



# 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@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.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.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

### 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.

## SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC (Also please refer to COVID Update)

### Confessions — Drive-Through

One hour before the Vigil Mass on Saturday, i.e, from 5 to 6pm.  
If you do not have a car, you can come on foot.

### 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

The next Anointing of the Sick is scheduled to take place on 24 October subject to confirmation if the Parish is no longer in a hotspot by then.

## SCHOOLS

### OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: Jackie Vella  
[info@olrfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@olrfairfield.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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Gradual Return to Public Masses

Upon consulting the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the church will open for public Masses gradually to ensure that the church can be closed for a full day in between each Mass until Fairfield is no longer in a hotspot so that:

1. a sufficient number of volunteers can sanitise the church; and
2. the chance of someone contracting the Coronavirus upon entering the church for each subsequent Mass can be reduced due to the likelihood of the virus no longer being viable by then.

Having stated this, the next Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm on Saturday which will be the Vigil Mass for Sunday. This Mass will be followed by Sunday Mass at 6 pm.

Parishioners will need to register beforehand either online or over the phone as required by NSW Health. If you want to register upon arrival, you would do well to arrive early. Please note that the Archbishop has asked his priests to encourage their parishioners **NOT to go from one Parish to another** for religious gatherings in order to restrict the spread of COVID-19.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

**The Twenty First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(23 August, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**First Reading** Is 22:19-23

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Second Reading** Rom 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**Communion  
Antiphon**

Cf. Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.



**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Harbieh, John Bakhos, Mama Channa, Mama Lina, Jeanne Jarkey, Judi Puru, Trevor Goes, Doreen Dias, Lucia Portolesi, Henri Louis Chretien

**Anniversary of Death:** Danuta Zamirowski, Mark Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Domenico Colaneri, Phillip Elias, Jack Michael, Tome Da Silva, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Lope C. Mapagu, Nicola Colaneri, Antonino Zaccardi, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Josef Munchen, Eleontina Didomenica.

**In Loving Memory of:** Harold Aviet, 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.

**Mass Intentions of Fr. Josh**

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| 19 | Joseph Nglinh Dao |
| 20 | Robert Hotchkiss+ |
| 21 | Kate Anderson     |
| 22 | Mark Anderson     |
| 23 | Louisa Ashton     |
| 24 | Penny Badwal      |
| 25 | Damien Barnett    |
| 26 | Oliver Brandis    |
| 27 | Sofie Burger      |
| 28 | Joseph Canavan    |

## Message from the Parish Priest

Today I leave you with the words of Pope Francis. Here, the Holy Father reflects on today's Gospel passage.

### **Pope Francis, *Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul: Angelus, 29 June 2018***

"I would like to pause on the Gospel passage (cf. Mt 16:13-19) that the liturgy offers us ... It recounts a narrative that is fundamental to our journey of faith. It concerns the dialogue in which Jesus asks his disciples the question about his identity. He first asks them: 'who do men say that the Son of man is?' (v. 13). And then he asks them directly: 'who do you say that I am?' (v. 15). With these two questions, Jesus seems to say that it is one thing to follow the prevailing opinion, and another to encounter him and open oneself to his mystery: there one discovers the truth. Prevailing opinion contains a true but partial response; Peter, and with him the Church of the past, present and always, by the grace of God, responds with the truth: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' (v. 16).

Throughout the centuries, the world has defined Jesus in different ways: a great prophet of justice and love; a wise teacher of life; a revolutionary; a dreamer of God's dreams ... and so on. Many beautiful things. In the confusion of these and other hypotheses, still today, a simple and clear one stands out, the confession of Simon, called Peter, a humble man full of faith: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' (v.16). Jesus is the Son of God: hence he is perennially alive as his Father is eternally alive. This is the novelty that grace ignites in the heart of those who are open to the mystery of Jesus: the non-mathematical — but even stronger, inner — certainty of having encountered the Wellspring of Life, Life itself made flesh, visible and tangible in our midst. This is the experience of Christians, and it is not their merit, not that of we Christians; it is not our merit, but comes from God; it is a grace of God, the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. All this is contained in the seed of Peter's response: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'.

Then, Jesus' response is full of light: 'you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it' (v. 18). It is the first time that Jesus says the word 'Church': and he does so expressing all his love for her, which he defines as 'my Church'. It is the new community of the Covenant, no longer based on lineage and on the Law, but on faith in him, Jesus, the Face of God. A faith which Blessed Paul VI, when he was still Archbishop of Milan, expressed with this admirable prayer.

'O Christ, our one mediator, You are essential to us: / that we may live in Communion with God the Father; / that we may become with You, who are the one Son and our Lord, / his adopted children; / that we may be regenerated in the Holy Spirit' (Pastoral Letter, 1955).

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, may the Lord grant that the Church, in Rome and in the entire world, may be ever faithful to the Gospel, to the service of which Saints Peter and Paul consecrated their lives."



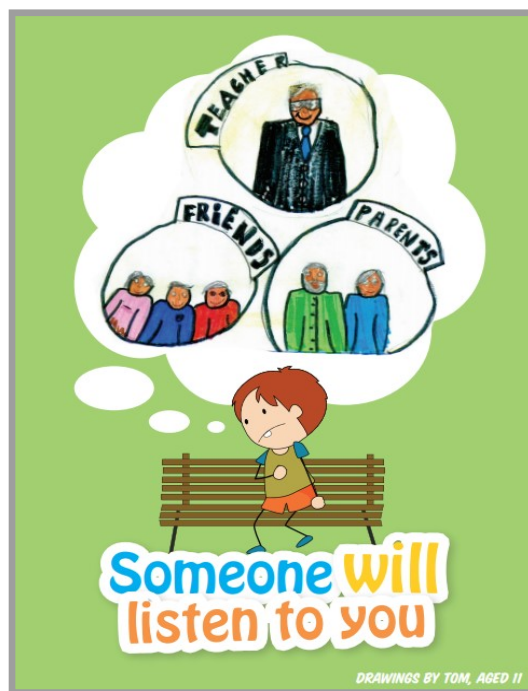
## **COVID 19 UPDATE**

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Parishioners must not mingle before, during or after Mass since social distancing rules cannot be easily observed.

If you know of someone who is tested COVID positive and is linked to our Parish, please inform the Parish Office immediately.

The office will then arrange professional deep cleaning for the church premises and Father Michael will need to report to the Archdiocese of Sydney.



If you feel scared, embarrassed, sad or worried ... Tell an adult you trust - a parent, an aunty or a teacher so they can help you. You can also ring the **Kids Help Line on 1800 551 800** any time of the day or night.



## 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 [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@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 on Saturday 29 August 2020.



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).

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

"Faith is to believe  
what you  
do not see.  
The reward of  
faith is to  
see what  
you believe."



## ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering

Last Saturday our parish hosted the ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering! Almost all of the men who attended the conference said it was "very good"! Some feedback we received from the men was: the talks were "thought provoking" and "faith filled"; the speakers spoke with "vulnerability and authenticity"; and the conference was "marked with friendliness and love".

We would like to thank all the men who attended the conference at our parish and give a special thanks to the Band of Brothers men's ministry for co-hosting the conference at our parish!

