

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

31st March 2024 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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
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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.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Year B**

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of Easter - a time when "**God our Father by raising Christ...has conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life**" (Opening Prayer for Easter Sunday morning Mass). Knowing and living by this fact we can indeed proclaim the words of the Responsorial Psalm for today: '**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**'.

The basis for our **rejoicing** and **gladness** is indeed the fact that through the Resurrection, the power of death over us has been overcome. This does not mean that there will be no more occurrence of suffering, pain or death in our life. It means that death does not have the final say in our lives anymore. It means that we can, through the power of the Risen Christ, overcome the weaknesses, disillusionments and disappointments of life. We live in the hope of the Resurrection.

The celebration of Easter challenges us to live out in our lives the power of the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death and Resurrection of Christ. It urges us to recognise that we have to live out the pattern of Jesus suffering and death in order for us to live and be

affected by the power of His Resurrection. The letter to the **Philippians** takes up this theme as it states: ... *'that I may come to know him and the power of his resurrection, and partake of his sufferings by being moulded to the pattern of his death...'* [3:10].

We need to recognise that the pattern of the Paschal Mystery is imbedded in our lives: **joy, suffering, disillusionment, death** and **resurrection**. We experience this in all elements of our life – especially in our relationships. Without the hope of, and in, Christ's Resurrection, then this experience can usually end with death. The Easter story challenges us to see that this pattern of suffering, death and new life can be experienced in all aspects of our life. We recognise this in the Gospel readings given to us for Easter Sunday [John 20:1-19; Mark 16:1-7 and Luke 24:13-35]. In John's and Mark's Gospel, Mary of Magdala is confronted with the mystery and pain of the empty tomb. Her news of this to the disciples is met with some disbelief – they have to come and see it for themselves. John tells us they only see the signs of death – the cloths used to bury Jesus neatly placed in the tomb. John tells us that the disciple – 'the one Jesus loved' – enters the tomb: he sees and he believes. Their sadness is moving towards joy. Luke's Gospel tells us of the downhearted disciples returning to their homes, disappointed at what happened to Jesus. They fail to recognise him. It only at the breaking of bread that they become aware of him. They return to Jerusalem to tell the disciples and they are greeted with the amazing news: *'The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon'*.

With our faith and hope in the power of Jesus' Resurrection we too can overcome all aspects of sin, disillusionment and even death. We can be like the Beloved Disciple who entered the empty tomb and believed. We haven't seen the Risen Jesus, but we still believe in his presence and power. This year I have truly experienced this pattern of suffering, death and Resurrection, as I battled with the presence of tumours in my body. The pain and suffering led to a certain 'death' as I underwent several operations. But this ended in the hope of new life.

This is indeed the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in him! May the renewal and spiritual advances made during our Lenten journey deepen and strengthen our faith in this reality. May the Risen Christ and the power of his Resurrection be with you today and always!

Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Br. Charles Barry, Terry Hagerty & Coralie d'Abrera.

Anniversary of Death: Maria Chiavaroli & Jadwiga Zamirowska.

In Loving Memory of: Souls in Purgatory, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Harold, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, 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. Domenica & Antonio Toscano, Domenica & Domenico Cagliostro & Anton Shehadeh Haddad.

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

Healing: Healing of family Tree.



JOIN US FOR

EASTER & DIVINE MERCY MORNING TEA

7TH APRIL AFTER 9AM AND 1030AM MASS @ PARISH HALL


COFFEE CART WILL BE AVAILABLE



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.**


Friday, 5 April
 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH,
 FAIRFIELD
6.30PM ROSARY FOR FR. BOB
7.00PM FIRST FRIDAY MASS OF THE MONTH




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 .

 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD
2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

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

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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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

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall
45 Mount St, Bonnyrigg Heights



Thursday
11 APRIL
 7.15 PM - 9.15PM
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION & OUR'S
 Guest speaker: Abraham George
 PRAISE & WORSHIP | WORD OF GOD | PRAYER MINISTRY

You are invited

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