



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
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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



Like our Parish Facebook page
**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. 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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (12 April 2020)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Romanelli. G. F., 1640, *St John and St Peter at Christ's Tomb*

Communion

Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover
has been sacrificed,
alleluia;
therefore let us keep
the feast with the
unleavened bread of
purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

Message from the Parish Priest

Life's Challenges are There to Develop your Gifts

Lincoln Bain, an award-winning singer and songwriter, motivational speaker, social activist, TV and radio talk show host and entrepreneur, provides words of inspiration that are encouraging to read during the current social distancing restrictions: "Do not let your circumstances define you or confine you. Regardless of your circumstances you have the ability to act: you have the responsibility ... The spiritual war raging on Earth is about stopping mankind from fulfilling purpose ... Many persons blame their circumstances for their failures in life. They blame poverty, family issues, their job, race and even luck as the reason why their life is in turmoil."

Today, many people may be inclined to blame the COVID-19 pandemic for the turmoil they are experiencing. However, Bain concludes: "What they fail to realise is that the turmoil is not there to hurt; the turmoil is there to help! ... Life's challenges are there to develop your gifts, test your character and give you value. We could easily shorten the turmoil of the butterfly's imprisonment by cutting open his cocoon and setting him free. That would be so caring of us. However, the butterfly would never fly and his life would be short-lived. You see, it is the struggle to free itself from the cocoon that gives the butterfly the strength it needs to fly and to survive, we could easily free a seed from its dirty surroundings in the ground, but it too would not survive. Likewise, every day we beg God to remove us from our circumstances and deliver us from life's challenges. We pray to be removed from the very thing that is there to make us great."

Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)

Bain gives the example of David: "Had there been no Goliath there would never have been a King David. Goliath made David valuable and worthy to be king. David had a bad job. He was a shepherd, which was considered the worst job of his day. David's family cursed at him and tried to chase him away from his purpose. Likewise, Joseph's family hated him – so much so, they got rid of him. Joseph had a much worse job than you could possibly have; he was a slave. Then he had a job as a prisoner. What job are you complaining about today? What job are you using as an excuse as to why you cannot fulfil your purpose? ... The problems of your life are meant to define you, to crown you, to write your name in the annals of history and in the Lamb's Book of Life. Remember, you are the light of the world. Light is defined and glorified in darkness."

Bain explains how Jesus also had the same attitude in similar circumstances: "Whether it was the disciples bringing a child with devils to Him to be healed, or it was them being amazed by His withering the fig tree, or them crying to Him to save them because the storm was about to sink the boat they were on, their actions always seemed to frustrate Jesus. He would say: 'How long will I be with you; you can handle the situation; oh ye of little faith; Oh ye of little faith; if you have faith the size of a mustard seed you can do this and greater'." In light of this example Jesus sets for us, Bain provides the following counsel: "Speak to the situation, take action, fix it and keep moving ... Wherever you are in life today is training for tomorrow ... the greatest way to excel in life is to grow where you are planted ... Never complain about your place in life. Simply strive to be the best at what you do ... Life's greatest opportunities come when you least expect it. Life's greatest opportunities come to those who are too busy excelling where they are so ever see it coming" (Lincoln Bain, *Identity Crisis* published by Dominion Media Publishing, 2016, pages 36, 39, 63-65, 67, 69).

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 11 Graziella Nina D'Amico
- 12 Giuseppe Gagliano
- 13 Sr Concezione and Giuseppe D'Amico
- 14 Marcia Stevenson and David Jug
- 15 Concetto and Annunziata D'Amico
- 16 Vincenzo Cagliostro
- 17 Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta

Collection for Holy Land postponed

The traditional collection on Good Friday to assist Catholic communities in the Holy Land has been postponed until later this year. The Development and Fundraising Office will send out information to parishes once a new date is determined for this appeal.

Kid's Corner

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"

Easter reminds us that we must never lose hope, as dark as the road may seem, there is always light at the end of it. May the Risen Lord bless you with His love, peace and joy during this Easter Season.

Irene Taylor- Children's liturgy Coordinator.

OLR Priests' Pastoral Connection with Parishioners

The Priests in OLR Parish are livestreaming Masses and prayers on the parishes' Facebook page as well as short videos featuring Q&A and articles to help you grow in faith. The Priests are mindful that not all parishioners are computer savvy. Consequently, the priests are phoning parishioners who are 60 years of age and older in order to maintain regular contact. If you know of any parishioner who would appreciate such a phone call please inform the Parish Secretary. Irrespective of whether any parishioner has access to the internet or not, the priests of the parish can be contacted at any time through the parish Secretary in order to address pastoral needs.



TOPIC: Mary, Mother of God
Topic #2 (6 April - 16 April 2020)
for Q & A on **30 April 2020**
Submit Questions by **16 April 2020**



Q & A WITH PRIESTS

EVERY **WEDNESDAY**
WE POST A NEW TOPIC TO DISCUSS
EVERY **SUNDAY**
WE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Nino Bricio, Saverio Treccase.

Anniversary of Death: Eleontina Didomenica, Antonio & Gracinda Dossantos, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Lynette Yvonne Herbert.

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, Giuseppe Petrella, Maria Fiore and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Special Intention: Lizzie Pace & Family

Project Compassion

A Note About Project Compassion Boxes

Given current restrictions in Australia, in an effort to control the spread of the virus, we encourage you, if you are able, to donate online this year. Alternatively, you may bring in your Caritas box once the pandemic is over. Please follow the instructions below to donate online:

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.

Easter Triduum Schedule



HOLY THURSDAY
9 April 2020

Mass of the Lord's Supper
@6pm Live-Stream
OLR FB Page



GOOD FRIDAY
10 April 2020

Stations of the Cross
@9:30am Live-Stream
OLR FB Page



Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
@3pm TV Broadcast
Channel Seven



HOLY SATURDAY
11 April 2020

Easter Vigil Mass
@6pm Live-Stream
OLR FB Page



EASTER SUNDAY
12 April 2020

Solemn Mass
@10:30am TV Broadcast
Channel Seven



Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

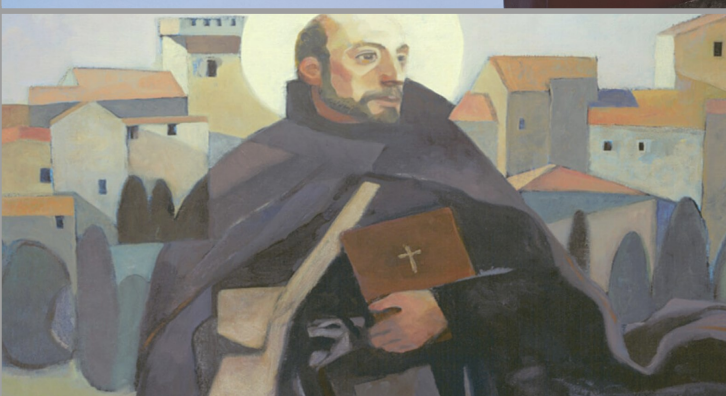
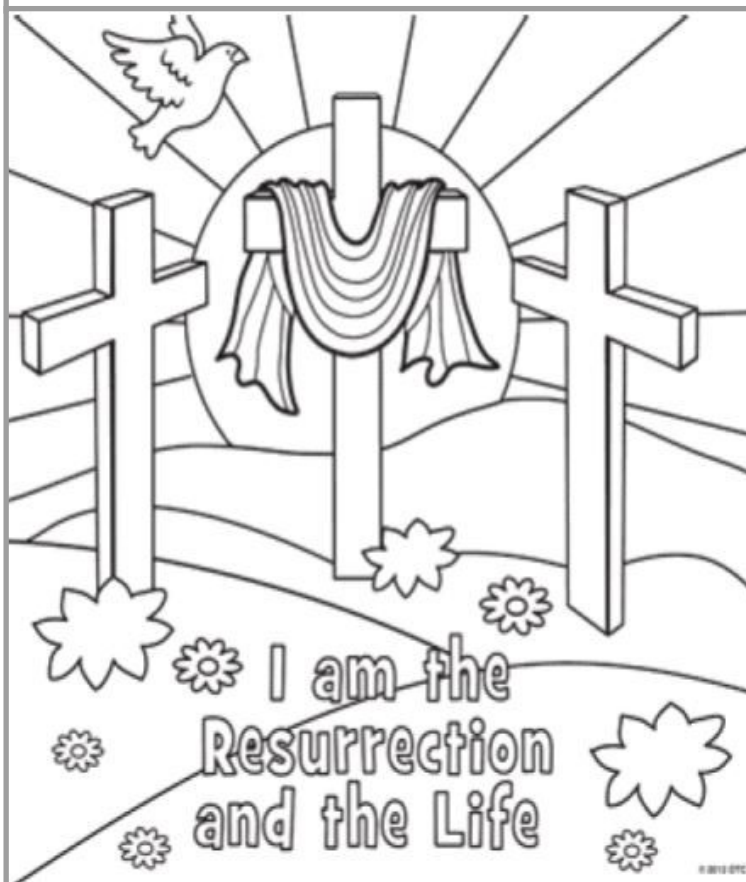
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Our Lady of the Rosary

IGNATIAN RETREAT



Led by Fr Michael (Parish Priest)

Spiritual exercises for each day commences on **Easter Sunday (12 April 2020)**

with **Spiritual direction** with Fr Michael **once per week** at a time that suits you for **4 weeks** beginning on

2nd Sunday of Easter (19 April 2020).

For more information and to register, email pa@olrfairfield.org.au

Creative Colouring Competition

We invite kids (5-8yrs) & youth (9-12yrs) to participate in the Easter Colouring Competition. Please email events@olrfairfield.org.au for a colouring paper or ask to get it posted to your address. Colouring Paper due Wednesday 15 April by sending a photo or scanning paper over to events email address. Two winners per category will be selected to win \$50 e-gift card voucher from Woolies so make sure to put your contact details on colouring paper. We look forward to submissions.