



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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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.

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

Divine Mercy Sunday
(19 April 2020)

Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion

Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



Caravaggio, 1601, *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, Sanssouci Gallery, Potsdam,

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.

Message from the Parish Priest

This week I leave you with an extract from Pope Francis's homily from Divine Mercy Sunday 2018.

"In today's Gospel, we hear, over and over, the word "see". The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord (Jn 20:20). They tell Thomas: "We have seen the Lord" (v. 25). But the Gospel does not describe how they saw him; it does not describe the risen Jesus. It simply mentions one detail: "He showed them his hands and his side" (v. 20). It is as if the Gospel wants to tell us that that is how the disciples recognized Jesus: through his wounds. The same thing happened to Thomas. He too wanted to see "the mark of the nails in his hands" (v. 25), and after seeing, he believed (v. 27).

Despite his lack of faith, we should be grateful to Thomas, because he was not content to hear from others that Jesus was alive, or merely to see him in the flesh. He wanted to see inside, to touch with his hand the Lord's wounds, the signs of his love. The Gospel calls Thomas Didymus (v. 24), meaning the Twin, and in this, he is truly our twin brother. Because for us too, it isn't enough to know that God exists. A God who is risen but remains distant does not fill our lives; an aloof God does not attract us, however just and holy he may be. No, we too need to "see God", to touch him with our hands and to know that he is risen, and risen for us.

How can we see him? Like the disciples: through his wounds. Gazing upon those wounds, the disciples understood the depth of his love. They understood that he had forgiven them, even though some had denied him and abandoned him. To enter into Jesus' wounds is to contemplate the boundless love flowing from his heart. This is the way. It is to realize that his heart beats for me, for you, for each one of us. Dear brothers and sisters, we can consider ourselves Christians, call ourselves Christians and speak about the many beautiful values of faith, but, like the disciples, we need to see Jesus by touching his love. Only thus can we go to the heart of the faith and, like the disciples, find peace and joy (cf. vv. 19-20) beyond all doubt."

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 18 The late Harold Aviet
- 19 Rain and Fire-Fighters
- 20 Eddie Nassif
- 21 Giacomo et Raffaele Uglietta
- 22 Fr William Chow
- 23 Intentions of Cyron
- 24 Intentions of M. M. Jirsis

Kid's Corner

Dear Parents/ Guardians,
As we are unable to attend the Sunday Mass and meet in person due to the Coronavirus, a resource for The Children's Liturgy has been created and is available on <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/children-liturgy/>. This is a way to help children and their Families to gather in prayer each week in sharing God's Word.
Irene Taylor- Children's liturgy Coordinator.

Information on Planned Giving.

For Parishioners, who would like to continue to make planned giving donations to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, you may still do so by following the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/> and click on the blue tab in the corner **Support Us**.
2. Choose the "Donate" options when prompted.
3. This will send you to the B-point secure payment service. In the section **Biller Code**, click the dropdown box and choose **Planned Giving**.
4. Enter your full name and then your planned giving number.
5. Click **Next** and follow the prompts to enter the amount your wish to donate and then to securely enter your payment details.

Thank you for your generosity and support. If you have any trouble, please call or email the Parish Office on 9724 5997 or admin@olrfairfield.org.au

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Carmen Vera, 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.



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.

19 APRIL 2020

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

JESUS SAID TO FAUSTINA:

"Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of **My most tender mercy**. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very **depths of tenderness**. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the **First Sunday after Easter**. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the **Fount of My Mercy**."

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, Therefore we will not fear"

Psalm 46:1-3



TOPIC: Mary, Queen of Angels & Queen of Heaven

Topic #3 (17 April - 30 April 2020) for Q & A on **8 May 2020**.

Submit Questions by 30 April 2020



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Q & A WITH PRIESTS

WE POST A **NEW TOPIC** TO DISCUSS

CLERGY ANSWER THE **QUESTIONS**



Sacred Space Competition

We invite Parishioners of OLR to share their set up of their Sacred Space with us by emailing us a photo in order to **WIN one of three - \$50 Woolworths e-gift cards**.

Simply follow the instructions below for your chance to WIN:

1. **Take a photo of yourself or family member** with your Sacred Space set (where you watch live-streamed Mass).
2. **Answer these questions:** How does this sacred set up help you and your family to pray the Mass and other Church activities? How does it facilitate and create an atmosphere to pray at home?

Please email events@olrfairfield.org.au by **Monday 27 April 2020**.

Please note competition starts from Monday 20th April so submit it quickly within the one week period

The picture below is used as an example of a sacred space



ONLINE EVENTS with the OLR Priests



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



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



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

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4. **Q & A** with the Priests & Seminarians

All Clergy are available to answer questions. An event page will be created for each topic with a poll. **Topics will vary each time.**

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