

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

14th April 2024—Third Sunday of Easter- 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 Tibebelessie Abza

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Phone: (02) 9724 5997

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Please contact the emergency number only if a priest is required for absolution & anointing in situations of imminent death.

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)

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 Janine Kenney

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 Easter— Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Dear Friends,

One of the most grateful experiences we can ever encounter in life is when we are given a **second chance**, especially when we have in some way erred or made a mess of our first opportunity. Think of an occasion when, for some reason or other, you truly messed up a project, assignment or relationship. Recall the relief when the instructor gave you permission to begin again that same project without any penalty!

This theme of '**second chance**' runs through our liturgy today. In the first reading [Acts 3:13-15.17-19] we hear Luke recounting how Peter takes the Jewish authority to task for having 'killed the prince of life'. After going on and stating that God then raised Jesus from the dead, he has Peter offer the Jews salvation by saying that because they did not fully realise what they had done, they should '*repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.*'

This same theme is expressed in the second reading

[1 John 2:15], where in the first two verses John mentions the term 'sin' not once but three times. He states that the purpose of this present letter is to '**stop your sinning**'. In this way John echoes the predicament of the human race: we are, through our frailty prone to sin, especially when we have placed ourselves at a distance from God and God's teaching shown to us in the Commandments. Reflecting the extent of human experience, John states that even when sin continues to be a reality in our lives, we have **Jesus Christ** as our **Advocate**. This term 'Advocate', one which is used in John's Gospel by Jesus to refer to the presence of the Holy Spirit after Jesus has ascended to the Father. An advocate is akin to a person who stands by us in our times of trial: similar to a modern-day lawyer or barrister, who presents our case before the court in order to obtain justice for us. John then goes on to state that the redemptive work of Jesus was not just attained as a means of personal and individual absolution from sin, but also for the salvation of the entire world. Through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, we have a second chance whenever we have sinned or fallen short of the mark.

The Gospel [Luke 24: 35-38] recounts the encounter that the disciples had with the Risen Jesus in the upper room, after they had just heard the story of how the two disciples encountered Jesus on their way back to Emmaus [Luke 24: 13-35]. The disciples mentioned in the first verse of this passage are indeed these two disciples. One of the great features of the Gospel accounts of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, is that he does not berate or rebuke them for their cowardice in having abandoned him during his trial and crucifixion. Instead his first words are those of peace: '**Peace be with you!**' He invites them to experience fully his presence, and then concludes by commissioning them to go to the ends of the world and preach the Good News. Again a story of being given a second chance!

When we reflect on our own lives, we can certainly recognise the presence of sin and the ways in which we have fallen short of the mark and remained with a desire for sin. Today we are reminded of the great mercy that comes from God. What is needed on our part is to deepen our knowledge of God and through obedience to his ways live out a life of love. The Biblical scholar **C.H. Dodd** expresses this sentiment rather well when he states: '**To know God is to experience his love in Christ, and to return that love in obedience.**' A good exercise for us this week is to recall a time when a heavy burden which was part of our life due to sin, was lifted from us through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the experience of living with the grace, love and mercy of God.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Carmelina Agostino

In Loving Memory of: Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Michele & Rosina Inzitari, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Domenico Marzano, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Charlie Camilleri & Ronald & Beryl Smith.

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

40th Wedding Anniversary: Domingo & Rhodora Sina.

Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



Question: In Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), three significant figures of the Old Testament are mentioned: Abel the Just, Abraham our father in faith, and Melchizedek. Why mention these three figures?

Answer: This text in the Roman Canon is also mentioned in very early Eucharistic prayers in some early Eastern Liturgies. This indicates that in some places, there was a common liturgical practice across some Christian communities.


Abel worships God as he requested to be worshipped; an unblemished lamb is offered to God as a sacrifice of praise and righteousness. He is held up as a figure for true justice: giving God what is rightly due to him. Losing his life over this we remember Abel's obedience in offering true worship.

Then there is Abraham. Abraham forms one of the many early Christian symbols as we developed from ancient Judaism. We remember the faithfulness he had in God. However, it is the Eucharistic sacrifice that we tie Abraham's faith to because of his willingness to offer Isaac in Genesis 22:1-19. We see the sacrifice of Calvary foreshadowed in Abraham and Isaac, hence his inclusion in the Roman Canon.

Lastly, there is Melchizedek, who is a priest. We do not know or from where his priesthood is derived, but Abraham recognises his priesthood as legitimate. He offers to God gifts of bread and wine – another foreshadowing of what Christ does, and subsequently the Mass.


A flower stall will be held from 9am – 7pm outside Our Lady of the Rosary Church on the following Sundays: 28.4.24, 5.5.24 & 12.5.24. All profits go to OLR Church.





SYDNEY EVANGELISATION TOUR

SISTERS of LIFE

18-24 APRIL 2024 | 

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SYDNEY EVANGELISATION SCHEDULE

18
APRIL

City Compass X Bishops Blend event
6:30pm | Talk: 'Imago Dei in the Culture of Death'
7:30pm | Bishop's Blend Dinner with Young professionals • \$20
St Mary's Cathedral

19
APRIL

Reflection Evening
4pm | Theme: A Spirituality of Care. A Reflection Evening with the Sisters of Life at the University of Notre Dame. Open to all.

20
APRIL

Alumni Retreat Day
9am – 5:30pm | Theme: Turning to God. University Alumni are invited to this full day retreat • \$20
St. Martha's Leichhardt

21
APRIL

Womens event
5pm - 7:30pm • \$10
Tangara School for Girls

24
APRIL

Fidelis
6pm | Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life at their last public event in Sydney.
ACU Strathfield



The Sisters of Life are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.



For registrations and info
www.unicatholics.org.au



FREE

CERAMICS- CLAY POTTERY COURSE

at OLR Catholic Parish Hall

Sydney Catholic Schools will be running a Free Ceramic - Clay Pottery Course on Fridays between 9.45am – 1.00pm from the 3rd May to 21st June 2024.

If you are interested, 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.



FREE

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES


at 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, 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.





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ACOLYTE TRAINING

6 sessions - From 23rd April to 28th May every Tuesday from 6pm

For more information and to Register follow the QR Code or link below



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