



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield



## 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

**Dean/Parish Priest:** Very Rev Fr Michael de Stoop  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Josh Miechels  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**Email:** admin@olfairfield.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 Officer

Lessie Pahimulin: Contact 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

Monday 7pm only  
Tues - Friday 9:15am  
Saturday: 8:30 am

## Other Mass Times

1st Friday: 9:15 am Mass and Devotions  
6:00 pm Holy Hour (Vietnamese)  
7:00 pm Mass  
1st Sat: 8:30 am Mass and Holy Hour  
1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Mass in Burmese  
1st Wednesday: 6:30pm Mass & Novena

**Daily Rosary** before and after Mass, Tues - Sat



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**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fairfield Parish**

for more updates and info on news and events.

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation

After morning Mass: Tuesday to Saturday  
Saturday: 5 - 6pm

### Baptisms

First Sunday of the Month. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

### Marriages

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

### Anointing of the Sick

During the Saturday morning Mass on 25 January, 25 April, 25 July and 24 October or by request at any other time.

## SCHOOLS

### OLR Primary School

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

Principal: Jackie Vella  
info@olfairfield.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@mmwakeley.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

Divine Mercy Novena:	Every Saturday at 7:20 pm
Charismatic - Spanish:	Every Saturday 11am
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
St. Vincent de Paul:	1st Thurs of the month 6:30pm c/o Marcel
Holy Communion for the Sick & Elderly:	Antoinette 0412015469
Catholic Women's League:	4th Thurs of the month, 12:30 pm Sandra
Legion of Mary:	Every Sunday Junior group at 10:30am. Adult at 4pm c/o Josephine 0447 438 302

## 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 and 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 Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.**

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### **Entrance Antiphon** Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **First Reading** Is 49:3. 5-6

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was  
my strength. And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the  
nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of  
the earth.'

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:1-3

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together  
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church  
of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ,  
who are called to take their place among all the saints  
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he  
is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Jn 1:29-34

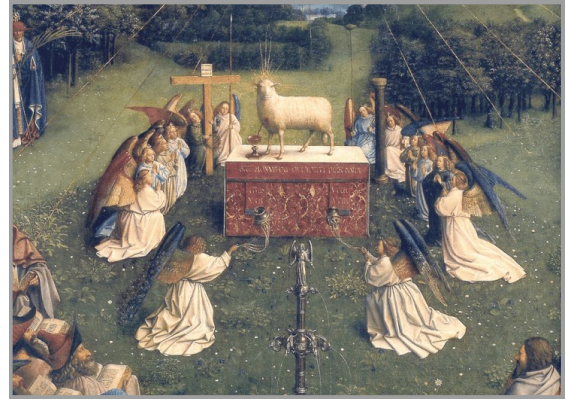
#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look,  
there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the  
world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man  
is coming after me who ranks before me because he  
existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet  
it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising  
with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit  
coming down on him from heaven like a dove and  
resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who  
sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The

man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is  
the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit."  
Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Cho-  
sen One of God.'

### **Communion Antiphon** Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



*Adoration of the Lamb by Jan Van Eyck*

## Message from the Parish Priest

### Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse,  
and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the  
Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. Saint  
Thérèse is one of the Catholic Church's most popular  
Saints. An additional marvel is that her parents who  
helped nurture her faith are also Saints! A relic is the  
bodily remains of a Saint. We honour and venerate relics  
because the Saints lead us to God whom we worship in  
spirit and truth. By honouring their memories, bodies,  
and belongings, we give thanks to God for the saints'  
holy witness. Relics are physical, tangible, concrete  
reminders that heaven is obtainable for us.

One of the earliest sources that reveals how God's grace  
can be mediated through the use of relics is found in the  
Old Testament in relation to the prophet Elisha: "Elisha  
died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter  
the country every spring. Once while some Israelites  
were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of  
raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb.  
When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to  
life and stood up on his feet" (2 Kings 13:20-21). In the  
Gospel accounts, the bleeding woman was healed when  
she touched the hem of Jesus' garment (Mark 28-29), and  
again, the people in Mark 6:56 who touched Jesus'  
garment were also healed (Mark 6:56). Further early  
sources of the veneration of relics are found in the  
Church's early history. The bodily remains of  
St Polycarp (who was a disciple of St John the Apostle  
who became ordained as a bishop by him) are recorded  
to have been venerated in the *Martyrdom of Polycarp*  
(written 150-160 AD).

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With regard to relics that are objects (not persons), a passage that is often cited is Acts 19:11–12 which states that St Paul's handkerchiefs were imbued by God with healing power.

These relics Saints Thérèse, Louis and Zélie will be in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on Friday 13 March 2020 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Next Sunday, you will find in the Parish Bulletin the schedule by which these relics will be venerated in our Parish.

If you want to venerate these relics in the other places they will be taken to throughout Sydney, the full itinerary (including details about where and when) is on the Parish Noticeboard.

## A Message from Archbishop Fisher OP

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass this month at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother Bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.

+ Anthony Fisher OP

There will be a collection at all Masses next weekend (Australia Day) for the St Vincent De Paul Bushfire Appeal



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## WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Ruggero Bogma, Raffaella Porpglia-Ivasic, Nancy Ross, Francesco Carbone, Filomena D.C Lemos Correia, Barbara McCarthy, Gwen Small, Casey Murphy, Carmen Mula, Barry Wilson.

**Anniversary of Death:** Irene Madeira, Marino B. Mapagu, Jan Danielski, Cecilia Nguyen, John Patrick O'Brien, Ana Fernandes, Tomez Da Silva, Maria Canh, Maria Nguyen, Maria Man, Giuse Hy, Giuse Hien, Joanna Ty, Deborah Titon, Sam Musolino, Rijina Yousif and Suham Hanna, Lorraine Thomson, Julian Farugia and Fred Sulikowski

**In Loving Memory of:** Gianni D'Amico, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Vincenza Cagliostro, Graziella Ninae D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Pulqveria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Grete Danielski, Stefan Genowfa, Peter Kotulski, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Helen 'Didang' Gascon, Rufino Baby Llagas Jnr, Albertin and Joseph Jabroo, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Harold Aviet, Paul Pace, Domenico Marzano, Paul & Pina Anisa, Joseph Busuttil, Maryrose Price, Mena Borg, Dinh Thi Nho, Dang Van Ngoc and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirmed:** John Bakhos, Aidan Cianta, Baby Vincent, Mercy, Espanol, Carmel Windred, Pham Kim Chuc, Nguyen Anh Ngoc Bao.

**Special Intention:** Rion Goodnight, Lizzie Pace & Family. Giuseppe Surace & Baby Surace.  
All fire fighters and for rain to fall on the places that most need it.

## SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING

The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney is pleased to announce that '**Safeguarding Induction Training**' is now available *online*. This is an opportunity to those volunteers who have not done the training to do so. Click on the link below (or copy the link to open it). <https://bit.ly/2Gky9sb>

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Online Training Registration page will be displayed. On it you will be asked to provide some details like name, email address, parish in which you work in, and your position/volunteering work you do in the parish in order to access the induction training. After completing the online registration form, you will receive a message to your nominated email address containing your username, password and a link that will take you directly to the training. (*Note: the email/message may arrive quickly or may take some time to arrive depending on the number of registration requests the Safeguarding office received*).

At the end of the induction training session, a '**Safeguarding and Child Protection Induction Training Certificate**' will be *generated* indicating that you have successfully completed the training. Please provide a copy of this certificate to the Parish Office so we can update our records. Thank You.





## Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

The novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help has resumed at Our Lady of the Rosary Church last Wednesday 08 January 2020. Please join us every Wednesday at 6:30pm to show our deep devotion to our Mother for her constant intercession and assistance to all of us.

## COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES

A reminder for all those who volunteered at Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day celebrations on Sunday 6th October to collect their certificates in the Parish office.

Thank you. For more info or any questions, feel free to email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

## OLR FEAST DAY 2019 PHOTOS

Photos from last year's Feast day celebrations are available to be picked up from the Parish office (Monday-Friday 9- 4pm). Please feel free to collect them as there are many and they need to go. Thank you.



## OLR Young Adults' Picnic

Young Adults (18-35) are invited to the picnic lunch after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 19 January 2020.

This will be a good opportunity to get to meet and know the Young Adults of the Parish and make new friends in faith. Please bring a plate of food to share.

## OLR Priests' Pastoral Home Visits

The Priests of Our Lady of the Rosary will be offering to visit parishioners at their homes in the month of January

Pastoral home visits will be available on **Saturdays and Sundays from 3-3:30 or 4-4:30pm.**

Please **register** your details in **Church Foyer**. There will be a clipboard in the foyer of the church to request a priest to visit your home.

## Do you need some parenting help?

Parenting can be stressful at times. Parent Line counsellors can help with strategies to manage these concerns. Call us 7 days a week on **1300 1300 52**.

*Call Parent Line to find out more*

Parent Line NSW  
1300 1300 52  
[parentline.org.au](http://parentline.org.au)

✉ [info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au)  
🕒 9am - 9am weekdays  
4pm - 9pm weekends

## Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea.

*Call CCareline to find out more*

**CCareline 131819**  
[CatholicCare.org](http://CatholicCare.org)

✉ [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)  
🕒 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday



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## Bushfires in NSW and VIC

As we watch the horrific bushfires destroy many parts of our country, see families fleeing from their homes and losing loved ones, we may feel helpless in the face of this disaster. We admire and thank the many selfless volunteers fighting these fires, yet there are also ways we can help.

St Vincent de Paul have begun a *Bushfire Appeal*, in which they are helping many in need. A donation of \$50 to the appeal can provide food for a family who have been evacuated from their home. A donation of \$150 can help with bills and unexpected expenses for a household recovering from a bushfire. Any amount whether large or small will assist and bring relief to those suffering during this time.

If you wish to donate, you can use this link to the St Vinnies website: <https://bit.ly/35phzzq>

## Many Australians need your help today



### Food in tough times

Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.



### Clothing and essentials

Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothing and toiletries to give comfort and dignity.



### Support to recover

Your donation enables us to be there for the long haul, helping families to move back home and replace damaged furniture.