

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

3rd April, 2022 - 5th Sunday of Lent - 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 Tibebeselassie Abza  
**Deacon:** Rev Mr. Benjamin Saliba  
**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:** 0488 693 482

### 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 & 6pm  
in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday - Friday:** 9:30am  
**Monday & Tuesday:** 7pm

**Friday Mass:** 7.00pm First Friday of the month

**Novena Mass:** 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm

**Novena Prayer:** Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Holy Hour:** Vietnamese Community 6pm on the last Friday of the Month.

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

### Catholic Women's League:

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



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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.

*For all church or room bookings, please contact Priscilla!  
Email:- [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au)*

## 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)

## 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](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 Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent —Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 42:1-2**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Is 43:16-21**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading**

**Phil 3:8-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jl 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel**

**Jn 8:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*  
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

**Communion Antiphon**

**Jn 8:10-11**

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

**Holy Land Collection – Good Friday**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

The liturgy today continues the theme of rejoicing that was so prevalent in last week's Gospel of the forgiving father in **Luke 15:11-32**, as we witness the forgiveness given to a sinner. Again we are asked to rejoice in the never ending and deep mercy, compassion and forgiveness of our God towards our sins no matter what we have done.

The story of the woman caught in adultery which makes up our Gospel today [**John 8:1-11**] is replete with symbolism and meaning. How did the scribes and Pharisees come to find out about this woman? Were they in search of her? Were they in search of someone to use in order to lay a trap for Jesus? What did they do with the woman's male accomplice? In fact, where is her accomplice and why was he not brought before Jesus for judgement? All we know is that their intentions were not pure. We know that they would go to any lengths in order to allow Jesus to compromise himself and his teaching and thereby have material to use against him as a way of getting rid of him.

It is ironic that they refer to Jesus as Teacher and then proceed to inform Jesus of what the Law requires in this case: death by stoning. But Jesus catches them out in their ploy. Again the irony is not lost when he makes the bold statement: **'Let him who is without sin, cast the first stone'** [V. 7]. Jesus, the sinless one is the only person present who has any right to cast a verdict on this woman, and yet he remains there not as judge but as a means for her to begin again! It is interesting that her accusers leave beginning with the eldest – a suggestion that perhaps in being the eldest he has had a greater opportunity for sin.

It is symbolic that it is only when all her accusers leave the scene that Jesus actually addresses the woman. He has not taken her directly into consideration up till now. He did not ask her if the charge was indeed true or fabricated. He did not even ask her name. Once alone with her, he looks up at her and asks her to identify her accusers. She realises then that they have gone. Jesus, the only one who could truly accuse her sends her away renewed. This encounter has become for her a means of new life rather than death.

This story echoes the statement that John makes earlier in his Gospel in the encounter between Jesus and the Pharisee, Nicodemus [**John 3:1-21**] which ends with Jesus' statement: **'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his only Son not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him'** [3:16-17]. The woman in today's Gospel certainly experienced and believed in the salvation offered by the Son of Man. We too are to be bearers of that same Good News, as we attempt to relate to those around us, not as judges, but as agents of God's mercy and compassion. And surely that is a good reason to rejoice.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
Administrator

## *We Remember and Pray for:*

**Recently Deceased:** Osorio Verdial.

**Anniversary of Death:** Bonaria Borra, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Francis D'Cruz & Santus D'Souza, Maria & Lazarus D'souza, Dominica Cagliostro & Vincenzo Cagliostro.

**In Loving Memory of:** All Souls, Gianni D'Amico, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Eleontina Di Domencia, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giuseppe Gagliano, Charlie Camilleri, Karmenua & Vincenza Ciantai, Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Harold Aviet, Deceased people, Ramon Masian, Cecilia Masian, Telesfora Masian, Melchor Masian, Tomas Masian Alfonsa Savickis, Antanas Kramilius, Veronika Rusa, Longinas Pukys, Kalim Saliba, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Shane Keith Warne, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Maria Tram Thi Le Son, Ashley Aviet, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Le Gio, Giuseppe D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Sr Concezione D'Amico, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Rosewarne, John Pham & Anna Bui.

**Sick:** 1 year old Grace & 9 Year old Archer.

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** John Nguyen

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## Stations of the Cross Devotions during Lent

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:  
4TH OF MARCH & 1ST OF APRIL

6:15PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7PM MASS	7:30PM - 8:30PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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FRIDAYS OF LENT:  
11TH, 18TH, 25TH MARCH & 8TH OF APRIL

6:15PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7:00PM - 8:00PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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## *Safeguarding Training Day*

Last Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> was our Safeguarding Training Day for all current and new parish volunteers. The event was a great success with around 60 participants over two 1.5hour sessions – one delivered in English and one in Vietnamese.

Everyone enjoyed a bite and a cuppa and the chance to catch up, before delving into some important information about prevention and protection strategies to ensure the safety of children. Lively discussion groups were a highlight of the day, as participants worked through scenarios together and pooled their wisdom to come up with effective solutions. For any volunteers who missed this training day, it is *essential to complete it ASAP* either online or in-person (dates tbc). To ensure you are cleared for volunteer service in our parish, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Simone Smith on **0432 437 552** or **sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**2nd & 3 March**



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country’s highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *For All Future Generations*.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**LAST YOUTH GROUP**  
**OF TERM ONE!**

**MONDAY,**  
**4TH APRIL**



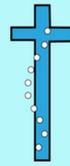
TALK BY MILAD ON:  
*The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

**TIME?** 5PM-7PM  
**WHERE?** FR TERRY ROOM  
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

**YOUTH GROUP WILL RESUME IN TERM 2!**

*Our Lady of the Rosary invites you to celebrate Easter with us!*

**17th April, SUNDAY**  
10am-12:30pm



**EASTER MORNING TEA**

FREE ENTRY



WHERE:  
PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL  
(20 VINE STREET)

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PRIZES FOR THE KIDS AND YOUTH



SIGNUP REQUIRED:  
RSVP by the 8th of April by email or Register at the Parish Office.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT **KATHRYN:**  
[EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU](mailto:EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU)  
0491 602 332

ALL HIGH SCHOOL (YR 7-12) ARE INVITED TO  
**INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING**

AT  
SYDNEY INDOOR CLIMBING GYM,  
VILLAWOOD

WHEN **MON, 18TH APRIL 2022**

TIME **10:30AM-2PM**

**3 WEEKS TO GO!!**

**\$10 ENTRY FEE** MONEY FOR FOOD DOES NOT APPLY

**MUST RSVP TO KATELYN BY MON 11TH APRIL**  
[youth@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:youth@olrfairfield.org.au) OR 0477 767 472