAY 10AM - 12PM
OLR FAIRFIELD PARISH HALL



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD


2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

	PALM SUNDAY VIGIL & PALM SUNDAY 23/24 MARCH				
	6:00PM (SATURDAY VIGIL)	9 AM (ENG)	10:30AM (ENG)	4:15 PM (VIET)	6 PM (ENG)
	HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S SUPPER 28 MARCH				
	430PM (VIET) ADORATION	530PM (VIET) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7:30PM (ENG) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & WASHING OF THE FEET	8:45PM - 9PM (ENG) PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE	
	GOOD FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD 29 MARCH				
	10:00 AM (ENG) STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH	11AM (VIET) STATIONS OF THE CROSS INSIDE THE CHURCH	3 PM (ENG) THE LORD'S PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS	5:30PM (VIET) THE LORD'S PASSION	
	HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL 30 MARCH				
	8:30AM ENG TENEBAE	5:45PM ENG LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE	6 PM ENG PROCESSION INSIDE THE CHURCH	6:10PM ENG VIGIL MASS	8:30PM VIET EASTER VIGIL
	EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH "NO EVENING MASS"				
	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	
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				
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	

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 9 & 10 March




Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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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.



Volunteers Needed

If you are able to volunteer with setting up the Palms in the church on Saturday 23rd March, 2024 at 9.30am, please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office. Thanks