

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

28 February 2021 – Second 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

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Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

Parish Website: 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

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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

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Patrician Brothers' College

Boys Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9728 4488

Principal: Mr. Peter Wade info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

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Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322 Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich

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SCECS Outside School Hours Care

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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.

Second Sunday of Lent - B

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Lalli Teodora, Gaciela Echeverria, Anival Echeverria, Frank Treccase, Bienvenido Casaol, Maria Antonia Sechi, Ruben Joao Brazde Carvalho, Brian D'Costa, Shmoon Yakooob, Domenico Cagliostro, Moveen Stuart, Ray Ramsay, Franco Beltouni, Frank Ieroianni, Rosina Liberatore,

Anniversary of Death: Courtney Topic, Maria Hao Maria Mai, Paolina Climich, Nancy Ross, Tegan Whittle, Mateo Dimatulac, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Maria Fiore, Rijina Suham Hanna, Maria-Vincenza– Zaccardi, Marino B. Mapagu, Wiktor Zezula

In Loving Memory of: Fred Sulikowski, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Rosa Tran Thi ke, Paolo Pham Van Duy, Maria Cao Thi Hai, Madalena Dang Thi Ruy, Catarina Pham Thi Gioi, Pham Thi Ngu, Tome Calvalho F. Da Silva, Alexandra Borromeo Da Costa, Eugenio Da Silva, Ana Fernandes Da Silva, Francisco Gomes Fernandes, Domingas Pereira, Ida Liberatore, Vinezina Petrella, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo –Ugletta, Raffaele Ugletta, Maria Pham Thi Ruy, Domenico Cagliostro, Lino Pereira, Jacobe Pham Van Doai

Sick: Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred,

Special Intention: Fenan Habba, Matthew Grasa

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

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

How much faith and trust do I have in what God is doing - in what God often asks of me? **Faith** and **trust** in God's ways are the predominant themes that come through our liturgy today. Take the first reading for example [Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18]. This is the incredible story of God asking Abraham to do the impossible and unimaginable. Here God is asking Abraham to take his only child, his son Isaac, to go to Mount Moriah and to sacrifice him. This seems an extraordinary ask on the part of God. Not only does it seem unimaginable that God would require of Abraham a human sacrifice, but also for that sacrifice to be his son. Isaac was the long-awaited son of Abraham and Sarah, born to them in their advanced years. In Isaac, Abraham and Sarah saw the fulfilment of the promise made to them by God [Genesis 18:14]. In actual fact, what God was asking of Abraham in sacrificing his son, Isaac, was to forfeit the promise made to him by God. Incredibly, we find Abraham almost silent on the journey to Mount Moriah. This seems to be a different Abraham than the one we encounter in Genesis 19 who bargains with God for the salvation of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham does not argue with or enter into dialogue with God – he quietly accepts what God is asking of him. In seeing Abraham's faith, God intervenes to stop the sacrificial action and states: *'because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you'* [Genesis 22:12]. All through Abraham's actions showed his faith and trust in God's ways. He echoes this when he says to his son, *'My son, God himself will provide the lamb for sacrifice'* [Genesis 22:8].

In the Gospel reading [Mark 9:2-10] – Mark's version of the **Transfiguration of Jesus** – we experience the lack of faith, or rather the limited faith that the disciples had in Jesus' actions and words. Prior to this incident we hear Jesus telling his disciples the reason he was to go to Jerusalem. Jesus' news initiated a negative response from Peter, leading to Jesus' rebuke of Peter who was trying to stop Jesus [Mark 8:31-33]. He then goes on to tell them the conditions that any disciple of his needs to adhere to: denial of self and the taking up of one's cross [Mark 8:34-38]. The disciples therefore enter into the Transfiguration experience unsure of and questioning Jesus' intentions and mission. They fail to understand his destiny and find themselves lacking the faith necessary to trust in his words. Even though they hear the words coming from the cloud during Jesus' transfiguration – *'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'*, they fail to listen and believe.

This lack of faith is further highlighted when they come down from the mountain and encounter the other disciples who had failed to cure the epileptic and possessed young boy. Jesus here exclaims that *'everything is possible for the one who has faith'* [Mark 9:24].

We are challenged then through today's liturgy to look at the level of our faith as a response to God's sometimes inexplicable ways which touch our lives. In these cases when we find that God is asking something of us that seems impossible, it is not explanations that are required, but faith and trust. This is the type of trust and faith that Paul refers to in our second reading: *'with God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.'* [Romans 8:31]. This is the faith to which we are called to renew and deepen this Lent.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

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	FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
SATURDAY		7:15AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (ENGLISH)
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD		8:30AM	MASS (ENGLISH) RECONCILIATION (AFTER MASS)
		5-5:30PM	RECONCILIATION
		6PM	SATURDAY VIGIL MASS (ENGLISH)

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13-16

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2753

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FOR TEENS IN YEARS 7-12



Our Lady of the Rosary

For more information please contact the Parish Youth Coordinator, Katelyn
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MOVIE NIGHT

19TH MARCH,
FRIDAY 6:30PM

(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

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Arabic-speaking volunteers needed urgently

Arabic speaking volunteers needed for the Sacramental Program!
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