



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

Parish Administrator: Rev Fr Bob Bossini
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Josh Miechels
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr William Chow
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Fu

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Office Hours:
Monday: 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Sign up to the OLR
Mailchimp Mailing List: Re. Parish Events
Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

Catechist Coordinator
Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Liturgical Coordinator
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

WEEKDAY MASS
Monday - Friday: 9:30am
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month
6:30pm
Saturday: 8:30am

NOVENA PRAYER
Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

 Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Confession

Before or after Mass or by appointment. Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

Marriage

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

Anointing of the Sick

Please check the Parish Bulletin for future dates for the administration of this Sacrament during Mass. Outside Mass times, requests to be anointed can take place after any Mass or by appointment.

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School
20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064
Principal: Jackie Vella
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
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

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.

**The First Sunday of
Advent - Year B
(29 November, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
— at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like
filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you
are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the
work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

Second Reading *1 Cor 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received
through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and
preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong
among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts
of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ
to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without
blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus
Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation *Mk 11:9-10*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,
because you never know when the time will come. It is like a
man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his
servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do
not know when the master of the house is coming, evening,
midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all:
Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon *Ps 84:13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its
increase.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka
Lucic, Rosario Pagano, Rosemarie Van Reyk, Francisco
Corte-Real

Anniversary of Death: Drina Diaz, Lazarus De Souza,
Maria De Souza, Antonio Zaccardi, Tadeusz Konarski,
Caterina Giuliano, Richard Zamirowski, Marion Zezula,
Harold Aviet, Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirowski

In Loving Memory of: Raffaele Uglietta, Giacomo
Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Antun, Lukac, Karmenu &
Vincenza, Charlie Camilleri, Carmen & Joseph Camilleri,
Dominic Gonzalez, Annie Gonzalez, Mathew Gonzalez,
Carmine Bruzzese

Sick: Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

Special Intention: Lizzie Pace & Family, Sandra Mac-
can, Antoine Man, Marie Son, Thomas Tien, Bedour &
Jamil Sadig, Albertine & Joseph Jabroo, Sonya Vong

**ADVENT 2020
REFLECTIONS**
FRIDAY EVENINGS 7-8PM

**READINGS FOR THE
SUNDAYS OF ADVENT**
1ST SUNDAY



ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64:1:3-8

"O THAT YOU WOULD TEAR THE HEAVENS OPEN AND COME DOWN"

CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

"WE ARE AWAITING FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO BE REVEALED"

MARK 13:33-37

"IF HE COMES UNEXPECTEDLY, HE MUST NOT FIND YOU ASLEEP"

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

Today, being the First Sunday of **Advent**, we begin a new Liturgical year. We are entering **Year 'B' – the Year of Mark**. Although this season may seem like a mini-Lent, the season of Advent focuses more on waiting than it does on things penitential, even though the liturgical colour is purple or violet.

The First Sunday of Advent usually focuses on the theme of the end time – the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Gospel today [**Mark 13:33-37**], calls us to vigilance: something is coming that we dare not miss. Mark tells us quite dramatically: ***'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come'*** [v.33]. Mark goes on to give the illustration of a householder who travels overseas and leaves his servants to their various tasks. He stresses that they should do what is expected of them, stay vigilant because they are not aware of when their master will return. This recalls for me my school days when our teacher would give us some work to complete – a maths exercise or an essay for English. He would then leave the classroom to attend to some task. We would continue working diligently on our task, even though we had the temptation to abandon the task and 'do our own thing'. Not knowing when the teacher would return we decided to complete the task so that when he suddenly returned to the classroom he would find us attentive to the task given.

This theme of waiting and vigilance forms the first part of this particular Sunday of Advent. When we consider the First Reading [**Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**] we encounter our second theme: that of **people crying out to the Lord for the many sufferings** that they are enduring. This First Sunday of Advent focuses our gaze on a world that is often abounding or at least experiencing pain and suffering, as we have experienced in these last months of pandemic. It allows us to see that the answer to that suffering is fixed on the hope that one places in the Day of the Lord.

Advent is a time that is filled with **anticipation** and therefore filled with **vision** and **opportunity**. It is a time to imagine **what is possible** in the limitless world of personal interaction with a loving God. Anticipation is a state of mind that can run the spectrum from wonder and hope to despair and fear. Who among us has not anticipated the celebration which comes with some significant accomplishment such as graduation or marriage as well as the fear and concern that accompanies the anticipation of undergoing surgery or the loss of a job? As we begin this Advent season we have the opportunity once again to recall our origins which come from a loving and merciful God and the **opportunities** that can define our lives in the uniquely personal relationship which is available to us in Jesus Christ.

These encounters are found in our daily lives, in the ordinary events that we find the opportunity to experience the **extraordinary** if we are willing to reach out in faith and in hope-filled anticipation to a loving God who comes to us in so many small and ordinary ways each day.

The overriding theme today is the catch cry: **'Stay Awake!'** It calls us to be alert not only in reading the signs of the times, but also in the elements of our faith. We may say of today's Christian generation that there is a certain apathy or complacency when it comes to living out and praying the elements of our faith. We may be entering into a phase where Christian principles and ethics are being not only questioned but also abandoned as possibly being outdated and outmoded. Perhaps our instant gratifying age may have added to this. As we begin our season of Advent and hear the cry **'Stay Awake!'**, perhaps with regard to our faith, we really need to say **'Wake up!'** – recognise the richness, depth and significance of our faith, especially as we prepare to recall that special moment in our story when the divine and human meet in the person of a small Child in the insignificant town of Bethlehem. How will I receive that news this year? How will it stir my faith? How alert and receptive will I be to its meaning in my life and world?

We can echo the words of Paul found in our second reading today: *"the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful"* [1 Corinthians 1:6-9]

Fr. Bob Bossini,
Parish Administrator



Our Lady of the Rosary invites you:

To celebrate the great work and efforts of ALL the Volunteers of the Parish!

13th December, SUNDAY
12 PM - 3PM



Volunteers Christmas Party

WHERE: PATRICIAN BROTHERS HALL

SIGNUP REQUIRED:
Must RSVP by the 4th Dec by sending an email to the Events Coordinator (email below) Or Register at the Parish Office

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KATHRYN:
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU



MONDAY- FRIDAY,
3PM - 3:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY THE

DIVINE MERCY

INSIDE THE CHURCH
REGISTER UPON ENTRY

#JesusItrustinYou



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

KID'S CORNER

ADVENT

BEGINS--- GET READY!

Today we begin a time of preparation and waiting, for a joyful celebration, of the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ, on Christmas day.

Visit website for more Information & Fun Activities

<https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/resources/children-liturgy/>

FUN GAMES **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** **CELEBRATION**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY EVENT

SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

DETAILS:
04 DECEMBER, 2020 FRIDAY
12PM-2PM

AT THE PARISH HALL
REGISTRATION FEE \$15

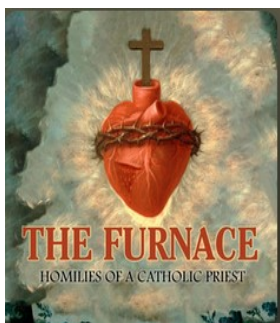
Must RSVP Contact
events@olrfairfield.org.au or
come in the Parish during
working hours to register.



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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/>

CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.