



# 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](mailto:admin@olfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Sign up to the OLR

**Mailchimp Mailing List**

Go to <https://www.olfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

### Liturgical Coordinator

Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

### Safeguarding Officer

Lessie Pahimulin: Contact Parish Office

Mass attendance **MUST** be booked  
at least 48 hours beforehand  
by calling or emailing the Parish Office.

### Sunday Mass

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)

in English: 9:00am, 10:30am

in English: 6:00pm

**Sunday 9am live streamed Mass found on the  
OLR Facebook page**

### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 7:00pm

### Other Devotions:

*The Holy Rosary* led by Our Lady of the Rosary priests Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 8pm. You can find this livestreamed on our Facebook page.



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**Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish**  
for more updates and info on news and

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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.

# The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(21 June, 2020)

## **Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

## **First Reading** Jer 20:10-13

### *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

## **Second Reading** Rom 5:12-15

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Mt 10:26-33

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. ‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

## **Communion Antiphon** Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

## **Message from the Parish Priest**

### **Pope Francis on the ‘Our Father’ General Audience, 20 February 2019**

“The first step of every Christian prayer is the entry into a mystery, that of the fatherhood of God. One cannot pray like parrots. Either you enter into the mystery, in the awareness that God is your Father, or you do not pray. If I want to pray to God my Father, I begin with the mystery. To understand to what measure God is father to us, let us consider the figures of our parents, but in some measure we must always ‘refine them’, purify them. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also says so; it says: ‘The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God’ (n. 2779).

None of us has had perfect parents, no one; as we, in turn, will never be perfect parents or pastors. We all have shortcomings, everyone. We always experience our loving relationships according to our limitations and also our egotism; thus they are often tarnished by desires to possess or to manipulate others. For this reason, at times declarations of love are transformed into feelings of anger and hostility. But look, last week these two loved each other so much; today they hate each other to death: we see this every day! This is why we all have, within, bitter roots that are not good, and sometimes they come out and do harm.



## Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)

For this reason, when we speak of God as 'father', as we consider the image of our parents, especially if they loved us, at the same time we must go further. Because God's love is that of the Father 'who art in Heaven', according to the expression that Jesus invites us to use: he is the total love that we can savour only imperfectly in this life. Men and women are eternally begging for love, — we are beggars of love, we need love — seeking a place where they may finally be loved, but do not find it. How many disappointing friendships and how many disappointing loves there are in our world; many!

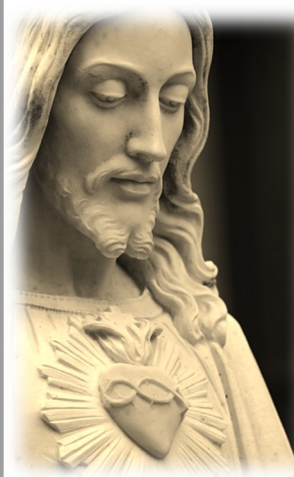
How many times have we men and women loved in such a weak and intermittent way. We have all experienced this: we have loved but then that love fell apart or weakened. Wishing for love, we then collided with our limitations, the meagerness of our strengths: unable to keep a promise which, in days of grace, seemed easy to fulfil. Indeed, the Apostle Peter was afraid and had to run away. The Apostle Peter was not faithful to Jesus' love. There is always this weakness that makes us fall. We are beggars on a journey who run the risk of never entirely finding that treasure they seek from the first day of their life: love.

However, another type of love exists, that of the Father 'who art in Heaven'. No one should doubt being the recipient of this love. He loves us. We can say: "He loves me". Even had our father and mother not loved us — an historical hypothesis —, there is a God in heaven who loves us like no one else in this world ever has or ever can. God's love is constant. The prophet Isaiah says: 'Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands', (Is 49:15-16). Tattoos are in fashion today: 'I have graven you on the palms of my hands'. I have tattooed you on my hands. Thus, I am in God's hands; it cannot be removed. God's love is like a mother's love that can never be forgotten. And if a mother forgets? 'I will never forget', says the Lord. This is God's perfect love. This is how we are loved by him. Even if all our earthly loves were to crumble and we were left with nothing but dust in our hands; God's unique and faithful love is always burning for all of us.

The hunger for love that we all feel is not a yearning for something nonexistent: it is instead an invitation to know God who is father. Saint Augustine's conversion, for example, passed over this ridge: the young and brilliant orator was simply seeking among the creatures something that no creature could give him, until one day he had the courage to lift his gaze. And on that day, he knew God. God who loves.

The expression 'in Heaven' is not intended to express a distance, but rather a radical difference of love, another dimension of love, a tireless love, a love that will always be there, that is always at hand. It is enough to say "Our Father who art in heaven", and that love comes.

Therefore, have no fear. None of us is alone. If even by misfortune your earthly father were to forget you and you were resentful of him, you are not denied the fundamental experience of Christian faith: knowing that you are a most deeply beloved son or daughter of God, and that there is nothing in life that can extinguish his heartfelt love for you."



## Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

St Margaret Mary Alacque

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, sufferings and, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong

entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants.

Amen.

## Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

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| 20 | Les Gleeson MSC+   |
| 21 | Harold Aviet+  |
| 22 | Amelia   |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Mass to St Anthony of Padua   |
| 24 | Jose Manuel Lim+, Liberata Alves Correia+,<br>Eugenia Soares+, Antonio Oliveira+ |
| 25 | Michael Taffa +  |
| 26 | Phoebe   |

## We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Trevor Goes, Doreen Dias, Lucia Portolesi, Henri Louis Chretien, Concetta Filippini, Carmen Vera, Nino Bricio, Saverio Treccase.

**Anniversary of Death:** Nicola Colaneri, Antonino Zaccardi, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Josef Munchen, Eleontina Didomenica, Antonio & Gracinda Dossantos, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Lynette Yvonne Herbert.

**In Loving Memory of:** San Antonio, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Giuseppe Petrella, Tome Da Silva, Victor Albert Marco, Harold Aviet, Joseph Binh, Cham Liam, Rita Pereira Da Silva, Femely Gabriel-Vazzoler, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## Manna Food Box

We invite everyone to get involved in our new outreach project, *Manna Food Box* run by OLR Parish.

The ways you can help are listed on the poster below. Please contact [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) or call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering with this initiative. We encourage people mostly to help by donating food items or money (online) to help support this project and keep it going monthly during this time of Pandemic. Our next *Manna Food Box* run will be the end of June.



OLR invites you  
to help with the  
Monthly...



## Manna Food box PROJECT



*Make a difference today!*

**The food box will be partially subsidized by the Parish:**

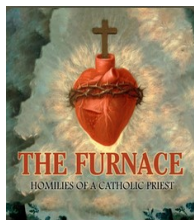
### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Donate Money** (on our website here: <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/>)
2. **Donate food** for elderly/families and drop off at the Parish Office.
3. **Volunteer to pack and deliver** Manna box.
4. **Nominate disadvantaged** individuals (who due to COVID 19 are not able to work or don't have work and are in isolation or hospitalised).

For more information and to register,  
Contact: [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

## The Furnace - Homilies of a Catholic Priest

Father Josh has created a daily podcast called *The Furnace*. We invite you to take a couple of minutes each day to listen to these thought provoking podcasts! You can listen to the podcast for free on many platforms such as, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, or follow this link <https://the-furnace.captivate.fm/>



## Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

You are not alone.  
CCareline 13 18 19 is a free  
and confidential helpline that  
can connect you with a local  
volunteer from your community.

 **CCareline 131819**  
by CatholicCare

## Quote of the Week

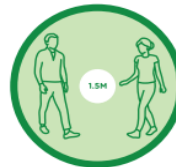
"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Australian Government

## Protecting you from Coronavirus.



PRACTISE PHYSICAL  
DISTANCING



WASH HANDS REGULARLY  
WITH SOAP AND WATER



CLEAN SURFACES  
REGULARLY



COUGH OR SNEEZE  
INTO YOUR ARM



STAY HOME IF UNWELL  
AND GET TESTED



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## BE COVIDSAFE

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19),  
please visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au)



## A Note on Visiting the Church at this Time

If you are unwell or are unable to attend Mass (after booking a place) please contact the Parish Office at least 48hrs in advance so that another parishioner may be able to attend the Mass instead. Please be aware that if you are over 70 years of age, the Parish recommends you stay home at this stage, unless you have been cleared by your doctor to be in public spaces. If you have children under the age of 7 years, the Parish advise at the moment is to keep them at home, as controlled cleaning of the church after Mass may become difficult for volunteers (due to children moving from their designated seat). We encourage you to watch the video below to learn more about the Australian Government recommendations on how to be 'COVIDSAFE' [shorturl.at/IGLPW](https://shorturl.at/IGLPW)