



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

03 October 2021 – Twenty-Seventh 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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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

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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

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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.

For more information visit www.olrfairfield.org.au

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. Est 4:17**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading **Gen 2:18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 127. R. v.5**

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading **Heb 2:9-11**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation **cf. 1 Jn 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon **Lam 3:25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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:

Gregory Mifsud, Eileen Banfield, Matthew Vines, Len Howard, Fr Tom Crotty, Adela Zezula, John Bakhos, Harold Aviet

In Loving Memory of:

Mollie Traynor, Josef Munchen, Danuta Zamirowski, Christine Aviet , Carmel Windred, Eddy and Ninna Zammit ,Joe Bugeja, Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Baby Anthony

Sick:

Matilda Petersen and Teresa Hicks

Special Intention:

Baby Leonidas

Special Intention Golden Wedding Anniversary of Barbara and Bill Novak Congratulations-May God continue to bless all the days of your lives together!

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, October 3rd sees the formal beginning of the First Session of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked that all Masses celebrated today be from the Mass for a Council or Synod and the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, replacing the prayers and readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for today's Mass are: **Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Philippians 2:1-4** and **John 14:23-29**.

A plenary council is the highest formal gathering of all particular Churches in a country, and it has legislative and governing authority. It is an occasion for members of the Australian Church to gather and discuss issues pertaining to the mission of the Church in Australia. The theme of this Plenary has been the question: **"What is the Holy Spirit Asking of the Church/of me at the moment?"** This is why we are asked to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit on the day in which we begin the first session of the Plenary.

The readings for today's Mass allow for this discernment and guidance of the Holy Spirit to be a central part of this momentous and grace filled moment in the story of the Australian Church. The first reading from Deuteronomy recalls the centrality of the ways of God in our lives as it recalls the obedience and fidelity that this Law entails. Our keeping of these Laws – the very word of God – allow us to deepen our relationship with God: *'obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of the Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul' [Deuteronomy 30:10]*. This Law and word the author goes onto say is not beyond us: *'the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance' [Deuteronomy 30:14]*.

Fidelity to God's word is also a feature of today's Gospel, when he hear Jesus tell his disciples during the Last Supper: *'if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him' [John 14:23]*. Allowing God to make His home within us through our fidelity to His word allows the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate to be sent to us in God's name. It is striking that John uses the name Advocate when speaking about the Holy Spirit. An advocate is one who speaks on our behalf, who represents us in times of trial. The term advocate would be like the term lawyer in today's sense. This Advocate, the Holy Spirit will teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus has taught us *[John 14:26]*. This is indeed a great gift sent to us by the Father during this time of the Plenary.

The Plenary which begins today brings together a cross section of the Australian Church. Many people will gather over a period of time to pray, listen, contribute, discern and decide many of the important issues that have already been presented during the lead up to the Plenary. Such a gathering requires a special atmosphere, otherwise is risks becoming a time when factions stand their ground and become so imbedded in their own ideologies that they risk closure to the promptings of the Spirit. St Paul in our second reading today can present to us the atmosphere that is required of those participating in the Plenary. He states: *'if our life in Christ means anything to you...then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and common mind...there must be no competition among you, no conceit, but everyone is to be self-effacing...so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everyone thinks of other people's interests instead [Philippians 2:1-3]*. May this Plenary be a blessed moment for the Church in Australia.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

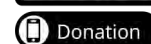


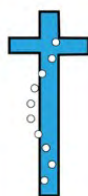
OLR Online Trivia

Online Trivia Games Night last Friday Night with special guest, Fr Josh. All the way from France.

Good laughs and fun prizes were had on the night. Thank you to all those who came!

We hope to have more of this in the future to bring a sense of community back to our parish. Come join us for the next Trivia Games Night this October!





Must Submit by **3rd October, Sunday.**
Email to events@olrfairfield.org.au

WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS?



The Seven Archangels is a painting by Massimo Stanzione

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____