



# 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

### 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

### Confessions — Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 8:45 - 9:05am.  
Saturday: After the 8:30am Mass 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.**

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A** **(05 April 2020)**

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### **First Reading** Is 50:4-7

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

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### **Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel** Mt 27:11-54

#### **The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

### Message from the Parish Priest

So much of our energy has been spent in building up the national and world economy to the detriment of where humanity's first sense of economy began; namely: in the family home. So, with this trend now reversing to what it once was on account of the current pandemic (as bad as this disease is), new life is beginning to emerge. Like new green saplings growing from scorched trees after a bushfire, new growth is budding in families. Uncannily, new life often comes from moments of crisis. In light of this we encourage you to stay connected in the ways the parish is helping you to pray to help you make use of this time.

### **WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Nino Bricio, Saverio Treccase.

**Anniversary of Death:** Antonio & Gracinda Dossantos, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Lynette Yvonne Herbert, Jose Herrera, Stanley & Norman Small, Marcia Stevenson, David Jug, Paolina Climich, Antonio Kenk.

**In Loving Memory of:** Joseph Binh, Cham Liam, Rita Pereira Da Silva, Femely Gabriel-Vazzoler, Giuseppe Gagliano, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Brailio Pacheco Noronha, Francisco Soares, Alexandrina Da Costa, Clara Noronha, Maria Ornai, Felisa Aguila, Fortunata Planes, Perfecto Planes, Rogelio Planes, Concepcion Planes, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirmed:** 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

### **Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels**

04	Phoebe
05	Giuseppe Gagliano
06	Concetto and Annunziata D'Amico
07	Joseph and Carmen Camilleri
08	Oliver
09	Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta
10	Maria-Vincenza Zaccardi

### *Kid's Corner*

#### **Prayer Corner**

Dear parents/Guardians, as much as possible, try to arrange a *Prayer Corner* in your home where your children and family can pray.

Place a crucifix, an image of Jesus, or the Holy Family, Mary or St Michael The Archangel or any of the Saints in a table in your *Prayer Corner*. And most importantly pray the Rosary.  
May God Bless You.

Irene Taylor, Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

For information about the parish and for regular updates please like our facebook page or visit our website <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/>

### Holy Week Ceremonies

This year, as a parish, we will be joining the Holy Week ceremonies at St Mary's Cathedral. These ceremonies will be live streamed and you may visit the following link to participate <https://tinyurl.com/t93pbju>

Channel 7 will also be broadcasting two ceremonies from the Cathedral. On Good Friday, 10 April at 3pm and also Easter Sunday, 12 April at 10:30am.

To help you feel connected with your local Parish of worship, the priests in Fairfield Parish will be providing guided meditations each day of Holy Week in order to provide a Parish Retreat you can do in your own home.



### **A Note About Project Compassion Boxes**

Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield, will be accepting Project Compassion boxes from parishioners, in the coming weeks. You may drop this by at the Parish Office during opening hours (please see the front of the bulletin for these details).

In order to reduce the likelihood of transmitting the coronavirus, we encourage you, if you are able, to donate online this year. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> and scroll down to a section asking how much you would like to donate, then click *NEXT*
2. Enter your information. In the section labelled *Your Message*, please write the following *Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield*. Then click *NEXT*
3. Securely enter your payment details, then click *Donate*

If you need assistance or have questions, please call or email the Parish Office.



Dominic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs a safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea. **Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.





## ONLINE EVENTS with the OLR Priests



1. Live-streamed  
**Daily Morning Prayer**  
with Priests everyday  
at **9am**

Commencing on  
**Thursday 26 March**



2. Live-streamed  
**Weekend Rosary**  
with Priests  
Friday-Sunday at **8pm**

Commencing on  
**Friday 27 March**



3. Live-streamed  
Tuesday-Sunday  
**Adoration & Mass**  
with Fr Josh  
**6:30am**- Adoration  
**7:30am**- Mass



4. Weekly Video  
**Q & A**

with a Priest

All priests are available to  
answer questions.

A **Poll** on Facebook Page will  
be provided soon.

Topics will vary each week.

<https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/>

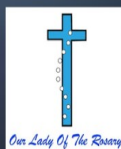
## Do you need some parenting help?

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**.

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I sought the Lord,  
and he heard me,  
and delivered me  
from all my fears."

*Psalms 34:4*



## Act of Spiritual Communion

"I wish my Lord to receive you,  
with the purity, humility and  
devotion with which your  
Most Holy Mother received you,  
with the spirit  
and fervor of the saints."

**Amen**

*St Josemaria Escriva*

## JRS FOODBANK

During these unprecedented times people seeking  
asylum in the community need your help now more  
than ever. Non-perishable food, toiletries and financial  
donations are desperately needed and appreciated.

### Food items:

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney  
beans, lentils, chickpeas  
and fruit
- Biscuits and muesli bars
- Oats and cereal

### Toiletries:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste and  
toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Razors and shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Thank you for walking with us at this critical time! We  
provide emergency payments and food to hundreds  
of individuals, including children to pay for rent and  
life-saving medications. These individuals do not have  
access to Centrelink, Medicare, the pharmaceutical  
benefits scheme so your support is critical.

Please contact [Amelia.Savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:Amelia.Savage@jrs.org.au)  
to donate.

