

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

8th May, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - 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
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Office Hours:
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

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 & 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 847 213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

St Vincent de Paul - Meeting 1st Thursday of



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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 needs 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*

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064
Principal: Ms 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) 9724 1247

Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
info@mmcwakele.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 Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Fourth Sunday of Easter —Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth'.

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes'.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one'.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Agus Xavier

Anniversary of Death: Dom Aleixo & Family

In Loving Memory of: All Souls, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Harry & Eileen small, Carmela D'Ougostino, Charlie Camilleri, Domenica & Monica Cagliostro, Maria-rosa & Giuseppe Morzano, Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Eleontina Di Domencia, Nicola Liberatore, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Giuseppe Gagliano, Harold & Ashley Aviet, Gianni & Salvatore D'Amico, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Doménica & Antonio Toscano, Caterina & Antonia Toscano, Rey Hogan, Aida Tiu, Bedour & Jamil Sadiz, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Martha Theresa Phuong Thao Nguyen Tran, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Maria Giuseppe Petrella Fiore & Elizabeth Sapienza.

Sick: 9 year old Archer.

The Parish will be purchasing a new Chalice to present to Deacon Ben for his Ordination; if you would like to contribute to the present, a special collection will be held on 22nd and 29th May Sunday during Mass.

Dear Friends,

During the first three weeks of Easter we have seen that the Gospels centred on the apparitions of the Risen Jesus among his doubting and fearful disciples. Easter Sunday showed us how the disciples failed to believe the testimony of the women who experienced the empty tomb, with news of angelic messengers announcing that Jesus had been raised from the dead [John 20:1-9]. The Second Sunday of Easter told the story of Thomas, who refused to believe unless he was able to see and touch the wounds of Jesus [John 20:19-31]. Last Sunday we heard of the disconsolate disciples having gone back to their original and familiar profession of fishing at the Lake of Tiberias. After a fruitless night, they fail to recognise Jesus who is standing on the shore welcoming them with breakfast [John 21:1-19]. The familiar and common thread in all of these Gospel scenes is the failure of the disciples to recognise Jesus and the re-establishment of the disciples' relationships with the Risen Christ. Jesus returns to them and only rebukes them for their lack of faith and the length of time it took them to come to faith! He does not rebuke them for their denial and abandonment of him on the night of his arrest and trial. Surprisingly he greets them as friends and offers them words of peace. Their relationship with Jesus is restored to what it was before, but with the added power of the presence of the Risen Lord.

These first three Sundays of Easter also invite us to consider the elements that make up not only Resurrection Faith but also the foundations of the Christian community. Some of these elements are:

That doubt and fear can at times be part of our spiritual growth;

Growth in faith is a gradual process and that faith does not always provide us with all the answers to life's questions and issues;

The Risen Jesus offers us forgiveness, peace and joy;

Our apostolic mission comes from Jesus and is nourished through our acceptance of the Holy Spirit;

Need to continually listen to and heed the voice of Jesus;

Jesus sustains us through his word and sacraments

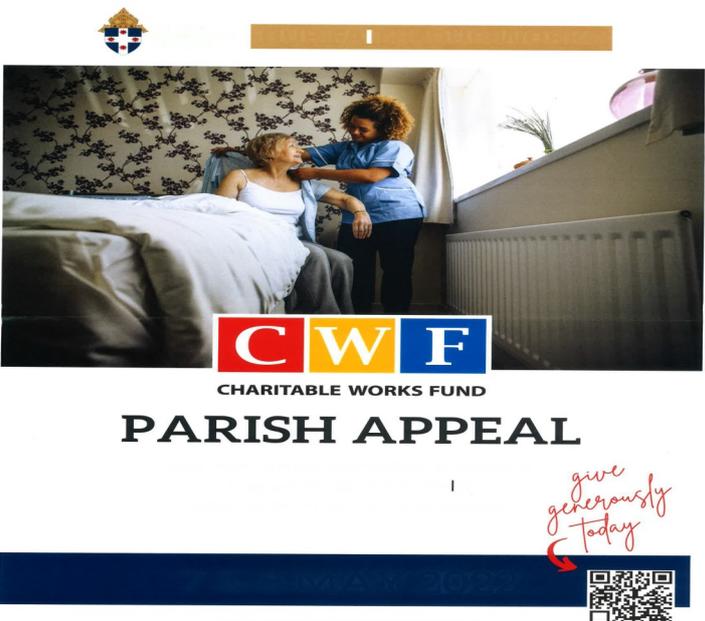
Our love of Jesus is the basis of our lives that leads us to respond in action to the needs of others;

Ultimately we need to surrender our wills and lives to God.

The next four Sunday Gospels will build upon these elements as seen in the restored relationship that the disciples now have with Jesus. This week Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd [John 10:27-30]. As the Good Shepherd, a benevolent image of Jesus in Christian spirituality, he states that certain traits occur in his relationship with his flock. They *listen to his voice; know and follow him* only; they are *offered eternal life*; they *will never be lost* and no-one will *steal them* from his presence, since they were a *gift* from the Father and *Jesus and the Father are one*. Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd as means then of challenging his disciples to also live their ministry, apostolate and indeed their whole lives in imitation of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This comes as a natural progression from last week's Gospel when Jesus, in restoring Peter's relationship with him, asked him to three times declare his love for him, challenged him to tend and love his lambs and sheep. The invitation of Jesus for us to follow him by imitating the Good Shepherd is the very foundation of our pastoral care and work. It affects every aspect of our Parish community. Pastors must truly live in the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd, allowing their voice to resonate with the words of Jesus. Parishioners need to be aware of the needs of those in their community who are most in need. The Parish as a community needs to reach out in a hospitable and welcoming manner, receiving and challenging all people. May we pray for each other that we may give and receive after the model of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

It's that time of the year again, the CWF appeal will be on-going throughout May.



CWF
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PARISH APPEAL

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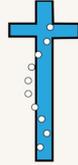
Details

8th of May, SUNDAY
10:15am-11:30am

WHERE:
HARRINGTON HALL
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD



Mother's Day Morning Tea



Refreshments will be provided



THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR OUR MUMS!



FREE EVENT FOR ALL MOTHERS, SINGLE MUMS, GRANDMOTHERS ETC.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT KATHRYN:
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU OR 0491 602 332

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Renewal

Speaker
FR BOB BOSSINI

25 Feb 2022	29 April 2022
27 May 2022	24 June 2022
26 August 2022	28 Oct 2022

FRIDAY EVENINGS (7PM-8PM)

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

BACK - 2 - BASICS!

catholicism 101

Term Dates for Term 2

9TH MAY	6TH JUNE
16TH MAY	13TH JUNE
23RD MAY	20TH JUNE
30TH MAY	27TH JUNE



If you have any questions about youth group, feel free to contact Katelyn

0477 767 472
youth@olrfairfield.org.au

WHEN? EVERY MONDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

TIME? 5PM-6:30PM

WHERE? FR TERRY ROOM
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

WHO? ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME!

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

SUNDAY 15TH MAY

7PM-9PM

(After 6pm Youth Mass)

FR TERRY ROOM

2 Weston Street, Fairfield

All High Schoolers invited!
Years 7-12

RSVP to Katelyn for Catering Purposes
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