



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

01 January, 2023 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



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.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

1st Reading

Nm 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading

Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1:1:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Communion Antiphon

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of Death: Frank Treccase, Mateo Trecase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone, Maria Morabito, Fred Sulikowski, Krystyna Uszien & Lorraine Thomson.

In Loving Memory of: Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Graziella & Nina D’Amico, Harry & Eileen Small, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Carmel Windred, Littorio Kenk, Silvana Gruber, Anna Hien Dang, Joseph Kien Dang, Maria Rosa & Giuseppe Marzano, Gwen Small, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Charlie Camilleri, Giuseppe & Vincenza Cagliano, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, Domenica Cagliostro & Rebecca Banasik.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of the Christmas octave, one would expect that the liturgical focus to still be on the Christ Child. The Church, however, has us focusing rather on the person of **Mary, the Mother of God**. There is wisdom in this celebration and change of focus.

In considering the person of Mary, we can certainly realise that through her Christ was born into our world. Mary could have, humanly speaking, said no to the message of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. After all Gabriel's message was overpowering and quite mysterious to Mary, since it asked her to conceive and bear the Son of God. Full of Grace, she was able to say yes to God's wish and so was born into our human family the Creator of the human family.

In remembering Mary today – on the first day of a new year and at the end of the Christmas octave – we have recourse to meditate on the means through which the Christmas story has its origin. Mary becomes the focal point, and the Liturgy places her before us today as the model of discipleship: she was the first to hear and bear the Word of God. She was the one who pondered all these mysteries in her heart [**Luke 2:19-20**]. She was the one who was open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit even though she did not know what it entailed. What greater model for discipleship do we need in our lives? Today has been set aside by the late **Pope Paul VI [1963-1978]**, not only as the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, but also as the **world Day for Peace**. Mary, even though she experienced turbulence and disruption in her life was able to live with and through the peace that comes from being truly open to the Spirit and his message. We are asked to follow in the same footsteps. As we pray in the Prayer after Communion today: *that we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and of the Church*” we need to entrust the care of our Church to her maternal protection, especially in those areas where the Church's faithful are experiencing persecution.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

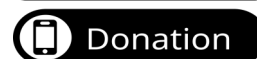


Spanish Group

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

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 693 482.

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





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

The Divine Renovation is hosting their 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference in Sydney. We encourage our parishioners to come to this unique & inspiring experience to help lead our parish from maintenance to mission.

The conference will feature talks and workshops on the topics of evangelisation and creating an invitational and missionary church. Connect with parishioners & clergy & hear inspiring stories of parishes that have seen transformation by prioritising mission.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 25TH JANUARY

TO ENROL your child into the SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023, please fill out the application form (available in Church foyer & Parish Office) & return to the Parish Office or via email: sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

NB: Parish Office closed from Dec 21st until Jan 16th, 2023. Forms can be placed in the back lock box outside Parish Office during this time.

For more details, please contact: Simone Smith
0432 437 552 (Sacramental Co-ordinator)



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