

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

14th August 2022 - Twentieth 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 Tibebeselassie Abza
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Ben Gandy
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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
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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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

1st Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



We congratulate **Fr Ben Saliba** on the occasion of his recent ordination to the Priesthood. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has recently announced the following:

Fr Ben Saliba has been appointed to the parish of St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg.

Fr Ben Gandy, who was ordained with Fr Saliba, has been appointed to Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield.

The changeover will occur late August or early September. Please pray for Fr Saliba and Fr Gandy as they begin their new ministry.

Fr Bob Bossini

We wish to inform parishioners that on Monday 15th August there will be 300 plus students from Patrician Brothers attending the 9.30am Mass for the feast of the 'Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'.

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Dear Friends,

Over the last few weeks the Gospels have challenged us to live as disciples of Jesus. They have challenged us to live as heirs of the kingdom of God – to have a certain disposition that in some ways can bring us in conflict with worldly ways and values. The Gospels of the previous weeks have asked us to let go of our possessions. This radical poverty seen in the Gospel allows us to utilise our possessions for the good of all. It challenges us to not be governed by a desire for material goods, power, wealth or authority. We should place our ‘treasure’ in heavenly matters. They have included a call to be generous – to share whatever we have with others, especially the poor. We have been encouraged to be alert, watchful and ready for the Master’s return at a time we do not know. We have been asked to be people who live by faith and trust in God’s ways. In today’s Gospel [Luke 12:49-53] we take on a different slant. We hear that those who remain faithful to the ways of Jesus may find that their fidelity will bring dissension and division within their families.

The words and images that Jesus presents to us today seem a little harsh. The division that he speaks of here within family relationships seems to go against the message of the angel Gabriel when he predicted that the Messiah will *‘turn the hearts of fathers towards their children’* [Luke 1:17]. We need to receive these words of Jesus with our minds attentive to the circumstances of Luke’s community. The first Christians emanated from a Jewish society and family environment. When a family member turned towards the teachings of Jesus and wished to follow in his ways, it meant an abandonment of his family’s religious traditions and beliefs. This would be the source of a great amount of angst and trouble as the family unit came to terms with this development. It would have led to some fierce opposition, division and eventual ousting of that family member. This scene is no different to that of a present day Christian family facing the predicament of one of its members turning towards the teachings and beliefs of a sect or religious cult which goes totally against the beliefs and traditions in which that member has grown up. If that member continued to pursue that path a great division and conflict would occur within the family unit. So too it was with Luke’s community.

Our following in the ways of Jesus may not bring about such division and conflict within our family. Our belief in Jesus and our commitment to his ways may bring us in conflict with the world and its beliefs and ethics. It becomes the vocation of the Christian then to bear witness to the ways of Christ through word and action and not to be tempted to back down on important issues simply because a clash of belief may bring about

division within relationships. **Pope Francis** reminds us of the vocation of the Christian within the world: *‘Go against the tide and have the daring to move precisely against the current ...and be proud of doing so!’* [Angelus message June 23rd, 2013].

Jeremiah is presented to us as an example of one who went against the tide of popular belief: he revealed God’s message to the people saying that their efforts against the Babylonian troops was futile because they had incurred this invasion, defeat and subsequent exile to a foreign land due to their turning away from God’s word and ways. Jeremiah’s announcement of this message did not make him popular among the people. This brought Jeremiah almost to the point of death as he is flung into a well to die. The living out of our Christian faith may not be as harsh as that of Jeremiah or bring about the division described in the today’s Gospel, but what is asked of us today and always is to remain focused on the person of Jesus and his teaching. The **Letter to the Hebrews** today takes up this message as it compares the vocation of the Christian to that of an **athlete**, a suitable analogy especially as we have celebrated the Commonwealth Games. Just as the athlete has to let go of all that can hinder a better performance, so too we should *‘throw off everything that hinders us, especially sin...keep running steadily the race we have begun. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.’* [Hebrews 12:1]

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for:

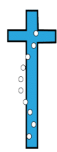
Recently Deceased: Wesley Walker.

Anniversary of Death: Remigio R. Butacan & Wladyslaw (Wally) Sikora.

In Loving Memory of: Esposa S.Turingan, Antonio C. Soriano, Juan M. Soriano, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Charlie Camilleri, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabro, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Ashley Aviet, All Souls, Virginia Doutel Sarmento Corte-Real, Silvestro & Poalina Clinich, Antonio & Graziella Kenk, Jean Mavis Ingram, Giuseppina Ronrini, Domenico Marzano, Stan Cross, Fr. Kevin Spillane,

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.

Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the position of Parish Business Manager.



6 Month contract and likely to extend, full-time salary negotiable.

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.

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.



Our Lady of the Rosary

**Join us for
Morning Tea!**

*The
Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*



LOCATION

**PARISH HALL
(HARRINGTON HALL)**

**15TH AUGUST
MONDAY
10AM-11:30AM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

