



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

11th December 2022 - Third 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
Phone: (02) 9724 5997
Emergency Ph: 0488 693 482

Parish Office Hours:
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm
Parish Website: 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

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

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School

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

Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322
Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich
info@mmcwakele.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 & 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.



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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading

Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading

Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord’s coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Dora Gabriel

Anniversary of Death:

In Loving Memory of: Domenica Cagliostro, Rebecca Banasik, Antonia & Caterina Toscano, Carmel Windred, Michael Champlin OP, Len Pickett, Charles Penza, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Charlie Camilleri, Vincenza Cagliostro. Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer & Thi-Hien Nguyen

Dear Friends,

This season of Advent is one that calls us to prepare for and to await the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It urges us to ensure that we make a place for God during this time of preparation, so that God remains with us throughout the entire year and not just at Christmas. It can be difficult for us to give time to God in the busyness of our lives and commitments, but it is essential that we do, otherwise our lives and our destinies are indeed at a loss. We can see this in the life of the great prophet John the Baptist. In the Gospels he is introduced as being full of the life of God as he calls the people to conversion and repentance, reminding them that there is One greater who is to come [Matthew 3:1-12]. It is the hope that John places in his God that sustains him throughout his mission, as we see his on the brink of despair as he languishes in prison, but still placing his hopes in Jesus the Promised Messiah.

I would like to share with you an excerpt taken from the Office of Readings for Friday of the First Week of Advent. It is written by **St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)**, a monk, from his work called the *Proslogion*. It becomes a tremendous prayer and challenge for us as we continue in our Advent preparation

...Flee your preoccupations for a little while. Hide yourself for a time from your turbulent thoughts. Cast aside, now, your heavy responsibilities and put off your burdensome business. Make a little space free for God; and rest for a little time in him.

Enter the inner chamber of your mind; shut out all thoughts. Keep only thought of God, and thoughts that can aid you in seeking him. Close your door and seek him. Speak now, my whole heart! Speak now to God, saying, I seek your face; your face, Lord, will I seek.

And come you now, O Lord my God, teach my heart where and how it may seek you, where and how it may find you...I am breathless with desire to see you, and your face is too far from me. I long to come to you, and your dwelling-place is inaccessible. I am eager to find you, but do not know where. I desire to seek you, and do not know your face.

Lord, you are my God, and you are my Lord, and never have I seen you. You have made me and renewed me, you have given me all the good things that I have, and I have not yet met you. I was created to see you, and I have not yet done the thing for which I was made...Look upon us, Lord; hear us, enlighten us, reveal yourself to us. Restore yourself to us, that it may be well with us, yourself, without whom it is so ill with us. Pity our toilings and strivings toward you since we can do nothing without you...Teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in longing, let me long for you in seeking; let me find

you by loving you and love you in the act of finding you.

This prayer echoes our desire to recognise and be more aware of God's presence in our lives. In many ways it highlights the plight of the imprisoned John the Baptist, who we encounter in this Sunday's Gospel [Matthew 11:2-11]. John asks his disciples to find out whether this person Jesus of Nazareth is the *'the one who is to come, or have we to wait for someone else'* [Matt 11:3]. At times, like John when we experience moments of doubt – the 'distance of God' – we too may question God's presence and intentions. We can take as our motto for this coming week Jesus' reply to John's disciples: *'happy the one who does not lose faith in me'* [Matt 11:6]. May God continue to reveal himself to us in this coming week in the events of our lives.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Administrator



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

Please be advised that as of the Vigil Mass on the 17th December, 2022 the **First and Second Collections** will recommence being collected during Mass.



The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year's period; closing on the 22nd December and reopening 16th January, 2023. For urgent matters please ring the emergency Mobile No. 0488 639 482.

Please join us for a memorial mass for the late Dora Gabriel to be held on Monday 19th December at 7pm.

As of the 26th December the 7.00pm Monday & Tuesday evening Masses will be on hold, resuming on Monday 16th January 2023.





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**.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

TO ENROL your child into the SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023, please fill out the application form (in Church foyer and parish office) and return by January 25th, 2023

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MUST BE:

- IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
- BAPTISED

For more details, please contact: Simone Smith

sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

0432 437 552



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

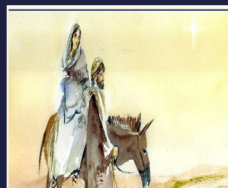


Our Lady of the Rosary



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

2022 Christmas Timetable



SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

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



SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

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

NO 6PM EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY 25TH DEC



MONDAY: FEAST OF ST STEPHEN 26 DECEMBER

7:30AM	9:30AM
MASS (POLISH)	(ENGLISH) (NO EVENING MASS TODAY)



WEEKDAY MASS 27TH DEC 2022 - 16TH OF JAN 2023

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

****MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENING MASS WILL RESUME ON THE 16TH JANUARY****