

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

24th March 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 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 Tibebeselassie Abza
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy
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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord —Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Refer to insert!

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Dear Friends,

We begin today the most sacred week of the Church's year. We are invited to meet Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem and accompany him to the hill of Calvary. We are asked to pray with Jesus in the Upper Room, to experience his agony while praying at Gethsemane. We are asked to stand with him as he is being falsely accused by the religious and political figures of the time. We are invited to journey with him in those last few agonising miles to his Crucifixion. We are also invited to enter into the lives and actions of the disciples during these days, in order to see how they responded to the events of Holy Week.

In order to prepare ourselves for this great journey, I would like to share with you sermon from the writings of **St Andrew of Crete [d. 740]**. It is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours for Passion Sunday and leaves us with a tremendous insight into the significance of these precious days that we call Holy Week and which incorporate the **Easter Triduum** [Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil].

'Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again

to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*

[From a sermon by Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop]

These next few days offer us a wealth of liturgical rites. We are invited to be immersed in their meaning through our participation in them. We can deepen our sense of the holy in these days by spending some time reading the **two Passion Narratives** presented to us this week, one from **Mark 14:1-15:47** and the other from **John 18:1-19:42**. May these days be truly holy and sacred for us and lead us to a greater appreciation of the redemptive action given to us by God through Jesus Christ.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator

Message of thanks to Deacon Joseph

Dear Friends,

We have been extremely fortunate to have had Deacon Joseph Li ministering amongst us for some time. As a seminarian he was placed here during Advent and due to an administrative technicality we have seen him minister here for an extended time after Christmas. We were privileged to have Joseph ordained to the Diaconate on December 8th 2023 at our Parish Church. Unfortunately, Joseph has to return to his home Diocese in China in preparation for Priestly Ordination in the near future. He will leave us a few days after Easter. It will be a loss to us, but a great addition to the Catholic Church in China. On your behalf I would like to sincerely thank Deacon Joseph for his pastoral and personal contribution to our Parish ministry and family. I pray that he will continue to grow spiritually and pastorally in the years ahead and minister there as a Priest.

Fr Robert Bossini

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Maria Chiau Aroli, Br. Charles Barry, Dominico Doan Xuan Nam, Terry Hagerty & Coralie d'Abrera.

Anniversary of Death: Jadwiga Zamirowska & Aloma Pospischil.

In Loving Memory of: 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, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta & Charlie Camilleri.

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



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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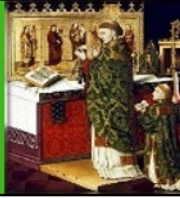
Parish Office Closure Over Easter

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Good Friday 29th March & Easter Monday 1st April.**

For urgent matters please ring the **emergency Mb. 0488 693 482.**

Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: In the Mass, what is the 'Embolism'?

Answer: The embolism is the part of the Mass where the texts of the Mass elaborate briefly on the final petition of the Our Father, beginning with "Deliver us, O Lord, from every evil..."

This is one of the parts of Latin liturgy that was derived from Eastern liturgies – particularly the Syrian liturgical customs, except Greek liturgical traditions. It has survived in the Latin rite for centuries, and can be traced back as early as the first century.

The current form has been shortened since 1969 as the embolism was longer and invoked the Blessed Virgin Mary, and sometimes the saints – depending on the region, or the religious order that was saying the Mass.

Its inclusion is meant to serve the purpose of petition by way of concluding the Our Father. Given that the Our Father is given to us by Christ himself, and that this embolism is a prayerful petition for peace, it serves as a fitting prayer prior to Holy Communion.

Deny that Heresy!



Which Heresy am I?

I come from the third century AD, and essentially teach that the Incarnation both historically and bodily, are 'absent' or more like an apparition. My name translates from Greek as 'to seem [like] an apparition (or phantom). I falsely suggest that Jesus was not the 'Word made flesh and dwelt among us' but purely an illusion or non-existent in a human nature.

In modern form I continue as 'Jesus wasn't real, but a spirit or disguised as an angel'.

I often rely on Gnosticism or Manichaeism as parallel heretical beliefs contribute to my theology, often because these systems hold a pessimistic view of human nature, or teach that human flesh is entirely evil.

By extension, I deny the sacramentality of the Catholic Church. Since I deny Christ's bodily form and attributes, there can be no proper sacraments. To me, there are no outer signs of inner graces instituted by Christ, so therefore any sacramental system is incompatible with my theology. Ignatius of Antioch would often refute me especially in regards to the Eucharist. Which heresy am I?

Answer: Docetism



FREE

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES at the OLR Catholic Parish Hall

Starting in Term 2, Sydney Catholic Schools are conducting Free Adult English Classes on Thursdays between 9.45am—12.45pm commencing on the 2nd May, 2024.

If you are interested the registration forms are available from the Parish Office or you can pick up a form from the table in the church foyer .

Participants must be a permanent resident or be an Australian citizen.



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)
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HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S SUPPER 28 MARCH

4:30PM (VIET) ADORATION	5:30PM (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
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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
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HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL 30 MARCH

8:30AM ENG TENEBRAE	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
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EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH *NO EVENING MASS*

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