

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

21 March 2021 – Fifth 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

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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

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

 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come

I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to
this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Hannah Kmita, Moveen Stuart, Antonio Agresta, Brother Mark Ryan, Fe Ongleo

Anniversary of Death: Calina Benmitez Zelazny, Mariano Mapagu, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Antonio Kenk, Marivic Mapagu, Domenica Zimbalarti, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Graziella & Nina D’Amico

In Loving Memory of: Rosemary Van Reyk, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo, Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Domenico Marzano, Concetto-Annunziata D’Amico, Guiseppa Gagliano

Sick: Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred, Marija Barclay

Special Intention: Fenan Habba, Agata Szybiak, Luke Sloan

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

As we enter the second half of our Lenten period, our liturgy focuses on the death of Jesus. Last week we heard of the great gift that God has given us by giving us his only Son in order to save us and bring us redemption [John 3:16]. Next week, we celebrate **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**. It becomes a time for us to journey with Jesus from the time he was jubilantly welcomed into Jerusalem, to the intimacy of the Upper Room, to the loneliness and trial of the Garden of Gethsemane, to the courts of the Sanhedrin, Pilate and Herod, to the streets of Jerusalem as he carries his Cross to Calvary, to the desolation of Calvary, through to the Empty Tomb and its significance and meaning to the Disciples.

In order to prepare us for this spiritual journey, the liturgy today gives us a glimpse into the meaning of Jesus' death. Jesus makes reference again to his being *'lifted up'* as a means of drawing people to himself. Last week we heard this with reference to Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the desert so that those bitten by the vipers could live by looking upon this lifted symbol. The image of Jesus being lifted on the Cross is not lost here: *'and when I am lifted up from the earth. I shall draw all men to myself'* [John 12:33]. Jesus again strengthens this idea of the significance of his death when he gives the analogy of the seed. Just a seed needs to die (that is break open its contents), only then can it give life by producing a crop. The analogy here is for the sake of his disciples, with regard to the decisions that they need to make in following in Jesus' ways. Those who love their life – that is those who make an absolute of what the world can offer (John's way of referring to all that is contrary to the ways of God) will lose their lives. The one who is prepared to let go – to die like the seed – will gain eternal life [John 12:25]. In serving Jesus, one finds true meaning in life.

Jesus makes reference to his 'hour' approaching. It is the hour of his glorification but also the hour that he dreads [John 12:20.27]. What is it that sustains Jesus in this hour of glory/desolation? It is his relationship with his God. It is the faith he has in his God – that although God has called him to travel along this path, God will sustain him, assist him and glorify him. The author to the **Letter to the Hebrews** makes note of this as he states: *'he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard'* [Hebrews 5:6]. Further he states that although Jesus was God's Son his obedience to God was strengthened through his suffering – the events which we will hear related in next Sunday's liturgy. Through Jesus' obedience to the demands of God which led to the Cross, he became for us a source of eternal salvation [Hebrews 5:9].

Our response to all this is to ask ourselves how prepared are we to follow God's will for us, even though we may not appreciate or understand what is happening to us? This calls for a spiritual obedience to God's will, after the example of Jesus. These next two Sundays draw us ever more closely to the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. These days challenge us to see what our response will be – what our level of trust, fidelity and obedience to God's will look like in our lives. May we truly and prayerfully enter into these most intimate and challenging of days.

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL

HELP NEEDED TO PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

We will start making them this week in the [Parish Hall \(2 Weston St Fairfield\)](#).

• 24th, March Wednesday
2:30pm-4:30pm

Please contact **Kathryn** if you're interested

E. events@olrfairfield.org.au
P. 0491 602 332



OLR Easter Sunday Celebration

There will be a Morning Tea & Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the 9:00am Mass on Easter Sunday 4 April 2021.

Please RSVP to Kathryn 97245997 or events@olrfairfield.org.au

Stations of the Cross Devotions during Lent

FRIDAYS OF LENT:
5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH MARCH

10AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6PM - 6:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30PM- 7PM

EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION

KIDS CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL 2021

9.00 A.M.



**COME AND CELEBRATE THE
RESURRECTION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

LEGION OF MARY

*"Our Lady of Lourdes" Cabramatta Curia
cordially invites you to celebrate our Annual Acies
Ceremony*

When: Saturday, 27 March 2021 (Rosary 10:00 am;
Mass 10:30 am)

Rev Fr. William, Assistant Parish Priest

Where: Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Church,
Fairfield (18 Vine St)

The "ACIES" is a Latin word meaning "as it does an army ranged in battle array". It is the annual Central Function in which legionaries as a body assemble to renew their fealty to Mary, Queen of the Legion, and from her receive strength and blessing for yet another year's battle with the forces of evil. As a faithful Auxiliary member, you are encouraged to be present at this ceremony and, in union with active members, renew collectively and individually the Act of Consecration to Mary.



Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.