

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

21 February 2021 - First Sunday of Lent - Year B



## 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

**Presbytery:** 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Emergency Phone:** 0412 206 225

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

Parish Website: [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**SATURDAY:** 8:30am

### SUNDAY MASS

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

in Polish: 7:30am

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

in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday - Friday:** 9:30am

**Monday, Tuesday:** 7pm

**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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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 Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

## First Sunday of Lent - B

(21st February 2021)

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### First Reading Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

### Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### We Remember and Pray for:

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Rijina Suham Hanna, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Carmen Camilleri, Rosa Tran Thi ke, Paolo Pham Van Duy, Maria Cao Thi Hai, Madalena Dang Thi Ruy, Catarina Pham Thi Gioi, pham Thi Ngu, Tome Clvalho F. Da Silva, Alexandrina Borromeo Da Costa, Eugenio Da Silva, Ana Fernandes Da Silva, Francisco Gomes Fernandes, Domingas Pereira, ida Liberatore, Vinezina Petrella, 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, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Giacomo-Raffaele-Ugletta, Domenica Maria Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet

**Sick:** Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Rawaa, Ragdaa, Gaydaa & Family, Ted & Denise Cramsie, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

**Special Intention:** Matthew Grasa

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## Stations of the Cross Devotions during Lent

**FRIDAYS OF LENT:  
19TH & 26TH FEBRUARY**

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

<b>10AM</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS	<b>6PM - 7PM</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS	<b>7PM - 8PM</b> EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

We have embarked on our Lenten journey once again. The first two Sundays of Lent are dedicated to the **Temptation of Christ (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)** in the desert and the **Transfiguration (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)**. In many ways it seems fitting that we should have the Gospel which depicts Jesus' time in the desert, since this period of Lent calls us to move into our own particular deserts in order for us to confront our demons and temptations, and to be nourished by God's presence.

This year we have the shortest of the accounts of Jesus' temptation in the desert [**Mark 1:12-13**]. In two short verses, Mark tells us the very fundamentals of this episode in Jesus' life:

Jesus is driven into the desert by the Spirit  
He remains there for forty days  
While in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the Devil  
(Satan)  
Jesus was in the desert with the wild beasts (the implication being that they did not harm him)  
Angels tended to him during this period.

Just prior to this episode we hear of Jesus being baptised in the Jordan by John, and that during this baptism the Spirit of God descended on him in the form of a dove [**Mark 1: 10**]. It is this same Spirit that drives him into the desert, so we can fathom that this period in the wilderness will not necessarily be a negative experience for Jesus – the Spirit as the animator of this movement will also be the guide and protector of Jesus.

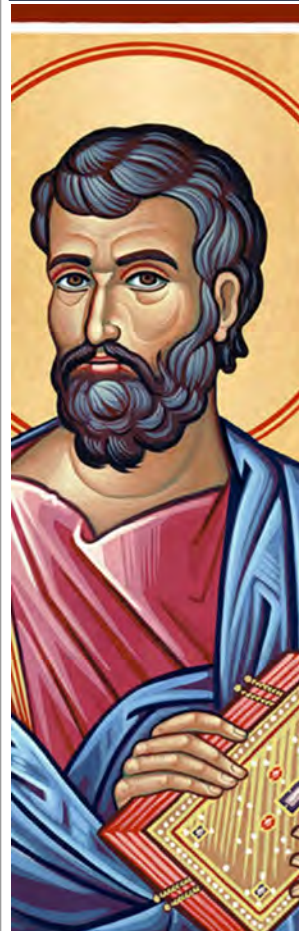
Mark does not go into any length in describing the content of Satan's temptations of Jesus. We receive a fuller account of this in the other two **Synoptic Gospels** – **Matthew 4:1-11** and **Luke 4:1-13**. We can be certain that the main aim of Satan's presence during Jesus' desert experience is to tempt him away from his primary goal – the announcement and establishment of the Kingdom of God.

We need to recognise that temptations are part and parcel of who we are as human beings. The author of the **Book of Genesis** tells us that sin becomes part of our story **through the temptation** given to Adam and Eve by the Devil – to eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, so that they may be like God. In recognising the **place that temptation** plays in our lives, we need to also believe that as great and as prevalent these temptations can be, **they are not sin. is close at hand.**"

They may cause us to sin, especially if we dwell on them (sometimes referred to as 'entertaining' our temptations) but in themselves they are not sinful. Many of us can feel an amount of guilt and shame when temptations come our way. We need to remember that the great saints were tempted many times in their lives. In fact, the closer we are to God, the more Satan tries to tempt us away from pursuing our spiritual goals – away from God. In all this **our movement into our own personal 'deserts'** this Lent becomes a time for us **to recognise the factors that bring these temptations about:** anger, frustration, low self-esteem, jealousy, envy, greed and the like. Through the grace of God we can then deal with these temptations when they come our way, if we know and are aware of the **conditions** that bring them to us. May we keep in mind as we begin this Lenten journey into our own private 'deserts' **that God will be with us**, sustaining us and urging us to remain in the desert for the full period of Lent, so that we may emerge from that experience renewed and strengthened in our resolve to move from the desert into the world with the same message that Jesus announced: **"Repent, and believe in the Good News, for the Kingdom of God**

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
**Parish Administrator**

Inviting all Parishioners, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers



# Renewal

Session 1

## THE GOSPEL OF MARK

by Fr Bob Bossini

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

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

# PROJECT COMPASSION

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**\$3,700**  
can provide a small rural village in Indonesia the materials to build a clean water system.

**\$5,500**  
will rehabilitate the main water supply tank in a village in Tanzania.

**\$1,300**  
can buy a 5,000L water tank for a school in the Solomon Islands.

**\$2,500**  
can give a Rohingya family of seven safe, temporary housing in a Bangladesh refugee camp.

**\$500**  
can provide beds in a refugee camp in Bangladesh to an entire family, including their elderly grandparents, so they don't have to sleep on the ground.

**\$600**  
can construct a water point to provide clean, reliable water for a community in Tanzania.

**\$70**  
can buy fabric to make up to 1000 face masks to protect a community during a COVID-19 outbreak in the Solomon Islands.

**\$160**  
provides one family with materials to build their own toilet in Indonesia.

**\$20**  
can provide COVID-19 prevention training for a member of a primary school's Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) club in Tanzania.

**\$40**  
can provide a Rohingya family with warm blankets to protect them from the cold ground in a refugee camp in Bangladesh.

**\$5**  
can buy a chicken that provides eggs for a school in the Solomon Islands.

**\$10**  
can supply a COVID-19 prevention kit for one family in a refugee camp.



"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." - Saint Oscar Romero



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## CCD CATECHISTS

The Catechist meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room (Fr. Terry's Room) on the 25th February at 10:00am.

Contact Heather: 0478 816 186



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CatholicCare

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

## FREE MORNING TEA

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone in different ways. If you or someone you love is having a difficult time and not sure where to turn, help is available. CatholicCare is hosting a free Morning Tea/Information Session to assist you in finding connection, help and support that will foster wellness.



Juliette Kirkwood  
Community Care Worker

### DETAILS:

26TH FEBRUARY | 10AM

LOCATION: PARISH HALL

2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CARE

## 2021 Mass & Liturgical Timetable

### SUNDAY MASS

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

### MONDAY AND TUESDAY

8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT    9:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)    7:00PM MASS (IN ENGLISH)

### WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT    9:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)    7AM-9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



### SATURDAY

7:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (ENGLISH)  
8:30AM MASS (ENGLISH)  
RECONCILIATION (AFTER MASS)  
5-5:30PM RECONCILIATION  
6PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS (ENGLISH)



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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.**