



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

25 July 2021— Seventeenth 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.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### 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*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 6:1-15

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### Communion Antiphon Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Leonie Norton, Pham Kim Chuc, Dorothy Sloane, Eddy Zammit, Joe Bugeja, Yanina Plaza, Mollie Traynor

**Anniversary of Death:** Danuta Zamirowski, Mark Vines 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,

Beginning today and for some of following Sundays we interrupt the continual reading of Mark's Gospel, with excerpts from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter deals with the feeding of the multitude and has a very important and central theme of the Eucharist: with regard to belief in, and participation of, the Body and Blood of Christ. The gospel selection for these Sundays is as follows:

- 17th Sunday (July 25th): John 6:1-15 ~ Multiplication of the loaves and fishes;
- 18th Sunday (August 1st): John 6: 24-35 ~ Jesus' discourse with the crowd;
- 21st Sunday (August 22nd): John 6: 60-69 ~ Dialogue between Jesus and his disciples; their difficulty in accepting Jesus' message; discourse with the Twelve (Jesus acclaimed as the bearing of the message of eternal life).

On August 8th and 15th, we celebrate the Solemnities of Mary of the Cross, MacKillop (Patron of Australia) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, respectively.

Today's Gospel [John 6:1-15] begins with the feeding of the multitude, an episode which is related six times across the four Gospels [Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39; Mark 6:30-44; 8:1-10; Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-15]. This incident must have been an important episode in the life of Jesus, and it must have influenced the early Christian community quite strongly. These accounts follow a similar pattern: this happens on the return of the disciples from their first missionary endeavour; Jesus invites them to be by themselves; the crowds follow them; Jesus has compassion on the crowd; suggestion by the disciples to send the crowd away; Jesus's counter-suggestion that they feed the crowd; manifestation of the little food that they have; Jesus takes and blesses the little that they have; this is distributed among the crowd who have more than enough to eat.

In today's Gospel John is adamant to suggest that this occurs on the feast of the Jewish Passover, giving us overtones of Jesus' eventual sacrifice on Calvary as the Paschal Lamb [6:1-4]. Jesus engages in dialogue with two of this disciples, Philip and Andrew, one of whom suggests that a boy has some small amount of food that may be of assistance to the crowd [v 5-9]. Then follows the actual feeding of the crowd itself [v 10-11] with the resultant gathering of what is left over [v 2-13]. The episode concludes with an unsuccessful attempt by the people to make Jesus king, based on what they have experienced [v 14-15]. We can appreciate the emergence of a Eucharistic spirituality in these opening verses of John's sixth chapter. Firstly, there is a perceived need on the part of the people – they are many in number and there is little provision from which they can be fed. Jesus then becomes the means by which the people have their 'hunger' satisfied. Jesus achieves this by blessing the resources that are provided. This blessing on the part of Jesus allows an earnest need to be satis-

This is what occurs at our Eucharist: the priest, in the name of Christ takes and blesses the bread and wine presented by the community. Their participation in this Eucharistic meal satisfies their spiritual hunger.

As we begin these weeks of reflection on John's sixth chapter, we are challenged to consider the ways in which the Eucharist challenges, satisfies and fulfills our spiritual needs. It challenges us also to consider the centrality of the Eucharist and the way in which we approach and participate worthily in this overwhelming and life-filled sacrament.

Fr Robert Bossini  
Administrator



## ONLINE SAFETY

**THINK BEFORE YOU POST OR SHARE**  
Once you post or share something online, it can be very difficult to get back. It can even be shared or copied by someone else.

**PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
Always check your privacy settings and limit how much personal information you display. People can find out a lot about you just by viewing your social media pages.

**RANDOM CONTACT**  
Always be on guard if someone randomly makes contact with you, especially if they seem to know a lot about you. Some things you see online can be too good to be true, always trust your instincts.

**UNWANTED MESSAGES**  
Not all messages you can receive online are nice. If you receive a message that makes you feel scared or not quite right, don't reply and tell a trusted adult.

**STRONG PASSWORDS**  
Make sure you set strong passwords which contain a lot of letters and are hard to guess. Never give your password away.

Engaging online is a big part of our lives. There are some great positives in going online such as playing games, watching videos and communicating with family and friends.

It is also important that we are aware of our safety whilst we are online.

With the help from the children within the Archdiocese of Sydney, here are some handy tips to help you stay safe when you are online.

**VIDEO CALLS**  
Make video calls in an open area such as the lounge room. Make sure your clothing is appropriate for the video call.

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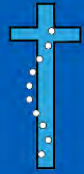
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**ESAFETY COMMISSIONER:** Want to know more about being safe online? Visit the eSafety Commissioner's website: [www.esafety.gov.au/](http://www.esafety.gov.au/)



*Our Lady of the Rosary*



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Join us as we pray to  
**Our Lady of Lourdes** for  
the end of this pandemic

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**DURING LOCKDOWN:**

**23RD JULY-31ST JULY**

6pm



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