



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

16th January, 2022—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C



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 Tibebe Selassie Abza

Deacon: Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba

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Fairfield NSW 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

Friday Mass: 7.15pm

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 356 - 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on 0426 847213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

St Vincent de Paul—Meeting 1st Thursday of month: Marcel D Abrera 0418 231 368



Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

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.

For all church or room bookings, please contact Priscilla!

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

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 & 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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading

Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named ‘Forsaken’,
nor your land ‘Abandoned’,
but you shall be called ‘My Delight’
and your land ‘The Wedded’;
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ Jesus said, ‘Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water,’ and they filled them to the brim. ‘Draw some out now’ he told them, ‘and take it to the steward.’ They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, ‘People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.’

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

We Remember and Pray for:

Anniversary of Death:

Antonia Konarski, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico,
Lorraine Thomson & Rosemarie Van Reyk

In Loving Memory of:

Concezione D'Amico, Salvator D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Giaomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Giuseppe Gaglano, Ralph Doughlas Laban, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Gantai, Thi Dang.

May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.

Sick:

Baby Grace, 8 Year old Archer, Charles Penza & Marija Barclay

Dear Friends,

When we consider the miracles stories recounted in the Gospels, we are not only recalling the miraculous actions of the historical Jesus, but we are also acknowledging the fact of what the Risen Lord can continue to do in our lives – especially in the lives of those who have faith.

In today's Gospel we have such a miracle story – the miracle of **Cana** [John 2:1-11]. This is the first of the miracle stories in John's Gospel, all of which occur in the section of his Gospel referred to as the **Book of Signs** [chapters 2-11]. What occurs in this section points to the moment of Glory in the life of Jesus – being raised up on the Cross in order to draw all people to himself. In the **Book of Signs** we have the events that mark the public ministry of Jesus – the miracle at Cana [2:1-11]; the Samaritan woman at the well [4:1-54]; healing of the paralytic [5:1-47]; the miracle of the loaves and fishes [6:5-15]; the miracle of the sea [6:16-21]; Jesus as the light of the world [8:12-30]; curing of the man born blind [9:1-41]; Jesus as the gateway and the Good Shepherd [10:1-42]; Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life [11:1-54]. These '*signs*' grow in intensity and in the depth of faith required from the people: from the changing of water into wine through to the proclamation of Himself as the Resurrection and the Life at the raising of Lazarus.

The miracle at Cana [2:1-11] is a story full of meaning and symbolism. It encourages us to see how this story can be played out in our own lives today. All of us, at some time, come to a point where '*the wine runs out*' [cf 2:3]. At this point in time we can find ourselves perhaps running out of zeal for the central elements of life: Oneness, Truth, Faith and Beauty. The cause of this can be many and varied. We could find ourselves experiencing some stagnation or trouble in life: a period where we seem to be getting nowhere or where the storms of life are encircling us just a little too often. It could be a time when we fail to find meaning in life or a time when there is an enormous change or challenge – health, job stability, and death of a loved one. Whatever the cause or the experience, all of us go through a time when *the wine has run out*. What do we do in such situations? We can either give in to the weight of the crisis or we can utilise our faith.

Our Gospel story today gives us the means by which we can overcome such situations. It was **Mary** who pointed out to Jesus the unenviable position that the newly married couple found themselves: no more wine for the feast. It was Mary who directed the stewards to Jesus, telling them to do everything that he asks. **Faith in Mary the Mother of God that leads to Jesus is the response that is asked of us on such occasions.**

If our faith in Mary and Jesus is strong, then we will indeed experience a '*wine*' that is much better than the original. The miracle of Cana can occur again in our lives if we are willing to turn to Mary and Jesus in faith during those moments when for us the wine has run out. The new wine we have to offer can certainly be if the form of the many different gifts that Paul speaks of in the second reading today [**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**] – different gift given to each person by the same Spirit for the good of all. Can I name the gift that has been allotted to me by the Spirit for the building up of my community? Am I prepared to utilise that gift?

**Fr Robert Bossini,
Administrator**

CAR PARK IS CLOSED FROM 18-21 JANUARY DUE TO CONSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your cooperation



We ask parishioners to refrain from placing items on the ground near the St Vincent's clothing collection bin near the Parish office when it is full, as it becomes a WH&O hazard. Please donate clothing items only. Thanks for your co-operation.





OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

10am - 12pm, Wednesday

26th January 2022

2 Weston St Fairfield (in Fr Terry Room)



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THE ART OF WELLNESS PROJECT

2nd Feb- 23 March (8-weeks)

10am - 12pm

2 Weston St Fairfield (in Fr Terry Room)

An 8 week program which aims to reduce feelings associated with mental illness and offers a space for participants to experience healing through creative processes, with the guidance of Art Therapist and Facilitator Debra Cowan.

WHAT IS ART THERAPY?

Art Therapy is a form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental and emotional well-being.

WHO IS THE ART THERAPY PROGRAM FOR?

The program is for adults over 18 yrs living in Fairfield living with a mental condition.

**YOUTH GROUP
IS BACK WITH...**

WHEN?

Term 1 (**DATES TBC**)

TIME?

5pm-7pm

Where?

Fr Terry Room

Alpha

**life
faith
meaning**

YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the Month

Resumes on
Sunday, 20th
February at
6pm



RR REBEL
ESCAPE ROOM

WHEN?

Sunday, 20th Feb 2022

Where?

Fr Terry Room

TIME?

7pm-9pm

Contact Katelyn
to RSVP:
0432 437 552
OR
youth@olrfairfield.org.au



**COMPULSORY EVENT FOR ALL
VOLUNTEERS PAST, PRESENT
AND FUTURE!**

SAFEGUARDING/ VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY

27TH MARCH 2022, SUNDAY

12PM- 1:30PM | ENGLISH

2PM-3:30PM | VIETNAMESE

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