



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

31 October 2021— Thirty first 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Tibebeselassie Abza

**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



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## SACRAMENTS

### 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.

**Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

**First Reading** Dt 6:2-6

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading** Heb 7:23-28

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mk 12:28-34**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 15:11**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

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

**Anniversary of Death:**

Tadeusz Konarski, Milka Lucic, Ninna Zammit, Caterina Giuliano, Cosme Silva, Francesco and Rosa Carmela Lenzo, Manuela Bustillos Navia, Modesta Bustillos Gomez, Richard Zamirowski, Rosmarie Van Reyk,

**In Loving Memory of:**

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

**Sick:**

Patrick Bezzina, Helen Konarski

Dear Friends,

We hear today of the encounter between Jesus and a scribe, as he asks Jesus this question: ***“Which is the first of all of the commandments?”***

Jesus’ answer to the scribe in today’s gospel reading tells us something important about what Jesus wants us to know about our life in God. Jesus quotes from the Book of **Deuteronomy** which forms part of our first reading [Deut 6:4-6]. Here Moses in instructing the people tells them: ***‘Listen Israel: the lord your God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.’*** Jesus brings the scribe to a deeper appreciation of the intensity and centrality of his question when he adds to the equation the of neighbour emanating from the love of self. He turns again to the Old Testament as he quotes from the **Book of Leviticus [19:18]**: ***‘you must love your neighbour as you love yourself.’***

With this response Jesus is clearly placing before us the centrality and importance of love in our relationships and life. Love, as Paul reminds us, is the one thing that cannot do your neighbour any harm [Romans 13:10]. In answering the scribe today, Jesus not only challenges us to see the importance of love, but he also invites us into a ***‘triangle of love’***. These three facets of love – of **God, of neighbour and of self** – ***make us whole in a truly Christian and human manner.***

**St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)**, the great spiritual writer of the Counter Reformation period, invites us to consider the importance and implication of Jesus’ reply to the Scribe in today’s gospel. A great deal of the works of Francis dealt with the virtue of love in the life of the Christian: its significance and challenge. This love, as mentioned previously, has three facets: love of God, love of neighbour and love of self –

- **Love of God.** Francis de Sales tells us that the reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. ***“We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness.”***
- **Love of neighbor.** Francis de Sales tells us: ***“Love of God not only commands love of neighbor, but it even produces and pours love of neighbor into our hearts. Just as we are in God’s image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God.”***
- **Love of self.** This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, ***“self-love”*** sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because ***“we are God’s image and likeness,”*** says Francis de Sales.

- When we are at our best all of us are the ***“most holy and living images of the divine.”***

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbor? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbor who is not only made in God’s image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ’s life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight. So, too, if any one of the three loves of our lives – God, self and others – is deficient, all three will suffer, and we cannot hope to carry the weight of God’s command for us to build up something of God’s Kingdom here on earth.

This forms the basis of living out this ***‘triangle of love’***. Love is the simple answer to what is most important in our lives. In our lived experience, however, this love is never quite so simple as we might like to believe. Perhaps we can begin with a good examination of our lives. To recognise what is indeed lovable within us and in other and in so doing reach out to others in a loved filled service and to God in a love engendered praise.

Fr Robert Bossini  
Administrator

## NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls During the month of November are available in the church.

The Book of Remembrance is located at the front of the Baptismal font.



“But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.”  
Wisdom 3:1

MASS CELEBRATIONS ON  
**ALL SOULS DAY**  
02 NOVEMBER 2021  
7.30AM, 9.30AM AND 7PM

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OLR YOUTH PRESENTS...

# The Advent Series

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2 Weston Street, Fairfield

**12TH NOV  
2021  
5PM-7PM**

Hope and Waiting



**26TH NOV  
2021  
5:30PM-7:30PM**

Joy, Peace and Life



## YOUTH MASS IS BACK!

21st November 2021 @ 6pm in the Church  
Bring a friend! See you there!

There will be no Community Night following  
the Youth Mass.

Our Lady of the Rosary invites you:

To celebrate the great work and efforts of ALL the Volunteers of the Parish!

**5th December, SUNDAY  
12 PM - 4PM**

## Volunteers Christmas Party

WHERE: OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

SIGNUP REQUIRED:  
**Must RSVP by the 24th Nov**  
Send an email to the Events Coordinator (email below)  
Or Register at the Parish Office

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KATHRYN:  
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

**2021** BYE BYE

LAST YOUTH GROUP FOR THE YEAR!

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**New Year Resolutions**  
FRIDAY, 17TH DEC  
5PM - 7PM  
FR TERRY ROOM

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WHEN: Sunday, 19th December**  
**TIME: 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**WHERE: Fr Terry Room (2 Weston St, Fairfield)**

Interested in joining our Kris Kringle?  
Contact Katelyn by FRI 26TH NOV

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO:

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Let's all catch up, dance, and feast together as we draw near to Christmas.

**10 DEC, FRIDAY - 12 PM - 3 PM**  
**AT THE FR TERRY ROOM.**  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$15

**Must RSVP by the 14th November.**  
Contact [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) or come in the Parish Office during working hours to register.

If we don't have 20 people attending the event will be cancelled.