



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

4th December 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent - Year A



## 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 Tibebeselassie 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 Co-ord:** Simone Smith 0432 437 552  
**Liturgical Music Co-ordinator:** Fr. Ben Gandy  
**Parish Safeguarding Support Officers: ( PSSO's )**  
Florbela Caxala & Simone Smith  
[safeguarding@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@olrfairfield.org.au)

**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.**

## Second Sunday of Advent Year A

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

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

Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*He judges the poor with justice.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace  
for ever.

### Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was  
meant to teach us something about hope from the examples  
scripture gives of how people who did not give up were  
helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse  
to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, fol-  
lowing the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind  
and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each  
other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The  
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews  
was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the  
promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the  
pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture  
says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the  
pagans and sing your name.

### Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in  
the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he  
said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

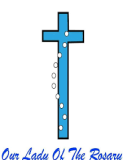
This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with  
a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts  
and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the  
whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they  
were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed  
their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and  
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood  
of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that  
is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appro-  
priate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We  
have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God  
can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even  
now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any  
tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down  
and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repent-  
ance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than  
I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is  
in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather  
his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a  
fire that will never go out.'

### Communion Antiphon

Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

In the New Year, the 7.00pm Monday  
and Tuesday evening Masses will re-  
sume on Monday 16th January 2023.



Dear Friends,

Of the three Theological Virtues – **Faith, Hope and Love**, Hope can often be seen as the least important of the three virtues. Much is heard of and admired when it comes to the virtue of Love. St Paul speaks of it in profound and admirable ways in his **First Letter to the Corinthians [13:1-13]**. In fact he ends his ode to love by stating that *‘these three remain: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of them is love’*. Faith is a very prominent virtue in the Gospel, as Jesus fails to work miracles in places that do not exhibit faith.

Hope calls us to a different level and perhaps even to a different path. Hope looks towards a future that may be unknown and may even seem unattainable. But hope is founded in the present and reflected upon through the experiences of the past. Paul reminds us of this hope in the second reading as he states: *‘everything that has been written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives us of how people who did not give up were given help from God’ [Romans 15:4]*. This is the type of hope to which we are called, one that allows us to *‘face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal’* [Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI: *‘On Christian Hope’*#1].

That goal to which Pope Benedict refers to is our redemption. The first reading today from the prophet **Isaiah [11:1-10]** looks towards the elements of that redemption – it speaks of a future that is filled with peace and harmony. It paints an incredible picture of how this harmony is viewed, as it mentions many different and opposite creatures living in close proximity: the wolf with the lamb; the panther with the kid; the calf with the lion; the cow with the bear. It all seems too unreal at first sight! But this becomes the element and basis for Advent hope, as it calls to mind a future and an existence that may at first sight be out of reach and almost impossible to attain, but one that with God’s grace can be achieved.

It is at this stage that John the Baptist is introduced into the picture to give us an idea of how we can maintain and deepen this Advent hope. Apart from celebrating his birth and martyrdom, we only hear of John the Baptist during the Advent and Lenten seasons. He stands a figure, full of hope in witnessing to, prophesising and preparing for the coming of the Messiah. His means of preparing a way for the Lord begins with an admission of our sinfulness: *‘repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand’* become John’s first words to us in Matthew’s Gospel. The quality and depth of our repentance is seen in the quality of our lives: *‘but if you are repentant,’* says John, *‘then produce the appropriate fruit.’* It is a simple process to name and acknowledge our sinfulness, our shortcomings. The hard task is then to initiate with God’s grace a path – a process – that allows us to move away from those elements of sin that we have identified, and so to enable the appropriate fruit to be borne. This

appropriate fruit is the peace, justice and harmony that come from living in the light of God and his values. In today’s first reading Isaiah tells us that the vision he proposes was able to be realised simply because *‘the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord’ [11:9]*. During this Advent period we are invited to deepen our knowledge of the Lord – not solely on an academic level but to know the Lord as a friend and Redeemer. On this our Christian hope is based.

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

## ***We Remember and Pray for***

**Recently Deceased:** Dora Gabriel

**Anniversary of Death:** Floriano Joaquim Chaves, Ana Maria Oliveria & Mauricio Pereira.

**In Loving Memory of:** Charles Penza, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Charlie Camilleri and Vincenza Cagliostro.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer & Thi-Hien Nguyen



### **RCIA: A journey in faith.**

We are seeking interested volunteers to be sponsors who journey with those interested in becoming Catholic through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process. To be a sponsor you simply need to be ready to accompany, listen to, and support those undergoing the formation process in our parish.

If interested please contact our Sacramental Coordinator:  
Simone Smith on 0432 437 552 or  
[sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)

## **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.

## **Parish Toilets!**

***The Male & Female Parish toilets renovations are now complete; parishioners can resume utilizing them.***





## Christmas Party for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Devotees

Please join us on our Annual Christmas Party to be held at the Parish/Harrington Hall after Mass on **Wednesday 14 December 2022**. Novena Mass starts at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield.

Please note that this day will also be the last novena for 2022. This *long-running novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help* will resume on **Wednesday 11 January 2023**.



*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 - 4 PM

## Parish Christmas Party



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

**SIGNUP REQUIRED:**

**Must RSVP by the 1st Dec**

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

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



## ADVENT 2022 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:30-7:30PM

A NIGHT OF PRAYER, ADORATION AND REFLECTION

**NOV 25, DEC 2, 9, 16**

LOCATION: INSIDE THE CHURCH

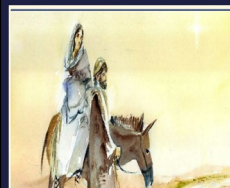


Our Lady of the Rosary



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
CHURCH, FAIRFIELD  
(18 VINE STREET, FAIRFIELD)

## 2022 Christmas Timetable



**SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER**

6:00PM SATURDAY CHILDREN'S MASS	8:00PM (VIETNAMESE)	11:30PM CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BY FR BEN GANDY	12AM MIDNIGHT MASS
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**SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER**

7:30AM MASS (POLISH)	9:00AM (ENGLISH)	10:30AM (ENGLISH)	4:30PM (VIETNAMESE)
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**\*NO 6PM EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY 25TH DEC\***



**MONDAY: FEAST OF ST STEPHEN 26 DECEMBER**

7:30AM MASS (POLISH)	9:30AM (ENGLISH)	(NO EVENING MASS TODAY)
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**WEEKDAY MASS 27TH DEC 2022 - 16TH OF JAN 2023**

8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	9:30AM (ENGLISH)	**MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENING MASS WILL RESUME ON THE 16TH JANUARY**
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