

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

21st April 2024 — Fourth 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 Tibebeleslassie Abza
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy
Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165
Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au
Phone: (02) 9724 5997
Emergency Ph: 0488 693 482

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter— Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alle-
luia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

Responsorial Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.
Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Dear Friends,

The famed American psychologist **Abraham Maslow (1908-1970)** put forward a concept called the **Hierarchy of Needs**, stating that there are basic needs within the life of every person that require satisfaction. He placed these within a hierarchy, stating that certain needs have to be met before others can be considered. His basic needs are called physiological needs – the need to the basics within life – air, food, water, clothing etc. Within his structure he has listed the need for love and belonging. He states that because of the fact that as humans we require the presence of other humans in order to reach an appropriate level of existence, we have a need to love and be loved and to experience a sense of belonging with other people.

Today’s liturgy challenges us to see the significance of this need for love and belonging within a Christian context. In the Second Reading today [**1 John 3:1-2**], John invites us to consider the marvellous reality of our being Children of God. He puts this in a most profound and intimate way: ‘**Think of the love that the Father have lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s**

children, and that us what we are.' What is striking about this proclamation is the term 'lavished on us'. It entails a notion of an extraordinary amount of love that God has for us. Being children of God – and coming to that realisation – allows us to live with hope and security of a love that will never die and of an embrace that encourages and empowers. Think here of the security that a frightened child finds in the arms of a loving parent. All threats of harm and malice evaporate as the parent holds the child tightly and tenderly in its arms, assuring it of its presence and love.

This feeling of love and belonging is further highlighted in today's Gospel passage [**John 10:11-18**] where Jesus presents himself as the **Good Shepherd**. The love, dedication and sense of belonging that he wishes us to experience and be aware of this presented in a manner where Jesus compares his love with that of the hired person. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep; he knows them intimately and they recognise him – a knowledge based on that between Jesus and the Father. Jesus will lead them, and they will recognise and listen to his voice. The hired man on the other hand does not consider the sheep to be his. He flees at the very suggestion of danger, allowing the flock to be attacked and scattered. All this occurs because the hired man has no concern for the sheep – basically there being no sense of connection or belonging between the sheep and the hired man.

Mediating on these two readings leaves us with a true sense of belonging and connectedness between Jesus and ourselves, one which mirrors the intimate relationship between Jesus and his Father. What better assurance of love, security and belonging do we need than these fine readings? This feeling of belonging is further enhanced when we recognise and appreciate that the New Testament understanding of 'knowing' someone is to have an intimate relationship with them – to feel and experience what they feel and experience: their life becomes an intricate part of our life. The Gospels for the next few weeks will continue to speak of this connectedness between Jesus and ourselves, as it presents the image of the Vine and Branches [John 15]. This Sunday, where we hear of the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, is traditionally the Sunday dedicated to praying for vocations to the Priesthood – Good Shepherd Sunday. Being a day dedicated to the idea of priestly vocations, it challenges us think of, and pray for all priests, but especially those who belong to and minister in our Archdiocese.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Flora Fernan Garcia & Carmelina Agostino.

Anniversary of Death: Elizabeth Sapienza, Yonas kranauskas.

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 & Domenica & Maria Cagliostro, Anna Binh Le, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen & Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang.

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

25th Wedding Anniversary: Arthur & Annette Silva.

MCC Fairfield Maltese Seniors

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday 30th April @ 10:30am, in the Parish Hall.

Centrelink Info Session on Downsizing with Aged Care Specialist.

M/Tea provided. **Contact Marisa 0414 863 123**

Anzac Day Public Holiday

On Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day) the Parish Office will be closed.

If a priest is required for absolution & anointing, please contact the emergency Mb. 0488 693 482.

Expressions of Interest

The Steadfast choir that sings at the Sunday 6pm Mass, is looking for volunteers to join the choir.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

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.



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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.
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