



# 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: 1pm - 4pm  
Tuesday 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

**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
26th February 2020: 9:15am & 6:30pm

**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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## SACRAMENTS

**Confessions — Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**  
Tuesday to Friday: 8:45 - 9:05am.  
Saturday: From 9am, and 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@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

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.**

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### **Entrance Antiphon** Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful  
with me.

### **First Reading** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

#### **A reading from the book of Leviticus**

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 3:16-23

#### **A reading from the letter to the Corinthians**

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation** 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Mt 5:38-48

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as

well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your

Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

Jn 11:27

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.



## **Message from the Parish Priest**

### **Ashes Needed for Ash Wednesday**

You are invited to bring your palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday, either to the Church or the Parish Office so that they can be burnt to make ashes for Ash Wednesday on 26 February 2020.

### **Working Bee**

Volunteers are needed to rip up the old carpet in the Parish Meeting Room, remove the old cupboards, and paint the walls anytime from 29 February to 4 March to get ready for this room to be refurbished on Thursday 5 March. If you are able to help with this Working Bee, please register your name, contact details, and what day best suits you for the Working Bee with the Parish Secretary. Hopefully, all volunteers will be available on the same day so that we can have fun working as a team.

### **Eucharistic Adoration During Lent**



During Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration for one hour before the 7:00pm Mass on Mondays. Additionally, the Stations of the Cross will replace Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30pm before the 7:00pm Mass on the first Fridays of Lent.

## Message from the Parish Priest

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### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

On behalf of the Parish, I thank the students of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School for raising \$700 for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) appeal which they participated in before Christmas last year. Their contributions demonstrate their commitment to help the charitable agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney give witness to the love of God through their works of charitable service. These agencies are CatholicCare which provides social welfare services to individuals and families; hospital and university chaplaincies; the Ephpheta Centre which ministers to the hearing impaired; the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which provides resources for religious education in State schools; the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; and the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush which provides priestly formation for men preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Last Sunday, the CWF appeal took place in our church. Next Sunday, the total amount donated for this appeal will be published in the Parish Bulletin.

### Parish Office Opening Hours

Please note that, after consultation with the Parish Council and the Parish Finance committee, that the Parish Office hours have changed. The Parish Office is still opened at the usual hours of 9 am to 4pm every Tuesday to Friday (during which the staff break for lunch from 12 to 1pm); however, on Mondays, the opening hours are now from 1 to 4pm.

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Saverio Treccase, Eddie Nassif, Angelo Gabbiadini, Fr Antonio Chinni, Ruggero Bogma, Raffaella Porpglia-Ivasic, Nancy Ross, Filomena D.C Lemos Correia

**Anniversary of Death:** Paolina Climich, Antonio Kenk, Antonio Palucci, Teagan Whittle, Maryann Sharp, Courtney Topic, Vincenzo & Domenica Cagliostro, William Balamoan, Guido & Teresa Ravagnani, Francesco Carbone, Fiore Maria, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Teresa Thomas, Irene Madeira, Marino B. Mapagu,

**In Loving Memory of:** Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Marcia Catherine Stevenson, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Charlie Camilleni, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Vicenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Giuseppe Gagliano, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Domenico Marzano, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**Special Intention:** Lizzie Pace & Family, Giuseppe Surace & Baby Surace and for Australia & the Church

## Excerpt from the Archbishop's Message on Lenten Penance

(Please see a copy of the full message at the back of the Church)

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance - to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.

### Days of Penance

Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast (on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

**prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; a visit to a church  
**self-denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.

**helping others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

**Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (26th Feb) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (9th April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 26th February, and Trinity Sunday, 7th June, 2020 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

### Kid's Corner

#### The Children's Liturgy Of The Word has resumed.

The Children's Liturgy operates during the Sunday 9:00am Mass, twice a month, for school aged children 5 to 12yrs old.

The children are led by the Children's Liturgy Ministers to the Children's Liturgy Room (a room close to the church), after the opening prayers. The Gospel is proclaimed to them at their own level of understanding. They are led through prayers, songs and readings. Then the Ministers lead them back to the church where they participate in the offertory procession and then return to their family.

#### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

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| 22 | Humbert Grech RIP                          |
| 23 | Wilhelm van Schaijik RIP                   |
| 24 | Therese Maureau RIP                        |
| 25 | Francisco                                  |
| 26 | Rejeni John - Giving birth (safe delivery) |
| 27 | Espanol Family - Thanksgiving              |
| 28 | Soul of Joseph                             |





THE DREAM PROJECT  
PRESENTS

## GET READING RIGHT

**For girls 10-16 years old**

EVERY SATURDAY | 1 TO 2 PM  
FAIRFIELD LIBRARY: 17 KENYON ST, FAIRFIELD  
(STARTING MARCH 14, 2020)

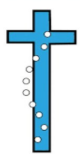
Need help to improve your reading skills? Get help from our female tutors in a safe, fun and encouraging environment!

**Please RSVP for the picnic and/or tutoring session by the 24th February**

Contact Marichell on **0420 795 345** or email **gclub.dream@gmail.com** to confirm your attendance for tutoring and/or picnic.

### Change of schedule: St Therese and her parent's relics

Relics will now arrive earlier at 2pm instead of 3pm. We will begin with a talk at 1:30pm in the Church about the Relics.



## ST THERESE & PARENTS RELICS VISIT

*OLR Fairfield Parish*

**Date:** Friday 13 March 2020

**Time:** 2pm-9pm

**Address:** 2 Weston St, Fairfield

*Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield Parish*

For more information, **contact:** [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)



## Morning Tea & Talk

Join us **every last Friday of the Month** for some Morning tea and a chance to mingle with fellow Parishioners followed by a workshop led by CatholicCare team.

### FEBRUARY TOPIC:

*My Aged Care Workshop- Home Care Services*

**When:** Friday 28 February 2020

**Where:** Outside Church Foyer (Front Garden)  
18 Vine street, Fairfield, 2165, NSW.

**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.00 pm



For more information, contact  
**Rachelle 0438 664 834**



### Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress. Contact our Catholic Care Case Worker, Rachelle on 0438 664 834

## PROGRAM

- 1:30pm** Talk on the Relics with the Primary School in Church.
- 2.00pm** Relics arrive to Church.  
Prayer and Veneration with Primary School in Church (*Parents to join the children in prayer*).
- 3.30pm** Light refreshments & Movie for Children (Cartoon) in the Parish Hall.
- 4.30pm** Prayer and Veneration in Church (Prayer Group).
- 5.30pm** Dinner in Hall (with the Adults).
- 6.00pm** Movie starts for Adults (Black & White Film).
- 7.30pm** Talk with Father Michael.
- 8.00pm** Prayer and Veneration in Church.
- 9.00pm** Relics leave Church.



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