



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

20th November 2022 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
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## 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Ben Gandy  
**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 Ph:** 0488 693 482  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm  
**Parish Website:** [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)

## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY MASS:** 8.30am

### SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil) 6.00pm (Sat)  
in Polish 7.30am  
in English 9.00am, 10.30am & 6pm  
in Vietnamese 4.30pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday - Friday:** 9.30am  
**Monday & Tuesday:** 7pm  
**Friday Mass:** 7.00pm First Friday of the month

**Business Manager:** Florbela Caxala Mb: 0472 862 509  
**Events & Marketing Co-ordinator:**  
Kathryn Gerardino Mb. 0491 602 332  
**Sacramental & Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**  
Simone Smith Mb. 0432 437 552  
**Liturgical Music Co-ordinator:** Fr. Ben Gandy  
**Novena Prayer:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help—6.30pm  
on Wednesdays.  
**Novena Mass:** 1st Wednesday of the Month 6.30pm.  
**Holy Hour:** Vietnamese Community 6pm on the last  
Friday of the Month.  
**Catechist Coordinator:**  
Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office  
**Catholic Women's League:** Matilda Petersen on Mb.  
0426 847 213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.  
**St Vincent de Paul** - Meeting 1st Thursday of month:  
Marcel D'Abrera Mb. 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 needs 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 Florbela!*

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

## SCHOOLS

### OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064  
Principal: Ms. 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) 9724 1247

### Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322  
Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich  
[info@mmcwakele.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mmcwakele.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

## 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 Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel  
*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible  
for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the  
light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of  
the power of darkness and created a place for us in the  
kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain  
our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our  
Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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A Mass for deceased Volunteers will be held on  
Tuesday the 29th November at 7pm.

If you know of any deceased volunteers, please  
pass their names to the Parish office as soon as possible,  
so that that their name/s can be included in the Mass.



Parishioners please be advised that the  
Fr. Terry Room has been renamed as  
'The Divine Mercy Room'.



Dear Friends,

We come today to the **final Sunday** of the Church's liturgical year. It is always celebrated as **Christ the King**. This title may be a little **misleading**, as we normally associate kingship with power, wealth, territory, prestige and the like. In these days when constitutional monarchs are not the flavour of the month, royal terms can be a little daunting. Jesus, however, presents himself as a **different type of king**. Since news of his birth was made known to the people of Israel, he had been announced as the **infant king of the Jews**. This unsettled the monarchy of the day, believing Jesus, who was a baby at that stage to eventually grow into an adult who will be a threat to their position. The normal thing to do was to make sure that the baby never reached adulthood. So from his infancy Jesus was seen as a threat to the present power structure.

Today as we celebrate **Jesus as Universal King** we speak primarily of his **spiritual kingdom**. Jesus came to inaugurate the **Kingdom of God**. We have an insight into that Kingdom when Jesus **began his public ministry**. He read from the prophet **Isaiah** while he visited the Synagogue at Nazara that the **spirit of the Lord was upon him**. That he was to bring the good news to all, setting people free from their restraints and to bring the joy of the Lord into their lives.

The **Gospel** today [Luke 23:35-43] presents **Jesus as King**. But his throne is not an adorned seat set on a pedestal. His **throne is the Cross**. Paul in his letter to the **Colossians** that makes up our second reading [1:12-20] today reminds us of the **impact of this 'throne'** of Jesus: *'Because of what he has done – he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.'*

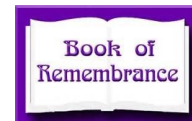
As we celebrate Jesus as Universal King we are indeed reminded that **through his death** on the Cross and his **Resurrection** he has given us all a **place in his Kingdom**. Because of this we need to work for the **further earthly establishment of God's kingdom**. His Kingdom is one of **justice** and **peace** for everyone. Every person regardless of race creed or economic or ethnic background possesses **dignity as an image of God**. Everyone therefore has the right and responsibility to contribute their talents in making the human society more Godlike.

As Jesus' followers and disciples we are asked, therefore **to treat people with dignity and reverence** and to allow them, through the realisation of their own dignity in front of God to transform society through their actions, which brings about the righteousness of the Kingdom. This is the true meaning of celebrating

Jesus as Universal King. He needs to rule in our hearts today, so that we may continue to establish his Kingdom here on earth. I can ask myself today: Is Jesus the King of my life or have I made room for another 'king'?

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
**Administrator**

In the month of November the 'Book of Remembrance' will be on display in front of the baptismal font for you to write in the names of your deceased loved ones.



All Masses in November will be offered for all the souls mentioned in the Book of Remembrance.

As all November Masses are dedicated to the Holy Souls, *No Mass intentions* will be announced during Mass for the month.

### **Graduation Masses for OLR Primary**

***On Tuesday 6th December the 7pm Mass will be held for one of the year 6 Graduation Masses.***

Parishioners are welcome to attend, but to be mindful that the Mass will be a long one and that the students and their families will be sitting in the front pews.

We recently had the 'Catholic Women's League' money box in the church foyer broken into. We ask parishioners to be vigilant – if you see a person who seems to be a bit suspicious loitering in the church, *do not approach them*; if possible, stay visible in the church and inform the Parish office.

### **Spanish Group**

Just a reminder that the Spanish Group meets every Saturday in the Father Terry Room from 12.00pm -2.00pm.

***The Parish Male & Female toilets are under renovations; in the interim we ask Parishioners to utilise the Port-a-loos provided.***





**OLR YOUTH PRESENTS...**



# ADVENT ADVENTURES



Youth Group is back with more faith, fun and formation!

Join us as we venture off to discover the true meaning of Christmas and what God wants of us during this Advent season!

SCAN TO RECEIVE UPDATES!

**EVERY MONDAY  
IN HARRINGTON HALL  
(PARISH HALL)**

**5PM-6:30PM**

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*Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish invites you to:*

Celebrate the Christmas Season with us! There will be lots of delicious food, amazing performances, and fun games! ALL ARE WELCOME!



**11th December, SUNDAY  
12 PM - 4PM**

## Parish Christmas Party



WHERE: HARRINGTON  
HALL (PARISH HALL)  
2 WESTON ST FAIRFIELD 2165

SIGNUP REQUIRED:

**Must RSVP by the 1st Dec**

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)  
Or Register at the Parish  
Office (02) 9724 5997

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



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SAFEGUARDING POLICY- go to the Archdiocese of  
Sydney Website, Safeguarding Section, under the  
General Tab on left.

Here's the direct link:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf>

Or ask to see a copy at the Parish Office (Copies to  
read available in English & Vietnamese).



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