



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

2nd January, 2022 Solemnity of the Epiphany - Year C



## 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 Andrew Fu

**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Tibebelessie Abza

**Deacon:** Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street

Fairfield NSW 2165

**Presbytery:** 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Emergency Phone:** 0412 206 225

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

Parish Website: [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)

**SATURDAY:** 8:30am

### 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

**Monday, Tuesday:** 7pm

**Friday Mass:** 7.15pm

**Novena Mass:** 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm

**Novena Prayer:** Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Holy Hour:** Vietnamese Community 6pm 1st Friday of the Month

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**Catholic Women's League:** Sandra Skarsky  
9724 356 - 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on 0426 847213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

**St Vincent de Paul**—Meeting 1st Thursday of month: Marcel D Abrera 0418 231 368

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

### 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.

*For all church or room bookings, please contact Priscilla!*

## 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)

## 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 & 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.



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

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

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading** Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## We Remember and Pray for:

### Anniversary of Death:

Antonia Konarski, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico,  
Lorraine Thomson & Rosemarie Van Reyk

### In Loving Memory of:

Frank Treccase, Salvatore Bartone, Caterina Bartone,  
Maria Morabito, Mateo Treccase, Salvator D'Amico,  
Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Charlie  
Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Win-  
dred, Karmenu & Vincenza Gantai, Nancy Farrow  
Maddalena, Carmel Windred., Cecila Nguyen & Isabel  
Thi Dang.

*May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.*

### Sick:

Baby Grace, 8 Year old Archer & Charles Penza

Dear Friends,

Our reaction or response to the reception of any news is dependent on many different factors, including the way we feel, how the news is given to us or many other factors. We can either be gladdened by the news and its contents. Or its contents may unsettle us, especially if it bad news. Think of the people who live in anticipation of the results of their Covid tests. One the other hand we can be indifferent to its contents altogether.

In this familiar scene of the Wise Men coming from the East to find and adore the Child [Matthew 2:1-11] challenges us to see that the Christmas story – the story concerning the birth of Jesus Christ – requires a response on our part. We note in this narrative that there are two responses. The Wise Men come in search of the Child – the infant king of the Jews, because they saw his star rising. Their response is one of wonderment and wanting to find out the source of this mystery: where is he? How can he enrich my life? Can I find him so that I may adore him?

On the other hand we have the response of Herod. Upon hearing the news of this infant king, Matthew tells us that Herod and all of Jerusalem were perturbed. Herod recognised this child as a threat – and element that had to be removed, because it might usurp and herald the end of his realm. Why should the whole of Jerusalem be perturbed though? We need to recognise Herod for who he is. This is the man who ordered the murder of his mother and two sons because he saw them as threats. This is the man who had a handful of prominent Jewish people rounded up and jailed with orders to be killed upon his death, so as to ensure that at least some people would shed tears at his passing! We know the full extent of Herod's wanting to find the Child – wishes to do away with him. This is the extent of his homage. In the passages that follow today's Gospel we hear of the true response of Herod. Realising that he had been foiled by the Wise Men, he ordered the deaths of all the male children, two years and over. In his actions he did not realise that God had fooled him, since Joseph had taken the Child and his mother to Egypt.

The Wise Men finally discover the Child, present him with gifts and return home, not only by a different way, but also different people. They have had a personal encounter with Jesus and they have become evangelisers. This Epiphany reminds us that the message of the Christ Child is for the entire world. There is a danger that as we pack away the crib, its figures and structure, we may forget the real reason for this celebration. Jesus and his message may be easily left with the crib for yet another year.

Francis of Assisi, the creator of the Crib, challenges us to be not only moved by the love of God in becoming one of us, but to be challenged to then take the Child and his message to the world, so that all may receive from this tremendous love. How am I moved and changed by this recent celebration of Christmas? In what ways will I be able to take the Child into the world? How will I be prepared to preach his message in word and deed throughout the year?

Fr Robert Bossini

Administrator

*We Congratulate Maria Thi Thom Pham and Joseph Dinh Hoa Doa on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>*

Children's 'Feeling Safe' activity books, compiled by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney for children between 5—12 years of age; have been placed on the table in the church foyer; feel free to take a book or ask the staff in the parish office, if you are unable to get hold of a copy.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD INTO THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION), PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN  
[sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)  
0432 437 552

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MUST BE:

- IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
- BAPTISED





## Boundaries Workshop

Do you have trouble saying no without feeling rude or aggressive?

If so then this workshop is for you. Setting healthy boundaries is essential for self care and healthy relationships.

In this workshop you will learn:

- The difference between aggressive, passive and assertive communication.
- How to use your breath, your voice and your body language to set boundaries. (boundaries are deeply embodied).

### About your facilitator

Juliette is a Community Care Worker in the CatholicCare Parish Program and Dance Movement Therapist who specialises in the mind body connection. Juliette has over 15 years' experience working in the community assisting adults find their power, their voice and their happiness. She is a professional member and clinical supervisor with the Dance Movement Therapy Association of Australasia (DTAA).

Registration is essential and numbers are limited. Please call Juliette on **0409 987 296** for more information.



10am to 12.00pm Wednesday  
26th January 2022  
(light refreshments included)



Our Lady of the Rosary  
Church (Fr Terry Room)  
18 Vine St Fairfield



Verso L'Alto!

# OLR YOUTH OUTING

Calling all youth in Yrs 7-12!  
Join us on a little adventure before the  
school summer break finishes!

**WHEN?**  
Saturday, 15th Jan 2022

**WHERE ARE WE  
HIKING?**  
Wentworth Falls,  
Blue Mountains

**WHERE DO WE  
MEET UP?**  
OLR Fairfield @ 8am

**MUST register**  
for transportation  
purposes

**HOW DO I  
REGISTER?**  
Contact Katelyn for  
a permission slip!  
Hand back ASAP!  
0432 437 552  
sacramental@  
olrfairfield.org.au



*Put aside your judgements on what you think  
makes a good drawing and what doesn't, and  
allow yourself to enjoy the process of the doing?*

## The Art of Wellness Project

The Art of wellness project is an 8 week program and aims to reduce feelings associated with mental illness and offers a space for participants to experience healing through creative processes, with the guidance of Art Therapist and Facilitator Debra Cowan.

### About Debra Cowan

Well known in her field of complementary medicine and counselling, Debra is a group facilitator educator, and Transpersonal Art Therapist.

### What is Art Therapy?

Art Therapy is a form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

### Who is the Art Therapy Program for?

The program is for adults over 18 living in Fairfield living with a mental health condition.



Wednesdays from 2nd  
February to 23rd  
March 2022 (8 weeks)  
10am-12pm



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Bookings essential - please contact **Juliette Kirkwood** - 0409 987 294

