

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

26 September 2021— Twenty-Sixth 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
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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

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

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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.



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This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

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Entrance Antiphon **Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading **Nm 11:25-29**

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading **Jas 5:1-6**

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation **See Jn 17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon **Cf. Ps 118:49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased:

Michael McGannon, Joseph Bandith Ung, Carla Dos Santos ,Catherine Zarb, Andrzej Ziolkowski and Antonietta Sikora

Anniversary of Death:

Matthew Vines, 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,

The famous Jesuit theologian **Karl Rahner (1904-1984)** often spoke about the term: *'anonymous Christian'*. Rahner referred to such people as those: *who live in the state of Christ's grace through faith, hope and love, yet who have no explicit knowledge of the fact that his or her life is orientated in grace-given salvation to Jesus Christ.*

Our liturgy today seems to deal with such people. In the First Reading [**Numbers 11:25-29**], Joshua complains to Moses about two individuals, Eldad and Medad who were prophesying in the camp although they had not attended the gathering in the Tent of Meeting – the official place of decision making for the People of God. Moses challenges Joshua to have a sense of tolerance towards these two individuals, since what they are doing is not contrary to the ways of the Lord's Spirit.

In the Gospel John approaches Jesus complaining about the fact that a person was conducting exorcisms in His name even though he was not part of the circle of disciples [**Mark 9:38-43**]. Jesus, like Moses in the First Reading, challenges John to see beyond his jealousy and bias, that this man could not be doing anything contrary to Jesus' ways or teaching, since he was doing good. He states this in a clear and yet profound way: *'Anyone who is not against us is for us'* [v.38].

We find within our world many people who are doing good to others without realizing that they are in fact involved in the work of Christ. One such person who comes to mind is the late Fred Hollows. Here was a man who was a professed agnostic, but who gave freely of his time, efforts and knowledge in bringing sight to the lives of many people affected by cataracts, often free of charge. Hollows was anonymously involved in the work of gospel although he would not have seen it that way. There are many others who work in such an anonymous manner amongst people: evangelizing by doing good without realizing it. Pope Francis warns us that among Christians there can appear warring factions that can stifle the work of evangelisation: *'it always pains me greatly to discover how some Christian communities...can tolerate different forms of enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy and a desire to impose certain ideas at all costs... Whom are we going to evangelise if this is the way we act? [The Joy of the Gospel # 100].*

Today's Gospel passage warns us that we need to be aware of the ways in which we can bring scandal to others, rather than harbor jealous feelings towards those who are doing good work. We should refrain from giving scandal to 'little ones'; to not use our hands, feet or eyes as a means of sinning. Sin is one way in which scandal can enter into the life of the community. Jesus makes it clear that we need to do away with sin – to cast off the elements that allow us to fall into habits and actions that bring scandal to others. A drowning person begins to discard all elements of clothing – shoes, jumpers, shirts etc. If left on, these items would become waterlogged, become an extra weight and burden on the person who is trying to stay afloat. Jettisoning these items gives them a better chance of not drowning and reaching safety. This is the case also with sin. The more we sin the greater the moral weight and the more difficult it is for us to respond to God's grace and will. The challenge through today's liturgy is that we need to cast off every element that leads us to sin, to ensure that our lives do not bring scandal to others.

Jesus today is also asking us for a level of tolerance towards those who are not part of our community, but who still continue to do good towards others. Jesus says of these people: *'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ...he will most certainly not lose his reward'* [**Mark 9:41**].

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



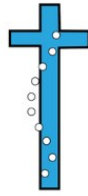
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**MASS
LIVESTREAMED
ON FACEBOOK**

**STARTING FROM
27TH OF SEPT- 1ST OF OCT**

**DAILY MASS AT 10:30 AM
ROSARY NOVENA 6 PM**

Fr. Bob and Fr. Andrew will be attending the Sydney Archdiocese Virtual Retreat starting Monday 27 September— Friday 1 October.



Must Submit by **30th September, Friday.**
Email to events@olrfairfield.org.au

WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS?



The Seven Archangels is a painting by Massimo Stanzione

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

Contact Kathryn at events@olrfairfield.org.au to get a copy.