



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

17th March 2024 - Fifth 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
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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent —Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!\

Gospel

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to
this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon

John 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Dear Friends,

As we enter the second half of our Lenten period, our liturgy focuses on the death of Jesus. Last week we heard of the great gift that God has given us by giving us his only Son in order to save us and bring us redemption [John 3:16]. Next week, we celebrate **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**. It becomes a time for us to journey with Jesus from the time he was jubilantly welcomed into Jerusalem, to the intimacy of the Upper Room, to the loneliness and trial of the Garden of Gethsemane, to the courts of the Sanhedrin, Pilate and Herod, to the streets of Jerusalem as he carries his Cross to Calvary, to the desolation of Calvary, through to the Empty Tomb and its significance and meaning to the

Disciples.

In order to prepare us for this spiritual journey, the liturgy today gives us a glimpse into the meaning of Jesus' death. Jesus makes reference again to his being *'lifted up'* as a means of drawing people to himself. Last week we heard this with reference to Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the desert so that those bitten by the vipers could live by looking upon this lifted symbol. The image of Jesus being lifted on the Cross is not lost here: *'and when I am lifted up from the earth. I shall draw all men to myself'* [John 12:33]. Jesus again strengthens this idea of the significance of his death when he gives the analogy of the seed. Just a seed needs to die (that is break open its contents), only then can it give life by producing a crop. The analogy here is for the sake of his disciples, with regard to the decisions that they need to make in following in Jesus' ways. Those who love their life – that is those who make an absolute of what the world can offer (John's way of referring to all that is contrary to the ways of God) will lose their lives. The one who is prepared to let go – to die like the seed – will gain eternal life [John 12:25]. In serving Jesus, one finds true meaning in life.

Jesus makes reference to his 'hour' approaching. It is the hour of his glorification but also the hour that he dreads [John 12:20.27]. What is it that sustains Jesus in this hour of glory/desolation? It is his relationship with his God. It is the faith he has in his God – that although God has called him to travel along this path, God will sustain him, assist him and glorify him. The author to the **Letter to the Hebrews** makes note of this as he states: *'he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard'* [Hebrews 5:6]. Further he states that although Jesus was God's Son his obedience to God was strengthened through his suffering – the events which we will hear related in next Sunday's liturgy. Through Jesus' obedience to the demands of God which led to the Cross, he became for us a source of eternal salvation [Hebrews 5:9].

Our response to all this is to ask ourselves how prepared are we to follow God's will for us, even though we may not appreciate or understand what is happening to us? This calls for a spiritual obedience to God's will, after the example of Jesus. These next two Sundays draw us ever more closely to the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. These days challenge us to see what our response will be – what our level of trust, fidelity and obedience to God's will look like in our lives. May we truly and prayerfully enter into these most intimate and challenging of days.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

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

Anniversary of Death: Aloma Pospischil & Jadwiga Zamirowsa, James Coulson, Faridi Youssef Mechalani-Azzi & Karam Soukkar.

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, Ines Augusto, Mario Augusto, Jose Augusto, Maria Augusto, Pulqueria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Ruben Joao Braz de Carvalho, Filomena Lemos Reves, Eliza C. Lemos, Ila Mota, Manuel Lemos, Maria Emaculada dos R. Piedade, Motta family, Lemos Family & Ong Chipio.

Sick: Fr. Bob, Ted Malick, Marian Kot & Helen Konarski.

Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: A minister on the altar will be vested in a long white alb. What is its meaning, and where did it come from?

Answer: The alb is the vestment that can be worn by members of the laity and clergy alike. It means 'white', simply referring to the colour of the vestment.

The practice grew out of the early church in which a baptised person would be clothed in a long, flowing, white garment. The practice was that the Sunday Eucharist (or 'synaxis') you wore what you were baptised in because you were reliving or reinforcing the grace conferred at baptism.

The alb usually goes over a cassock for bishops, priest, and deacons, but under the cincture (the rope or ribbon-like vestment worn around the waist) in addition to the stole, chasuble or dalmatic. Since baptism is the first sacrament received, it is fitting that it is the first vestment put on by the sacred ministers.

An alb may be decorated by a lace, or an apparel, but regardless it must always be white, and should be distinguishable from other kinds of vestments as they denote and symbolise other aspects of Catholic liturgy.

Palm Leaves & Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Palm branches for Palm Sunday. If you have a Palm tree & are able to give some branches to OLR Church, please give the Parish Office your details so that the Parish can arrange for the Palms to be picked up from your home on Friday March 22nd.

We also need volunteers to help with setting up the Palms in the church on Saturday 23rd March at 9.30am. Please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office if you are able to assist. Thankyou!

JOIN US FOR A

Saint Patrick's Day Morning Tea

17 MARCH | SUNDAY 10AM - 12PM

OLR FAIRFIELD PARISH HALL



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OUR LADY OF THE
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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

4:30PM (VIET) 5:30PM (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 THE CHURCH 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)
TENEBAE 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)

"NO EVENING MASS"

Behold, I make all things new.
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM

St Martha's, Leichhardt



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Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



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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

Message from Fr. Bob

Dear Friends, firstly a heartfelt thanks for your prayerful support during the time of my illness. Such prayer has resulted in the reduction of size of the tumour in my bowel, to the point that it was no longer detected by the last scan. Notwithstanding this progress, I have been scheduled for surgery on March 28th in order to remove the tumours on my liver and to attach a colostomy bag in order to relieve the ulcers in my rectum. I should be in hospital for about a week and then recovering at my family's home at Hazelbrook. I see the oncologist on April 18th to discuss the way forward. These are testing times, but the prayerful support of friends allows for a greater acceptance of God's will. I also wish to extend my thanks to Frs Tibe, Andrew and Ben and Deacon Joseph for their willingness to step in and ensure that all runs well in our parish. May we continue to encourage each other in the living out of our faith.

God bless. Fr Robert Bossini