

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield



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 William Chow

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Fu

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
Fairfield NSW 2165

Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

Phone: (02) 9724 5997

Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Sign up to the OLR

Mailchimp Mailing List: Re. Parish Events

Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Liturgical Coordinator

Contact Parish Office

SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)

in Polish: 7:30am

in English: 9:00am, 10:30am

in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am

Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm

Novena Prayer: Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy Hour: Vietnamese Community 6pm 1st Friday of the Month

 Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Confession

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need 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.

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: 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) 97241247

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

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 and 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.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

(14th February 2021)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'

And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Frank Treccase, Bienvenido Casaol, Maria Antonia Sechi, Ruben Joao Brazde Carvalho, Brian D'Costa, Shamoon Yakoob, Domenico Cagliostro, Moveen Stuart, Ray Ramsay, Franco Beltouni, Frank Ieroiaumi, Rosina Liberatore, Rosina Liberatore, Ruben Joao Brazde Carvalho

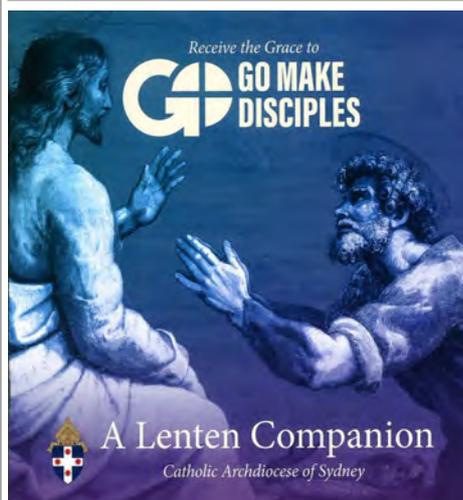
Anniversary of Death: Wiktor Zezula, Marino B. Mapagu, Maria-Vincenza– Zaccardi, Maria Canh, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Maria Fiore, Vincenza Cagliostro, Paolina Climich, Nancy Boss, Tegan Whittle, Mateo Dimatulac, Vincenzo Cagliostro

In Loving Memory of: Fred Sulikowski, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Giacomo-Raffaele– Uglietta, Domenica Maria Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet

Sick: Rawaa Ragdaa, Gaydaa & Family, Ted & Denise Cramsie, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

Special Intention: Matthew Grasa

We pray especially for Frank Treccase, Bienvenido Casaol & Maria Antonia Sechi whose Funerals took place last week. May their Souls rest in peace, and may their families be comforted during this time.



← Please take a copy from the Parish Foyer for use during Lent and the Parish Stations of the Cross

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

On November 6th, 2013, during a general audience, Pope Francis embraced **Vinicio Riva**. What was extraordinary about this encounter was the fact that Vinicio suffered from a rare non-infectious genetic disease (neurofibromatosis - Type 1) which leaves him covered from head to toe with growths, swellings and itchy sores. When the Pope saw Vinicio, he interrupted his walk and proceeded to move towards him. To Vinicio's surprise, Pope Francis embraced and kissed him tenderly, spending an adequate amount of time with him. The picture of the Pope embracing, caressing and kissing this man soon went viral. It was compared to the instance when St Francis of Assisi encountered a leper on his travels. Although feeling an amount of revulsion at the sight of the leper, Francis dismounted from his horse and embraced and kissed the man. When he mounted his horse again, he looked for the leper, but could not locate him. It was at that moment that Francis realised that the leper was indeed Jesus.



In today's Gospel [**Mark 1:40-45**] we have a similar scene. Jesus is approached by a leper, one who according to the Book of **Leviticus [13:46]** *'must therefore live apart...must live outside the camp.'* In this encounter, however, Jesus *'stretched out his hand and touch him' saying to him, 'of course I want to...be cured!'* It is a powerful and challenging scene. It marks the end of Jesus' first day of ministry in Mark's Gospel. During this time, Mark has Jesus proclaiming his ministry as one of repentance and establishment of the Kingdom of God. He does so by confronting those who are in any way afflicted by the power of Satan – those in sin and those possessed by evil spirits. He does this by challenging the norms of the day in encountering, ministering to and curing these people on the Sabbath.

For Jesus there are no limits or bounds to God's mercy and compassion. Here we see the way in which Jesus imparts the mercy, compassion, power and wisdom of God as he encounters this leper. Whenever Jesus encounters someone on the fringes of society or someone in need of God's mercy he does not allow himself to be restricted by human laws, regulations and customs. So many times we hear of Jesus healing on the Sabbath in full view of the Scribes and Pharisees, often incurring their wrath and contempt. Whenever there was an opportunity to allow the Kingdom of God to break into the shadow of human existence, Jesus did everything in his power to ensure it.

Here he allows firstly the leper to make physical contact with him, an element which went contrary to Jewish law. Secondly, Jesus touches the leper. In two verses we see Jesus not only going against the customary law, but openly breaking it. In doing so, he states in an emphatic manner that when it comes to the relationships between God and his creation, no law stands as a barrier. At the conclusion of this passage, Jesus asks the now cleansed leper to adhere to the usual customary laws – to show himself to the priest, so as to conclude properly his cure and healing and thus return him to full membership of the community. In doing so, Jesus did not recklessly defy the customs and laws of the day, but when it was required, he submitted to them. In this way he shows us the mercy, compassion, power and wisdom of God.

This Gospel passage can be for us a powerful form of meditation: we can place ourselves both in the position of the leper, and ask what feelings I experienced when I was excluded from human contact for whatever reason. Secondly, we can put ourselves in the place of Jesus. What feelings arise as I relive a situation when I brought healing to another through my outreach, compassion and mercy towards them.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

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Stations of the Cross Devotions during Lent

FRIDAYS OF LENT: 19TH & 26TH FEBRUARY

10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	6PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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FRIDAYS OF LENT: 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH MARCH

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NEW

Lenten Schedule 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 17 FEBRUARY

7:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	9:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	6:00PM (IN ENGLISH)	7:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)
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Friday Devotions during Lent

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PLEASE NOTE:

- The church doors will be closed after the start of Mass, in order for the ushers and volunteers to attend Mass.**
- The restriction has eased to 250 people in church starting from Friday 12 Feb 2021.**

KIDS CORNER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ONLINE

Our Lady Of The Rosary Children's Liturgy has put together an Online Children's Liturgy which families can share with their children at home. It's a great way to continue to develop your child's faith and spend quality time together in these unprecedented times.

New Children's Liturgy resources are published with reflections, activity sheets, colouring pages based on the Sunday Gospel where they can be downloaded in PDF. Visit website on the following link.

www.olrfairfield.org.au/resources/children-liturgy/

Renewal

Session 1

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

by Fr Bob Bossini

An opportunity for parishoners to grow in their faith through human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral foundations.

**24 FEBRUARY 2021
WEDNESDAY, 7-8PM
LOCATION:
PARISH HALL**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Our Lady of the Rosary

Encounter

Join our Youth Mission team!

Calling all Young Adults 18-23 years old who are interested to do a **YEAR OF MISSION** in Youth Ministry

An opportunity to go deeper and encounter Christ through:

- Prayer
- Community
- Faith formation

Contact sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au to receive an application form and hand it in through the email or the parish office. If you have any questions contact Katelyn 0432 437 552.

Must hand in all applications by **Feb 22 Monday**

The Parish is recruiting young adults aged 18-23 to be a part of the 2021 Youth Mission Team; devoted to serving the youth of the parish. This is an amazing opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with God alongside other young adults who desire to know, love and serve God through this ministry. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested in getting involved, please contact Katelyn 9724 5997.