



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

Christmas Masses & 26th December 2021 - 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



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## 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.

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

## Christmas Masses

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Is 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*A son is given to us.*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

### Second Reading

Ti 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

### Gospel Acclamation

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Today a saviour has been born for you.*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

**The Creed is said. All kneel at the words** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

## 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

Dear Friends,

In 2018, Peter Westmore, the then Editor of *Newsweek* wrote the following:

*In one of his prophetic utterances quoted by the Evangelist St John, Jesus expressed this both memorably and beautifully: "Greater love than this has no man, that he lay down his life for his friends." While Jesus laid down the foundations of personal perfection as a way of attaining the Kingdom of God, he was also acutely aware that these principles were the foundation of a just society, enjoining those in authority to exercise it in the interests of their people. One of the great contributions of Christianity to human society has been the application of these principles to public policy, to government and to law. It has been said that every society is held together either by force or by consent. It is the great contribution of Christianity that it has established the universal principles that bind us together for the good of every person, singly and collectively. That is well worth celebrating at Christmas.*

When we come to the completion of our Christmas festivities: when the Christmas tree is dismantled, presents are exchanged, numerous dinners have been attended, we can begin to forget about Christmas and its challenging message until we do it all again in twelve months.

Our celebration of Christmas needs to be seen as a time for us to reinforce and deepen those elements in our that we call Christian: justice, peace, integrity, love, sacrifice. Although these attributes can be lived out in the life of any person, they are essential elements for people who call themselves Christian. Christmas is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the gifts brought into our lives and society through the birth of Jesus, and how his teaching has challenged and changed the world -and still does so.

One of the prominent images of our Christmas celebration is the Nativity scene. The Crib becomes a means of departure rather than arrival; of a mission that emanates from our adoration; of moving into apostolic activity through our contemplation of it. The Crib should inspire us to embrace the Christ-Child and to bring Him to a waiting world.

Recall what happened on that first Christmas night. Mary and Joseph made their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of David and eventually found a place outside of the city. And there, she gave birth to her son, her first born. And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room at the inn. The first news of this birth is given not to the Emperor or the governor or to any person of position or power, but to mere shepherds who had been tending their flock in the countryside close by. These shepherds experience a vision of angels who, while calming their fears announce to them the news of great joy. Luke tells us that after the vision, rather than discussing if anyone had spiked their tea, they say: *'let us go to Bethlehem and see this accomplished word that the Lord has made known to us. And they went quickly to find everything as the angels had proclaimed'* [2:15]. Luke tells us that they *'spoke publicly concerning the word that had been spoken to them about this child'* and *'everyone who heard was astonished at the things told to them by the shepherds'* [2:17-18]. After this encounter with the Christ Child the shepherds go back to their fields *'glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen, just as it was spoken to them'* [2:20]. They hear, they see, they give glory to God. In this way the shepherds prefigure, not the apostles, but those who will later encounter the adult Jesus, hear and see him and go away praising God for what they have seen and heard. And isn't that what the beginning of discipleship is all about? Isn't that what the intention of St Francis of Assisi was in introducing the Crib into our Christmas devotion and ritual: that we come, hear and see Jesus and go away giving glory and praise to God by awakening in ourselves and others the same message we have heard and seen?

This year, we have to unique opportunity of celebrating Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family in two successive days. It becomes a time for us to remember the centrality of the family in our life. Our first and second readings remind us of what that duty entails, as members of Christian families. The reading from Ecclesiasticus [3:2-6.12-14], from the Wisdom tradition, urges us to realise the mutual responsibility that should be present in any family that calls itself Christian. It mentions in particular the rewards that comes to the son who takes care of his father. We need to read this within the context of a patriarchal society, where the mother was taken care of by her father and brothers. In being faithful to that role the son 'amasses a fortune': happiness with his own children; his prayers will be heard; he will have long life.

The letter of Paul to the Colossians [3:12—21] again spells out how a Christian needs to relate to others, especially within the relationship of family.

All this occurs – and needs to be lived out – because one is bearing the name of Christ. Paul does not simply say that one must do these things as a mere veneer – an outward show, but because this type of activity is conducive to being a Christian. One recognises a Christian by his or her actions. What are those elements of behaviour? Paul lists them as follows: ***Clothed with sincere compassion; In kindness and humility; Gentleness and patience; Bear with one another; Forgive one another as soon as a quarrel begins.***

The presence of the Covid virus over the past eighteen months has shown us the value and importance of family life and dynamics. Periods of time spent in isolation preventing family members from even visiting each other have placed incredible strain on people – both physically and mentally. As we celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth, perhaps we can contemplate our own families, give thanks to God for them and renew our commitment to allow our presence to enrich and enhance our families, and recommit to making our families places of true Christian formation.

May I take this opportunity, together with the Parish Team, to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a hope-filled New Year.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
Administrator

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.





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# 2021 Christmas Timetable

## FRIDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

6:00PM	8:00PM	11:15PM	12AM
FRIDAY CHILDREN'S MASS	(IN VIETNAMESE)	CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND CAROLS	MIDNIGHT MASS

## SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

7:30AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	4:30PM
MASS (IN POLISH)	(IN ENGLISH)	(IN ENGLISH)	(IN VIETNAMESE)

## SUNDAY: HOLY FAMILY 26 DECEMBER

7:30AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	4:30PM
MASS (IN POLISH)	(IN ENGLISH)	(IN ENGLISH)	(IN VIETNAMESE)

## WEEKDAY MASS 27TH - 31ST OF DECEMBER

8:15AM - 9:15AM	9:30AM
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	(IN ENGLISH)



**Sunday 26th December—Year C**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Lk 2:16**

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading**

**Sir 3:2-6,12-14**

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1**

**(R.)** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Second Reading**

**Col 3:12-21**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Col 3:15-16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Lk 2:41-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Bar 3:38**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



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!  
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