

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

7th August 2022 - Nineteenth 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
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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
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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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

1st Reading

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes, you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel [Luke 12:32-48] can leave us feeling a little unsettled. It seems to be a difficult Gospel passage to understand and to apply to our lives, as it seems to speak of servants, masters and slaves – all titles that seem a little outdated to modern society and culture. However, when we consider its structure it can begin to open up for us some insights into Jesus' teaching. This Gospel passage can be divided into three sections: a teaching on possessions [vv32-34]; a story that demonstrates the importance of watchfulness [vv 35-40] and instruction about responsible leadership [vv41-48].

From this Gospel passage the themes of 'vigilance' and 'faith' are predominant. What are we to be vigilant about? The Gospel tells us that we need to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man, for we do not know the time or the hour of his arrival. To emphasise this Jesus gives us the story of the servant who awaits the master's return from a wedding feast – they need to be vigilant, prepared and ready for his return. The result is surprising: the master will wait on the servants! There is reference here to the Last Supper and the example of Christian service that Jesus gave as he washed the disciples' feet. Our vigilance and faith lead us to a life of service.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews links faith with hope as he states: *'only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended'* [Hebrews 11:2]. To emphasise the need for faith and hope, the author then presents to us the lives of Abraham and Sarah, as people who not only modelled the gift of faith and hope by also lived it to the full. Their story of faith makes up our second reading today [Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19]. It is through faith that we receive the blessings from God, even though we may not comprehend the realities to which we are called. Both Abraham and Sarah did just that: they left their homeland for a new land that God promised and journeyed into an unknown future with faith in God's word [Genesis 12:1-4]. They accepted God's word that they would have a child even though they were old [Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7]. They were willing to sacrifice their son Isaac who was the only evidence they had of God's promise of many descendants. And God gave Isaac back to them as a sign of the truth of God's word to them and as a witness to their confident hope [Genesis 22:1-19]. The author tells us that we have faith when we accept God's word as the truth, confident that what God says will become a reality.

That same promise and call to faith and hope in God's ways begins our Gospel today. Jesus assures us that *'there is no need for us to be afraid...for it pleased your Father to give you the kingdom'* [Luke 12:32]. What does this gift of the kingdom entail for us then? Jesus makes mention of a radical poverty that allows us to solely focus on the elements of God's kingdom as the sole 'treasure' that should make up our lives. He emphasises this by stating that: *'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'* [12:34].

In order then to the treasure the kingdom of God, Jesus tells us that we need to vigilant members of that kingdom. He uses the analogy of the master-servant,

highlighting and stressing that the servant's actions and sense of duty will not be reliant on the physical presence of the master. The servant will be just as dutiful when the master is away as when the master is also present and overseeing the servant's work. In fact, Jesus tells us that the master will reward the vigilant and dutiful servant on his return by waiting on them and serving them at table [v.37].

Jesus tells us that simply because a great deal has been given to us (the kingdom of God), then a great deal will be demanded of us. This demand comes then the form of our faith, hope and trust in God's ways. We need to live lives that echo this faith, similar to Abraham and Sarah. This faith allows us to live our lives knowing that God will give us all that we require for life. It is a faith that allows us to move forward without knowing where the journey will take us. This is simply living out our Baptismal vocation, since it is the *'sacrament of faith'* [Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1236]. This faith is exercised each day in the following ways: by our seeking to do the Father's will each day; to live each day conscious of the presence of Jesus as our constant and faithful companion; and to care for those we meet each day, since the fruit of faith and hope is love. May we be vigilant in the living out of our faith and vocation.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Mario Rontal.

Anniversary of Death: Wladyslaw (Wally) Sikora, Doreen Blackhall, Remigio Butacan, John Bakhos, Eddy Zammit & Michael Harbieh.

In Loving Memory of: Charlie Camilleri, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Ashley Aviet, All Souls, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabro, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Virginia Doutel Sarmiento Corte-Real, Silvestro & Poalina Clinich, Antonio & Graziella Kenk, Jean Mavis Ingram, Giuseppina Ronrini, Domenico Marzano, Stan Cross, Fr. Kevin Spillane, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen & Anna Chuong. **Sick:** 9 Year old Archer & Patricia Carew.

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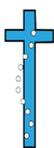
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The role (37.5 hours per week) of the Parish Business Manager is to reduce the underpinning workload of the Parish Priest's administration so that his availability to carry out his priestly ministry of teaching and sanctifying can be maximised. Such assistance involves managing: human resources, property and assets, fundraising/ financial sustainability; and contributing cooperatively and collaboratively with the OLR Parish Office team.

- The most desirable applicant will possess a tertiary qualification in an area that is relevant to this role.
- Experience in one or more of the following areas: business administration, management, finance, people management, facilities/property management or office management.
- Understanding of the Catholic Church, its mission and its unique challenges and opportunities.
- Experience in dealing with people and excellent communication skills.

At least intermediate experience is required with Microsoft Office Suite (i.e., Outlook, File Explorer, Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint).

On the job training will be provided. Applications are only open for people who already have the required Visa to work in Australia.

For enquiries, contact the Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au

Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on **18th August 2022**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Request to all Parishioners that hold keys at OLR Parish

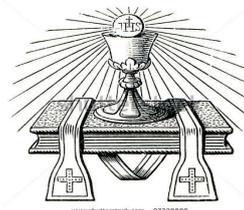


We are in the process of compiling a database of all keys that have been issued to Parishioners so that we can better manage our Key Register Database.

We ask if you hold a key for the Church/ Parish Hall/ Parish office, please come to the office and just let us know the type of key you have been issued with so that we can enter it into our database. Many thanks and appreciation.

Rev. Ben's Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us for "Rev Ben's Thanksgiving Mass" on the 14th August, at 10.30am followed by a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall. We ask parishioners to be mindful that there will be no parking available in the parish carpark on the day; you can utilise the school grounds or RSL parking.



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OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH,
FAIRFIELD

INVITES EVERYONE TO OUR
MONTHLY TEACHING

**KNOWING
GOD'S WILL**

Friday, August 19, 2022

7PM-8:30PM

OLR Parish Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
PARISH OFFICE @ 97245997

The Legion of Mary Group -Vietnamese and English Praesidium would like to invite all parishioners on Saturday 10th of September, 2022 to celebrate Our Lady's birthday with a Rosary & Mass commencing at 10.30am - praying for peace and for the Legion of Mary. After Mass please join in the celebration in the Parish Hall.