



# 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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

(28 June, 2020)

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

#### A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 10:37-42

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.'

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,



## Message from the Parish Priest

### Pope Francis on *The Mystery of Prayer*

General Audience, 06 May, 2020

Today we begin a new series of catecheses on the theme of prayer. Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression. Like a cry that issues from the heart of those who believe and entrust themselves to God. Let us think about the story of Bartimaeus, a character in the Gospel (cf. Mk 10:46-52), and I confess that for me he is the most likeable of all. He was blind and sat begging for alms by the roadside on the periphery of his city, Jericho. He is not an anonymous character. He has a face and a name: Bartimaeus, that is, "son of Timaeus". One day he heard that Jesus would be passing through there. In fact, Jericho was a crossroads of people, continually criss-crossed by pilgrims and tradesmen. Thus, Bartimaeus positioned himself: he would have done anything possible to meet Jesus. So many people did the same. Let us recall Zacchaeus who climbed up the tree. Many wanted to see Jesus; he did too. In this way the man enters the Gospels as a voice that loudly cries out. He cannot see. He does not know whether Jesus is near or far away but he hears him. He understands this from the crowd which, at a certain point, grows and comes closer.... But he is completely alone and no one is concerned about him. And what does Bartimaeus do? He cries out.

### Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)

And he cries out and continues to cry out. He uses the only weapon he possesses: his voice. He begins to shout: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And he continues to cry out in this manner. His repeated cries are a nuisance. They do not seem polite and many people scold him, telling him to be quiet: "But be polite; do not do this". However, Bartimaeus does not keep silent but rather cries out even more loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47): That beautiful stubbornness of those who seek a grace and knock and knock on the door of God's heart. He cries out; he knocks. That expression: "Son of David", is very important. It means "the Messiah" — he professes the Messiah. It is a profession of faith that emerges from the mouth of that man who was despised by all. And Jesus listens to his cry. Bartimaeus' prayer touches his heart, God's heart, and the doors of salvation open up for him. Jesus calls for him. He jumps to his feet and those who had first told him to be quiet, now lead him to the Master. Jesus speaks to him. He asks him to express his desire — this is important — and then the cry becomes a request: "that I may see again, Lord!" (cf. v. 51).

Jesus says to him: "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (v. 52). He recognises in that poor, defenceless and despised man, all the power of his faith, which attracts the mercy and the power of God. Faith is having two hands raised up, a voice that cries out to implore the gift of salvation. The Catechism states that "humility is the foundation of prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2559). Prayer is born of the earth, of the humus from which "humble", "humility" derive. It comes from our precarious state, from our continuous thirst for God (cf. *ibid.*, 2560-2561). Faith, as we have seen with Bartimaeus, is a cry. Lack of faith is the suppression of that cry ... Faith is the hope of being saved. Lack of faith is becoming accustomed to the evil that oppresses us and continuing in that way ... there is a voice in mankind's heart that invokes. We all have this voice within. A voice that comes forth spontaneously without anyone commanding it, a voice that asks itself about the meaning of our journey on earth, especially when we find ourselves in darkness:

"Jesus, have mercy on me! Jesus have mercy on me!".

This is a beautiful prayer.

### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

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| 27 | Harold Aviet+  |
| 28 | Holy Souls of Purgatory, Genovera da Costa, Adelina Borges |
| 29 | Intentions of the Tuipea Family                            |
| 30 | Intentions of the Divine Mercy Group                       |
| 01 | Michael Taffa +  |
| 02 | Oliver   |
| 03 | Keith Yelland+   |

### The New Financial Year and Planned Giving

To all our generous and faithful parishioners who, year in and year out renew your commitment to the planned giving program here at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish; we thank you.

As we approach this new financial year in challenging and testing times we invite you again to participate in the planned giving program which benefits our parish community and archdiocese in significant ways. You will find your envelopes at the back of the Church in the foyer. If your contact details have changed or are incorrect feel free to contact the Parish Office.

If you wish to join the planned giving program you can email or call the Parish Office during office hours.

Tax receipts will be given to parishioners who request their receipt. If you would like a copy of your tax receipt please contact the Parish Office. The receipts will be available from the 13th of July until the 1st of August 2020.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Trevor Goes, Doreen Dias, Lucia Portolesi, Henri Louis Chretien, Concetta Filippani, 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:** Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta, 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.

### Kid's Corner

Dear Parents/ Guardians,  
Please share this image with your child and remember that God always loves us and is always with us. God bless you.  
Irene Taylor - Children's Liturgy Coordinator.



*Hug me Jesus*

Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing dismay you.  
God never changes

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOR EVER."  
HEB 13:8



## 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:**

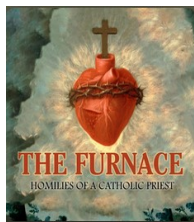
### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

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

"The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quantity of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be led by the Holy Spirit and to graft one's own life onto the tree of life, which is the Lord's Cross" - Pope Francis -



## Self Offering to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, God of love, be present to me;  
accept the offering of myself which I make to you.  
Receive these hands, these feet, these eyes,  
this tongue, and all my senses.

Receive my memory, my will, my understanding,  
my desires, my sighs,  
the longings and the aspirations of my soul.  
Receive my every hour, my every moment,  
and all the happenings of my life.

Holy Spirit, God of love, knit soul to you.

Let your love possess my whole being—  
my senses, my powers,  
my affections, my very life.

Let your love rule my labour and my rest,  
my going and my staying,  
and move me as it pleases.

Let your love disquiet or comfort me,  
humble or exalt me, and burn away all my faults.

Holy Spirit, God of love, draw me to yourself.

Do with me what you will.

Nothing will cause me fear  
if only your love enfolds me.

