

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

07 March 2021 – Third 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

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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

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.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Gaciela Echeverria, Manuel Buedo, Anival Echeverria, Frank Treccase, Shamoob Yakoob, Domenico Cagliostro, Moveen Stuart, Ray Ramsay, Franco Beltrani, Frank Ieroianni, Rosina Liberatore,

Anniversary of Death: Carlina Benitez Zelazny, Courtney Topic, Maria Hao Maria Mai, Paolina Climich, Nancy Ross, Tegan Whittle, Mateo Dimatulac, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Maria Fiore, Rijina Suham Hanna,

In Loving Memory of: Rosemary Van Reyk, 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, Alexandrina Borrromeo Da Costa, Eugenio Da Silva, Ana Fernandes Da Silva, Francisco Gomes Fernandes, Domingas Pereira, Ida Liberatore, Vinenzina Petrella, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo -Uglietta, Raffaele Uglietta, Maria Pham Thi Ruy, Domenico Cagliostro, Lino Pereira, Jacobe Pham Van Doai

Sick: Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred

Special Intention: Fenan Habba, Agata Szybiak (successful operation)

We pray especially for Gaciela Echeverria, Anival Echeverria, Manuel Buedo and Frank Treccase whose Funerals took place in the past months.

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

The first reading today [Exodus 20:1-17] takes us to yet another mountain: Mount Sinai, where we hear of God providing his people with the Ten Commandments (or Ten Words), which was to become the basis of their spiritual and juridical lives. These ten laws which tradition has it were given by God to Moses during his forty day stay on Mount Sinai [Exodus 34:28] form the basis of our moral and spiritual code. We hear Jesus referring to them when he presents his new commandments as the 'new Moses' in Matthew's gospel while preaching the Sermon on the Mount [Matthew chapters 5-7]. Jesus makes particular reference to the Commandments when he compares them to his new law: '*You have heard how it was said to your ancestors. but I say to you....*' [Matthew 5:21ff].

Having the liturgy present the Ten Commandments to us today, we have a golden opportunity to revisit them and examine their worth, value and application in our spiritual lives. As we revisit these Commandments, we need to keep in mind that they basically fall into two sections: those dealing with **our relationship with God** and those which deal with **our relationship with others and the world at large**. In fact, Jesus when asked which was the greatest of the commandments responded that love of God was the greatest of the commandments and the love of others as oneself is the second; Jesus goes as far as saying that the whole of the law and prophetic teaching hinges on these two commandments. [Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34 and Luke 10:25-28].

Within the history of the people of Israel we hear of the many times in which God called them into a covenant relationship, in order to impress on them their unique relationship with God. They were to become God's people and He was to be their God, above and beyond the pagan deity of their neighbours. With this in mind we can see why the Commandments are preceded by that emphatic statement: '*I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall not have other gods before me*' [Exodus 20:2]. On this statement the Ten Commandments take shape. In considering them, we need to read them in a **positive** way – not as statements that prohibit certain actions, but rather as words that bring us into a **living, fruitful, loving and fulfilling** relationship with **God, others and creation**. We need to ask ourselves: *how important and central is God to my life? Do I place more importance on other 'gods' (money, employment, material goods etc.) than I do in God;*

do I have enough space in my life to cherish some quiet time with God and therefore to give God the time and place God deserves – do I make room for some 'Sabbath' time in my life? How respectful am I to those people who gave me life and nurtured me along life's paths – my parents, whether they are living or dead? Do I respect my neighbour as persons created by God? Do I show respect to their possessions? If I can answer these questions in a positive manner, then the Ten Commandments are elements which give a solid and strong Christian aspect to my life and my relationships. Being faithful to the meaning of the Ten Commandments allows us to keep focused on our relationship with God and with others, an aspect of our spiritual lives which becomes even more central during this season of Lent.

Fidelity to the Ten Commandments – the Sinai law – was the basis of Jewish life which was renewed through Temple worship. The Temple held the Ten Commandments in the Ark of the Covenant. A certain respect was asked of every Jew when approaching the Temple for worship. This is why we hear of a very irate and angry Jesus in the Gospel today [John 2:13-25]. His anger is based on the fact that the people were more interested in making the Temple a place of commercial activity than seeing it as the Father's house. The readings today call us to a faithful and fruitful life of worship, based on our respect and love for God and others, as traced in the Ten Commandments. This then needs to be expressed in true worship as individuals and as a community, especially in our Sunday Eucharist.

**Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE
PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please contact **Kathryn** if you're interested
E: events@olrfairfield.org.au
P: 0491 602 332

Y-FACTOR 2021

YOUTH CAMP 2021

APRIL
13-16

BENEDICT XVI
RETREAT CENTRE,
GROSE VALE NSW
2753

If you are a parishioner, the parish will partially subsidise the cost if you are interested in attending Y-Factor.

Early Bird rate finishes on the 5th March.



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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ROLE THAT HE PLAYED IN THE LIFE OF JESUS AND MARY.

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!
Please contact Katelyn for more details:
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Mobile: 0432 437 552

SUNDAY MASS

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

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



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