

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

22 August 2021— Twenty-first Sunday in 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.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

### First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

*A reading from the book of Joshua*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 6:60-69

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Baby Anthony, Carmel Windred, Leonie Norton, and Pham Kim Chuc

**Anniversary of Death:** Robert Zamirowski, Andrew Wilson, Lope. C. Mapagu, Jimmy R. Butacan, Joseph Hien, Joseph Hy, Genoveva Da Costa

**In Loving Memory of:** Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph and Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar, Eddy and Ninna Zammit.

**Special Intention:** Missionaries in Iraq

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Grahame Windred, brother of recently deceased Carmel Windred, may she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Today's liturgy brings us the fifth and final instalment from **John's sixth chapter [6:60-69]**. We find here that the discourse has come to an end and now we are presented with the reactions of the people to what Jesus has presented to them. The discourse has been centred on Jesus presenting himself as the Bread of Life – that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have eternal life in them. He makes the announcement that those who come to him will never be hungry and that those who believe in him will never thirst. He presents this after the miraculous feeding of the multitude and with reference to the bread that God gave their ancestors in the desert – the manna which they ate in order to survive the arduous trek to the Promised Land. In making reference to this episode, Jesus states that unlike their ancestors who ate and are now dead, those who partake of the Bread that he is offering will not encounter death.

Today John presents to us the two possible reactions and responses to Jesus' discourse: **desertion** or **acceptance**. For many of his followers, this discourse was difficult to accept, and we find their response in **verses 60-66** – *'this is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it...after this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.'* The second possible response to Jesus' teaching is found in the words of Simon Peter in response to Jesus asking if they too wish to desert him: *'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God'* [v. 68-69].

Amid this option of desertion or acceptance of Jesus' teaching we have the backdrop of our first reading from the **Book of Joshua [24:1-2.15-18]**. Here we see Joshua, who has led the people into the Promised Land, at the end of his life. He gathers the people, elders, judges, scribes and leaders in order to present to them the subtlety of what lies ahead. He tells them that on arrival into the Promised Land they are to live alongside people who do not recognise the God they worship. In fact, he warns them that they may even be tempted to take on the religious ways of these pagan people in preference to the ways of the Lord. As Joshua makes public his decision to *'serve the Lord'*, so too do the people who recall the God 'who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed,' decide to also *'serve the Lord, for he is our God.'*

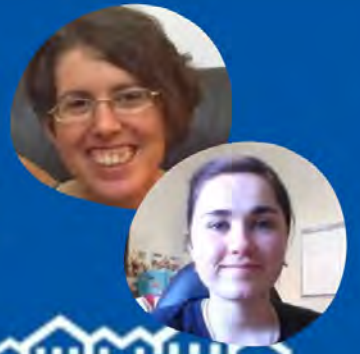
In today's society, we too may find ourselves a little like the followers of Jesus or the Israelites in the Promised Land. We may find that the subtle presence of other 'gods' and other persuasive ideologies and teachings can tempt us away from the hard teachings of Christianity. These may come in the form of success, living standards, money, career or many other aspects. It may be easier for us to say of Jesus' teaching that it may be 'intolerable' and so we may begin to distance ourselves from the true moral demands and consequences of his teaching. Peter's response reminds us that Christianity is not simply a philosophy or ideology, but rather a personal response in faith to Jesus Christ. It comes from a truly deep-seated belief that without Jesus and his teachings, there is nothing else.

It has now been almost eight weeks since our churches have been closed. It has been eight weeks since we have been able to celebrate and receive the Eucharist as a community. If anything, this period of lockdown has allowed us to see the importance and centrality of the Eucharist as the sacrament that gives us the strength and grace to be able to face the challenges and demands of an ungodly society. I relish the daily celebration of the Eucharist and hope that its livestreaming into your homes has allowed some solace during the lockdown. May we never grow complacent of this great sacrament. I pray for the time when we can celebrate the Eucharist as a community. May this time of Eucharistic isolation allow us to always see the Eucharist as that sacrament that sustains, guides and strengthens us. *'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'* May our lives be continually guided by His Words and teaching.

**Fr Robert Bossini,**  
**Administrator**



We'll be sleeping out in the backyard on August 27th for the Vinnies Community Sleepout, in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness.



# Sleep out. Change lives.



If you'd like to donate or find out more information please visit:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-western-sydney-2021/simone-smith>

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-western-sydney-2021/cecilia-hunt>

👉 Support services are still open during the COVID-19 lockdown. 📞 Call the NSW Domestic Violence Line on 1800 65 64 63 for free, 24/7 support. Interpreters are available and all calls are confidential. 🚨 If you are in immediate danger call Emergency Triple Zero (000).

UPCOMING WEBINAR:  
**Skills for COVID  
skills for life!**  
Juliette Kirkwood, CatholicCare  
Community Care Worker



Dear friend,

Skills for COVID, skills for life!

Key tips and strategies to stay healthy, resilient and positive during an extended lockdown – save the date and tune in to Juliette Kirkwood, CatholicCare, Community Care Worker.

It's easy to fall into unhealthy patterns during an extended lockdown. This webinar will give you easy tips and strategies to optimise your physical, emotional and psychological health and help you avoid falling into unhealthy patterns.

Date: Tuesday 24th August  
Time: 10 - 11 AM

Cost: Free



## Renewal

Session 3

# MARY AND JOSEPH

*Bearers and  
Protectors of the  
Divine Mystery*

*Talk will be posted on  
Facebook and the Parish  
website*

*For any questions or remarks feel  
free to email Fr Bob:  
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