

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

19 September 2021— Twenty-Fifth 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

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

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

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

info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

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 Cf. Sir 36:18

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,
‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

Communion Antiphon Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Bandith Ung, Carla Dos Santos, Catherine Zarb, Andrzej Ziolkowski and Antonietta Sikora

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

In Loving Memory of: Josef Munchen, Danuta Zamirowski, 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

Dear Friends,

We can all remember the cry of Mohamad Ali – Cassius Clay- when he was interviewed by reporters before and after his heavyweight boxing matches: ‘I am the greatest!’ And indeed in many ways he was one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time, having won 56 of his 61 bouts, 37 by knockout! For Clay, greatness came from his having an unbeatable record in boxing, one that was very difficult to surpass.

In the Gospel today [Mark 9:30-37] Jesus too speaks of ‘greatness’ - a special type of greatness that can only be the outcome of a person’s deep relationship with, and imitation of, the ways of Jesus. For the second time Jesus predicts his eventual death, as he did previously in last week’s Gospel [Mark 8:31]. This time however there is an added element to this prediction, one which makes it even more haunting: ‘The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men...’ [9:31]. Jesus here is stating that his death will not only come about at the hands of the religious authorities, but that he will be betrayed and handed over to them. Here the reader boldly understands that this action will occur from one who is a member of his disciples – Judas Iscariot. Within this proclamation we hear that the disciples not only fail to understand the true meaning of his words, but that fear has entered into their relationship with Jesus, for they are too fearful to ask him for an explanation. Perhaps the way in which Jesus took Peter to task after his failure to understand Jesus’ teaching on the true meaning of his being the Messiah, may have been still fresh in their minds, and they did not want to risk yet another outburst from him.

This fear does not stop them from entering into a discussion or argument about who among them was the greatest. Perhaps this was generated by the fact that Jesus had favoured Peter, James and John in taking them up Mount Tabor, while the other nine remained below [Mark 9:2] arousing in them some element of jealousy. Or perhaps they were arguing why they could not heal the young epileptic boy who was brought to them while Jesus was on Mount Tabor [Mark 9:18]. Their argument about greatness echoes the words of admonishment we hear from James in the first reading: “Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done... You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force.” [James 3:16; 4:3] Whatever the reason for this argument on greatness, Jesus decides to teach about true greatness by stating that it belongs to those who are willing to go outside of themselves in service of others, who truly become great in Jesus’ kingdom. He emphasises this by placing a child before them.

In placing the child before them Jesus is challenging them to consider the true meaning of being a ‘child’ within the aspects of discipleship. A child has needs that need to be satisfied. Rarely can a child – and here Jesus is referring to one of infant age – look to satisfying their own needs. The child relies on adults – often its parents – for this. In this way Jesus is telling the disciples that they need to regard their relationship with God in a similar way. In telling them that in ‘welcoming a child’ they welcome God, Jesus is reminding them of the fact that it is easy for us at times to cultivate friendships and relationships with those can do things for us in return for our giving them something. This rarely happens when a person befriends a child: a child cannot be in a position to recompense us for our giving to them! In this way Jesus is teaching his disciples that the Kingdom is not about glory and power, but essentially about the giving of ourselves to others in true service of others!

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

CODE OF CONDUCT
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

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

Support you

Listen to you

Respect you

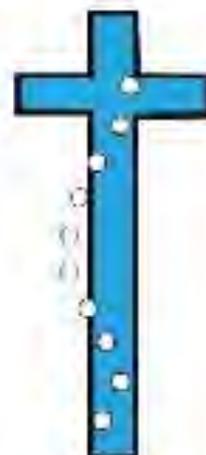
Help you Feel Safe

Protect you

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Parish Secretary



Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

- **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**

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