



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

12 September 2021 – Twenty-Fourth 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### First Reading Is 50:5-9

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

### Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Carla Dos Santos, Catherine Zarb, Andrzej Ziolkowski and Antonietta Sikora

**Anniversary of Death:** Fr Tom Crotty, Adela Zezula, John Bakhos, Harold Aviet

**In Loving Memory of:** Christine Aviet, Carmel Windred, Eddy and Ninna Zammit, Joe Bugeja, Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Baby Anthony

**Sick:** Charles and Heather Watt, Matilda Petersen and Teresa Hicks

**Special Intention:** Baby Leonidas

We would like to offer our condolences on behalf of the parish to the Dos Santos family on the sad passing of their dearly beloved wife and mother Carla, may she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Most of us love to be popular and well thought of by other people. It is part of our need to be the loved and accepted by others. But at times it is more difficult to play the 'popular' role than it is to stand by what one truly believes in. If we totally and completely rely on what people think of us, then we can become like a reed in the wind – we bend and twist to the whims of others and we can find ourselves beginning to lose our identity and individualism. We can become what other people want us to become. This is the fear of many politicians who so look to the results of opinion polls that in the end one does not know what they believe in or stand for anymore. Just consider the present situation with our State premiers fighting for the popularity vote with regard to their state's handling of the Covid-19 situation.

Something of this is occurring in our Gospel today [Mark 8:27-35]. This short passage is replete with meaning and symbolism. It comes at the very centre of Mark's Gospel. From here on Jesus is resolutely haunted by the true meaning of his mission – the Cross. There is no turning back from this point onwards. The conflict and arguments against him seem to become more evident and hostile. The religious leaders are intent on seeing to the destruction of Jesus once and for all.

In a very unusual place – Caesarea Philippi, a city known for its past worship of pagan gods and deity – Jesus ask his disciples two questions: firstly, who do the general public believe him to be; and secondly, who they believe him to be. The disciples give Jesus the usual answers from the public: they believe him to be a prophet, Elijah or John the Baptist. Even their own answer to the question brings no rebuke from Jesus. They announce, through Peter, that 'He is the Christ!' Jesus uses this answer to begin his teaching of what the mission and person of the Messiah is all about. Contrary to the preconceived ideas that the disciples held, of the Messiah being the one to rid their country of Roman rule and win for them a new era of peace, power and prosperity, Jesus puts it bluntly to the disciples that the Messiah – the Son of Man – 'was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again' [v. 30]. Mark tells us that Jesus states this quite openly.

Here we experience something quite unusual. Peter takes Jesus - the disciple taking the Master aside and argues with him, wanting Jesus to change his tune and words. This rather strange action on the part of Peter has a significant basis. His image of the Messiah did not include 'suffering', 'rejection' or 'being put to death'. So, we can understand why he is so hostile to Jesus' words. Similarly, we can appreciate the harsh tone that Jesus takes with regard to Peter's response when he says:

'Get behind me Satan!' In many ways what Peter was echoing in his words gave rise in Jesus to the temptations and doubts he may have had regarding his God given mission. The impact of One who is innocent of all sin, dying for a sinful humanity must have resounded in Peter's remarks.

The next two verses [34-35] however show us something of the depth of Jesus' character and leadership. His mention that those who wish to be his disciples must take up their cross and follow in his ways alerts us to the fact that Jesus will never call us to do something that he himself is not prepared to undergo. In denying oneself, the person is saying 'yes' to Jesus and his ways. In this passage we find the central meaning of Mark's Gospel – the fact that redemption and salvation come to us through self-denial and total surrender to the ways of Jesus and that secondly, like Peter we need to be appreciative of the highs and lows of our discipleship: our yes to Jesus means that we follow him through suffering and death to resurrection: 'those who lose their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it' [v.35].

Fr Robert Bossini  
Administrator

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# Open Discussion

15TH OF SEPT, WEDNESDAY  
BEGINS AT 10:15AM

JOIN US FOR A PARISH  
COMMUNITY OPEN  
DISCUSSION SESSION

- WHAT ARE YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THIS LOCKDOWN?
- WHAT ARE YOUR UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND
- WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND THAT HELPS YOU COPE?

*A time for discussion and prayer.*

WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

 **zoom**

CONTACT JULIETTE FOR THE ZOOM LINK

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Community Care Worker

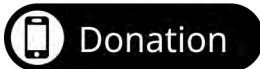
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## Parish Secretary

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- 6 Month contract and likely to extend
- 37.5 hours per week (Full-time)
- Full-time salary negotiable

Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary.

The primary purpose of this full-time position (37.5 hours per week) is to: provide a range of office support services to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the Parish Office; set up the church for services when required; and contribute cooperatively and collaboratively with the OLR Parish Office team and visiting clergy.

The most desirable applicant will have: tertiary qualifications in an area that is relevant to this role; and demonstrated experience in administrative assistance and communications. At least intermediate experience is required with Microsoft Office Suite (i.e., Outlook, File Explorer, Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint).

*On the job training will be provided.*

Applications are only open for people who already have the required Visa to work in Australia.

For enquiries, contact the Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au)

Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on **4th October 2021**.

Only successful applicants will be contacted.

View this job and Position Description at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

## KID'S CORNER.

### JERUSALEMA DANCE CHALLENGE.



DEAR PARENT'S/GUARDIANS:

Here is an uplifting activity for the whole family to help us keep

Our spirits up, during this time of lockdown.

You can google 'JERUSALEMA DANCE CHALLENGE' Sisters of our lady

Immaculate, on You Tube, Watch and learn the steps of this magnificent

Song. This song is an upbeat song, containing religious theme associated

With the Biblical city Jerusalem. Do google the meaning of the song.

**HAVE FUN.** Irene Taylor. Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

## 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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