

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

05 September 2021— Twenty-Third 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

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Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Parish Website: 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

 Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

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

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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.

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Entrance Antiphon Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

((R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

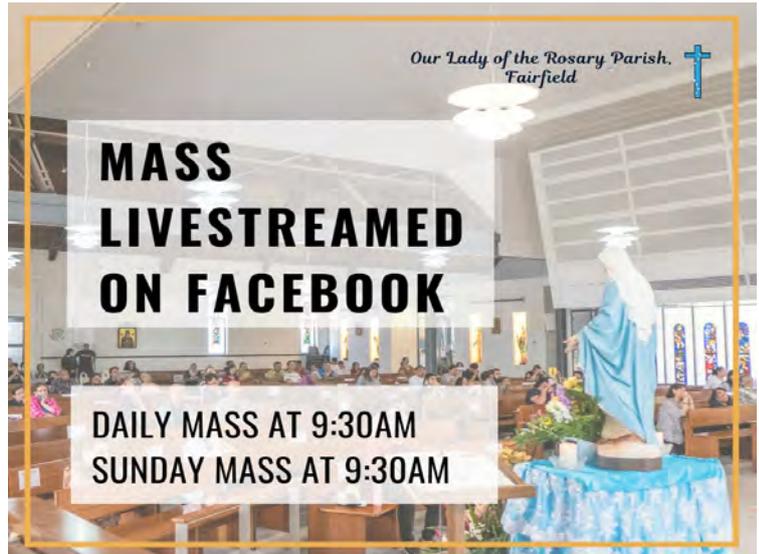
Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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

Dear Friends,

There is always a special touch about the miracle stories of Jesus as they are depicted in the Gospels. They give us an insight into the person of Jesus, of his attitude towards people and they provide us with the means we need to adopt and nurture if we are to be true ministers in the mould of Jesus.

Today's miracle story [Mark 7:31-37] is prophetic as it is challenging. We see in this exchange between crowd and Jesus and between Jesus and the deaf mute a reference to the prophetic message of Isaiah, who foretold the things that would occur during the time of the Messiah: 'then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like the deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy' [Isaiah 35:5-6], which forms part of our first reading today.

For Isaiah the bringing back to health of those who are blind, dumb and lame is a way of especially celebrating the presence of God amongst us – they herald the Messianic age in a special and definitive way. In taking this miracle story and examining the process we arrive at the following pattern:

Jesus is travelling through the land regarded as Gentile – pagan land on the fringes of Palestine. It becomes a foretelling of the works that are to be carried out by his disciples as they go to the ends of the earth to preach, teach and cure.

The crowd intercedes for the deaf mute man: 'they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him' [Mark 7: 32]. This is not an unreasonable action, as the man could not speak for himself. It highlights the power and persuasion found in community intercessory prayer.

Jesus takes the man and 'aside, in private, away from the crowds' [v. 33]. Jesus does wish to turn this encounter into a public spectacle. He treats the man as an individual – in a personal and caring manner.

This personal and tender approach is further enhanced as we hear of Jesus placing his fingers in the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Jesus then looks up to heaven, sighs and gives the command 'Ephphatha' (be opened), causing the man's 'ears to be opened and the ligament of his tongue to be loosened [v. 35].

This encounter gives us an idea of how to go about relating and ministering to people within our community. It shows us the power and urgency of intercessory prayer as practiced by the community on behalf of those who require divine assistance. It challenges us to be able to recognise and give our assistance to those people who 'do not have a voice' in our community. The power of intercessory prayer should never be downplayed. It is a powerful tool that should be utilised.

This encounter also challenges us to be able to minister to those people in our community who have not yet heard the message of the Gospel – those whose ears have not been attuned to His word. Through our personal and pastoral approach of these people we can all them to hear the word and message and then to prepare them to evangelise by preaching the word and message they have just received and heard. Thirdly, it challenges us to see that we are always attuned to the voice of God, so that God's message may come to us and continue to be the basis of our evangelisation. Hearing and proclaiming the message of the Gospel is an essential and central part of our Baptismal vocation. May we never allow our ears to be deaf to God's voice. We are also challenged to be the channel through which God's mercy, forgiveness and healing can be directed to others. The challenge for us here is that we can bring these people to God through ministry and prayer.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



PARISH IS CLOSED

BUT WE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU.

If you are feeling anxious and in need of someone to talk to, the Parish Office is available.
Contact: (02) 9724 5997
Opening hours: Monday- Friday 10am-4pm



Child Protection Week

6 - 12 September 2021

Protecting children is everyone's responsibility



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👉 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).

CODE OF CONDUCT WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

Adults who are looking after you sign a Code of Conduct agreeing to ...



Protect you

Help you Feel Safe

Respect you

Support you

Listen to you



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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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