



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 July 2021— Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 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 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)

**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

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**Catholic Women's League:** Sandra Skarsky  
9724 3561 and 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on  
0426 847213

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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.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B**

**Entrance Antiphon Ps 53:6,8**

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading Jer 23:1-6**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,  
who will reign as true king and be wise,  
practising honesty and integrity in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name he will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2**

**(R.)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Eph 2:13-18**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Jn 10:11-18**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said: The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Communion Antiphon Ps 110:4-5**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Dorothy Sloane, Edward Zammit, Joe Bugeja, Yanina Plaza, Mollie Traynor

**Anniversary of Death:** Norm & Annie Coe, Lope C. Mapagu, Jimmy R. Butacan, Joseph Hy, Joseph Hien, Genoveva Da Costa, George Tsom, Rijina Yousif

**In Loving Memory of:** Iola Mota, Fernando Leong, Leong Ten Liung, Jose Augusto, Charlie Camilleri,

**Sick:** Archer, Jedi Kingston Zarb, Carmel Windred, Baby Grace

Dear Friends,

Last week we heard of the disciples being sent out by Jesus to continue his mission. Today's Gospel [Mark 6:30-34] sees them returning from their endeavours eagerly telling Jesus *'all that they had done and taught'*. Jesus invites them to come to a lonely place in order to recollect and rest for a while.

Jesus' invitation to his disciples can tell us something of the rhythm of the Christian spiritual and apostolic life. There is a certain flow involved here. We move continually from God to others, then back to God again. It is a flow from the active to the contemplative back to the active, and so on. It is a little like the rhythm of sleep and work. We cannot work effectively unless we have enough sleep, and we cannot sleep soundly unless we have worked hard enough to be tired.

This cycle presents us with some dangers, however. Firstly, there is the danger of being too constantly involved in activity to the extent that our purpose and endeavours can become blurred. This gives rise to the adage of 'burning the candle at both ends.' When we find ourselves in such a situation, we can be deaf to the voice of God, primarily because we do not allow ourselves enough time and space to be still. Our prayer may become non-existent or purely functionary.

The second danger is that we can become too withdrawn from life and activity. In such a situation we may find ourselves overly involved in devotional activities. These activities, as good as they are in themselves, can be removed from life and from the very fibre of our apostolic life and activity. In some ways our prayer can become a means of avoidance.

The ideal Christian life, then is a balance between the apostolic and the contemplative lifestyles. We need to allow our faith and motivations to be recharged through our connectedness to God through prayer and recollection. In this way we then become more willing and capable of entering into and serving the lives of others.

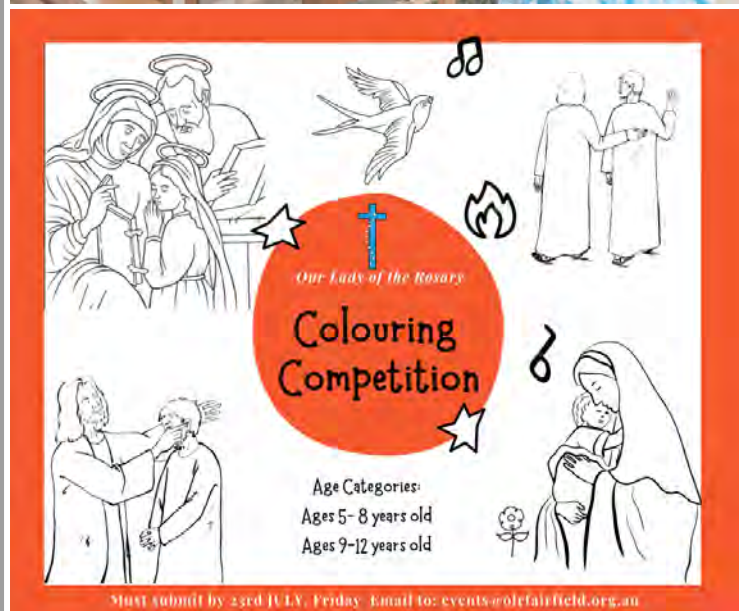
The ironical aspect of this Gospel episode is that while Jesus urges his disciples to come away for some quiet time, he in fact is hounded by the people and forced to minister to them. He began to teach them at great length. We need to recognise here that Jesus was always available to the need of the people. This does not mean that he is advertising a twenty-four-hour availability to people. We need to appreciate the fact that Jesus continually spent time in prayer to his Father.

The Gospel tells us that he used to go off in the early morning in order to be by himself and pray [see **Mark 1:35**].

The pity that Jesus had for the people when he referred to them as being like sheep without a shepherd, links in with today's first reading from Jeremiah, where we hear of God berating the leaders of Judah for abandoning the needs of the people in favour of looking after their own needs and desires. God promises that he will in fact shepherd them. True Christian service imitates the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd – the one who lays down his life for others. May we give of ourselves to others in true Christian service and activity, renewed by our willingness to be fed and nurtured by God's word.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
Administrator

**Annual Leave of Parish Administrator**  
**Fr Bob will not be in office from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**







Our Lady Of The Rosary

## Colouring in for KIDS Competition!

What are your grandparents like? This is St Anne and St Joachim, Jesus' grandparents, and Mary's parents. Colour this in and give it to your grandparents on World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on 25 July, Sunday!

Must Submit by **23<sup>rd</sup> JULY, Friday** Email to [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)



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