

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 April 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter - 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

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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](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.

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

## Thir Sunday of Easter - B

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the

presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

### Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours, but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*  
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### Communion Antiphon Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Fe Ongleo, Antony Lim Cheng Hau and Patrick Colagiuri, Mai jia Li, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Margaret Pizutto

**Anniversary of Death:** Sr. Concenzione D'amico, Concetto Filippani, Fortunata Butacan, Eleonita Nicola liberatore, Douglas Edwards, Fortunata Butacan, Concetto Annunziata D'Amico, Maria Luisa Cubela, Gianni D'amico, Domenica Cagliostro, Maria Fiore, Giuseppe Petrella, Calina Benmitez Zelazny, Mariano Mapagu, Antonio Kenk, Marivic Mapagu, Domenica Zimbalarti, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Graziella & Nina D'Amico

**In Loving Memory of:** Graziella nina D'Amico, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Mouszomo, Gianni D'Amico Suora Concezione D'Amico, Jeanette Rebello, Edgar Rebello, Dennis D'Souza, Bella Bapista, Martha Rebello, Charles Rebello, Rose D'souza, Philip D'Souza, Maria & Nikola Shamo, Vincenza Cagliostro, 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, Giuseppe Gagliano, Giuseppe D'Amico,

**Sick:** Luke Sloan, Annette Herft, Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred, Marija Barclay

**Special Intention:** Sienna Ngov Thao & Peter Ngov, Ludwig Family, Baby Grace, All Souls in Purgatory, Papo Francesco, Unborn baby & Anna Tran, Thi xuyen

Dear Friends,

One of the most grateful experiences we can ever encounter in life is when we are given a **second chance**, especially when we have in some way erred or made a mess of our first opportunity. Think of an occasion when, for some reason or other, you truly messed up a project or assignment. Recall the relief when the instructor gave you permission to begin again that same project without any penalty!

This theme of **'second chance'** runs through our liturgy today. In the first reading [Acts 3:13-15.17-19] we hear Luke recounting how Peter takes the Jewish authority to tasks for having 'killed the prince of life'. After going on and stating that God then raised Jesus from the dead, he has Peter offer the Jews salvation by saying that because they did not fully realise what they had done, they should **'repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.'**

This same theme is expressed in the second reading [1 John 2:15], where in the first two verses John mentions the term 'sin' not once but three times. He states that the purpose of this present letter is to **'stop you sinning'**. In this way John echoes the predicament of the human race: we are, through our frailty prone to sin, especially when we have placed ourselves at a distance from God and God's teaching shown to us in the Commandments. Reflecting the extent of human experience, John states that even when sin continues to be a reality in our lives, we have **Jesus Christ** as our **Advocate**. This term 'Advocate', one which is used in John's Gospel by Jesus to refer to the presence of the Holy Spirit after Jesus has ascended to the Father. An advocate is akin to a person who stands by us in our times of trial: similar to a modern day lawyer or barrister, who presents our case before the court in order to obtain freedom for us. John then goes on to state that the redemptive work of Jesus was not just attained as a means of personal and individual absolution from sin, but also for the salvation of the entire world. Through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, we have a second chance whenever we have sinned or fallen short of the mark.

The Gospel [Luke 24: 35-38] recounts the encounter that the disciples had with the Risen Jesus in the upper room, after they had just heard the story of how the two disciples encountered Jesus on their way back to Emmaus [Luke 24: 13-35]. The disciples mentioned in the first verse of this passage are indeed these two disciples. One of the great features of the Gospel accounts of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, is that he does not berate or rebuke them for their cowardice in having abandoned him during his trial and crucifixion.

Instead his first words are those of peace: **'Peace be with you!'** He invites them to experience fully his presence, and then concludes by commissioning them to go to the ends of the world and preach the Good News. Again a story of being given a second chance!

When we reflect on our own lives, we can certainly recognise the presence of sin and the ways in which we have fallen short of the mark. Today we are reminded of the great mercy that comes from God. What is needed on our part is to deepen our knowledge of God and through obedience to his ways live out a life of love. The Biblical scholar **C.H. Dodd** expresses this sentiment rather well when he states: **'To know God is to experience his love in Christ, and to return that love in obedience.'**

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
Parish Administrator



*Renewal*

Session 2

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*by Fr Bob Bossini*

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

28th April 2021

Wednesday, 7-8pm

Location: Parish Hall



## TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

*First Holy Communion - May/June  
Confirmation - Aug/Sept*

*This volunteering position will involve teaching a small group of children w/ parents as they prepare for their first holy communion and/or confirmation*



# WELLNESS

Come and join us for a cuppa, some light refreshments and conversation!

## FREE MORNING TEA

- What is **Wellness**?
- How do we get it?
- What is the relationship between wellness and illness?

Understanding the wellness formula will give you the tools to manage and take charge of your own health and wellbeing.



**DETAILS:**  
 23TH APRIL, FRIDAY | 10:15AM  
 LOCATION: PARISH HALL  
 2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

RSVP [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)  
OR 0491 602 332

Speaker: Juliette Kirkwood  
Community Care Worker



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO...



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

# YOUTH YRS 7-12

# TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2021 • 7:00 PM  
 OLR PARISH HALL // 2 WESTON STREET FAIRFIELD  
 \*FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED\*

RSVP VIA QR CODE



If you have any questions, please contact KATELYN: 0432 437 552 [sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)



'RISEN' ACCOMPLISHES SOMETHING QUITE REMARKABLE: IT TELLS THE FAMILIAR, TIMELESS STORY OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION FROM A FRESH VANTAGE POINT

# MOVIE NIGHT

30TH APRIL  
 FRIDAY, 6:30PM  
 PARISH HALL



(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332  
[EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU](mailto:EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU)

BOOK NOW! 😊



Our Lady of the Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary invites you to celebrate Mother's Day with us!

9th May, SUNDAY  
10:15am-11:30am



# Mother's Day Morning Tea



Refreshments will be provided

WHERE: PARISH HALL  
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR OUR MUMS!

SIGNUP REQUIRED:  
Donations is \$10 Cash OR via bank transfer. Please call in the office for details (02 9724 5997)

RSVP BY THE 29TH APRIL TO REGISTER, CONTACT KATHRYN: [EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU](mailto:EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU) 0491 602 332

