



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
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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 Priest: Fr Michael de Stoop
Assistant Priest: Fr Josh Miechels
Assistant Priest: Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS
Seminarian: Adrian Simmons
Seminarian: Peter Khuong

PARISH OFFICE: 2 Weston Street
Fairfield NSW 2165

SECRETARY: Rosalia Nauqe
Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au
Phone: (02) 9724 5997

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

CATECHIST COORDINATOR:

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

LITURGICAL COORDINATOR

Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Lessie Pahimulin and Margaret Lim:
Contact the Parish Office

SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)
in Polish: 7:30am
in English: 9:00am, 10:30am
in Vietnamese: 4:30pm
in English: 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon to Fri: 9 am
Saturday : 8:30 am
Tuesday: 7 pm
RECONCILIATION
After mass Mon to Sat
5-6pm every Sat

MONTHLY MASS TIMES

1st Friday: 9 am Mass and Devotions
6 pm Holy Hour (Vietnamese)
7 pm Mass & Anointing

1st Sat: 8:30 am Mass and Holy Hour

1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Burmese Mass

Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday 6:30pm

Daily Rosary before and after Mass Mon - Sat

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

First Sunday of the Month. First part of the Baptism Ceremony takes place during the 10:30am Mass and continues after the Mass. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

After every weekday Mass, Saturday 9am and 5pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGES By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the month during 7pm Mass and last Saturday of the month during 8.30am Mass. For emergencies, you can call the priest on duty on Ph: 0439 615 659

SCHOOLS

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: Br Nicholas Harsas fsp

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

Mary Mackillop Hall 20 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165



PARISH GROUPS

Charismatic - Spanish: Saturday 11 am

Children's Liturgy: 2nd Sun of the Month 9am c/o Irene Taylor

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wed 6:30 pm c/o Norberto Sia

Maltese Rosary: Every Thur 9:30 am c/o Georgina

St. Vincent de Paul: Last Thursday of the month 6:30 pm c/o Marcel

Holy Communion for the Sick & Elderly - Antoinette 0412015469

Catholic Women's League: 4th Thur of the month, 12:30 pm Sandra

Legion of Mary: Sunday at Parish Meeting Rm. Junior group at 10:30am. Adult group at 4pm c/o Josephine 0447 438 302

Church Cleaning Saturday: After 8:30 am Mass. All welcome to help.

Parish Choir : 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the church.

Spiritual Gym and Bible Study Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is invited.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Sunday, 27 Jan 2019:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people –

Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,’ would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: John Patrick O'Brien, Beverly Bogdanich, Marie Morel,

Anniversary of Death: Fiore Maria, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Lazarus & Maria D'Souza.

In Loving Memory of: Jan Danielski, Joanna Ty, Giuse Hy, Giuse Hien, Maria Pham Thi Canh, Maria Pham Tien Nguyen. Giuseppe Occhiuto, Yolanda Mapagu, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Sr. Concezione Giuseppe D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Charlie Camilleri, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Vincenza & Vincenzo, Domenico, Stefano, Sam Musolino, Carmela Cagliostro, Concetizione & Concetto D'Amico, Nina G. D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Georgina Bugeja, Maria Faccin, Harold Aviet, Karmenu, Vincenza Ciantar, Antonia & Tadeusz Konarski, John & Marjorie Windred, Steve Harsas, Mary Rose Price, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Charlie, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Annuziata D'Amico, Domenico Marzano, Carmen & Anthony Spiteri, Paul Pace, Emmanuel, John & Joseph Busuttill and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick & Infirm: Carmel Windred, Br Joseph Basil, Janina Plaza, John Moore, Helen Konarski, Baby Hayden.

KIDS CORNER:

Dear Parents and Guardians, if you would like your child to participate in Scripture readings, be an Altar Server, bring forward the bread and wine during the offertory procession or sing in the choir at the 9 am children's Mass, please come and see the Children's Liturgy Team after Mass on Sunday the 10 February 2019.

Children Liturgy Coordinator

Message from Parish Priest - Fr Michael

Commissioning Mass on 17 February 2019

Parishioners who are active in the various ministries and special works in our Parish will be commissioned on Sunday 17 February during the 10:30 am Mass. Afterwards, we will have some festivities in Hall. *Please note:* the festivities are only for those commissioned and the members of their immediate family. All volunteers involved in the various ministries and services will be commissioned under the following coordinators:

Coordinators:

- Liturgy – Manolo & Lyn Patacsil
- Acolyte /Altar Server – Ed Scicluna, Frank Cubelo
- Readers & Commentators – Manolo Patacsil
- Collectors Ushers – Norberto Sia & F Giuliano
- Communion Ministers – A. Briones
- Ministry for the Sick/ Elderly – Antoinette Balamoan,
- Sacred Music – R. Skarsky, W. Velez, A. Pospischil, M.Thuyet
- Sacred Art/ Flowers – Anh Linh, S. Rahija
- Sacred Linen and Vestments – Barbara Novak

Evangelisation:

- Children's Liturgy – I. Taylor, M. Giuliano
- Biblical Ministry/Spiritual Gym – Michael & Rosa Matty
- Media & Communication – Arthur Silva

Services:

- Parish Pastoral Council – Sandra Skarsky
- Parish Finance Committee – Edward Malicki
- Cleaning Ministry – Roberto & Shirley Alberto
- Safeguarding Officers – L. Pahimulin, M. Lim
- Security & Traffic – Gabriel Fernandes
- Food & Hospitality – Matilda Petersen, Sandra Skarsky,

Parish Groups/ Associations and Religious Organisations:

- Catholic Women's League – Sandra Skarsky
- Society of St Vincent de Paul – Marcel D'Abbrera
- Legion of Mary – Josephine Saavedra
- Perpetual Help Group – Norberto Sia, Sally Angara
- Vietnamese Group – Lich Phan and Minh Thuyet
- Gardeners & Cleaners – Hiep Van Le & Nhe Thi Nguyen

Pastoral Visit: During the next few weeks, the priests will be visiting the parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last year to support them and their families now that they have become fully initiated in the Catholic

TIME RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR BIBLE COURSE

"Learn the stuff you never knew you never knew"

"A good way to...learn...how beautiful it is to be a Catholic."

These are some of the things people have said about the Fundamental Faith Formation course we have been doing together in Terms 3 and 4. So we have decided to continue our formation in a Part 2 in Term 1 2019: *A Quick Journey Through the Bible. Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ*, as St Jerome teaches us. Over 8 weeks of Thursday evenings we will journey together discovering what the Bible is, it's key messages, and how we can apply this to transform our experience of everyday life.

Session 1 will be at 7:30-9pm sharp 14 February 2019 in the Parish Council Room. Cost TBC.

Places are limited, so register at fr.josh@olrfairfield.org.au.

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programs 2019

Are you a parent who has a student who will be in Year 3 in OLR Primary School in 2019 or in one of the Public Schools within the boundaries of OLR Parish? If so, would you like your child to prepare for his or her First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion? If you do, *a letter will be sent to you in the first week of Term 1 in 2019* through your child's teacher or catechist which includes the Enrolment Form to register for these Sacramental Programs. In the meantime, you can put the following dates in your calendar:

(First) Reconciliation:

Parent Information Night – 28 February at 7 pm

Session 1.....either 23 or 24 March 2019 at 4:30 pm

Session 2.....either 30 or 31 March 2019 at 4:30 pm

Session 3.....either 6 or 7 April 2019 at 4:30 pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of (First) Reconciliation:
Wednesday 10 April 2019 (2 Sessions): 5 pm and 7 pm

First Holy Communion:

Parent Information Night – 2 May 2019 at 7 pm

Enrolment Sunday....19 May 2019 at 4:30 pm

Session 1.....either 25 or 26 May at 4:30 pm

Session 2.....either 1 or 2 June 2019 at 4:30 pm

Session 3.....either 15 or 16 June at 4:30 pm

Retreat Day.....21 June 2019 at 4:30 pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of (First) Holy Communion:

22 June at 6 pm Vigil Mass, 23 June at 9 am, 10:30 am Masses and 4:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese

When you receive the Enrolment Form in the first week in Term 1 you will need to attach: a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate; and the \$50 fee to cover all expenses for *both* the Sacramental Programs, including books, pens, certificates, etc.

Our Seminararian Adrian Simmons will be helping us with these two Sacramental Programs this year together with some parents. Should you need to contact Adrian, you can contact him at the Parish Office.

Catechist Commissioning Mass

Next Sunday 2/3 February there will be a Commissioning for our Public School Catechists at all Masses. There are about 30 Catechists in our Parish and who have once again accepted the invitation to proclaim the Good News to our Parish children who are enrolled in public school. Please remember them in your prayers as they pledge to undergo their important ministry.



Vietnamese Lunar New Year. (Tết Nguyên Đán)

The Vietnamese Community will be celebrating the Lunar New Year from 5 February 2019. They will be selling Vietnamese food and pot plants at all Masses this week.





OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY • 7.00AM-8.30AM
3:00PM-6:00PM

all welcome

If your child needs a place to play before or after hours, our school has a service to assist you. Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS) will be running Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on site at Our Lady of The Rosary Catholic Primary School, allowing students to relax before and after school in a comfortable, familiar and safe environment.

Programs on offer:

- time to play, relax and make friends
- fun games and activities
- healthy, nut-free meals
- quiet time for homework
- educational activities
- exceptional educators and carers.

SERVICE	HOURS	FEES*
Before School Care	7am - 8.30am	\$16 (permanent) \$18 (casual)
After School Care	3pm - 6pm	\$23 (permanent) \$25 (casual)

*All fees attract the childcare subsidy funding greatly reducing out of pocket expense

If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact the scecs management team or download a form from our website.

SCECS TEAM (02) 9568 8218 www.scecs.nsw.edu.au

As published in last week's bulletin, photos from Fr Frank's birthday and farewell on 16th January 2019.



Training for Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training to be conducted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be run for two consecutive Saturdays from 9am – 12pm on 16 and 23 February 2019 and for Acolytes from 9am – 12pm on 9, 16, 23 March 2019 at Harrington Hall. Subsequently, Bishop Tony will celebrate a Mass at 10:30am on 31 March at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney during which the Rite of Installation will take place. Application Forms are available at the Parish Office. All members of these two ministries are asked to attend this important training including those who have already done this training. Copy of your baptism certificate have to be attached with the form.