



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

08 January, 2023 - Epiphany of the Lord



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.

Epiphany of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

1st Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of Death:

In Loving Memory of: Frank Treccase, Mateo Treccase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone, Maria Morabito, Fred Sulikowski, Krystyna Uszien, Lorraine Thomson, 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, Kar-menu & Vincenza Ciantai, Charlie Camilleri, Giuseppe & Vincenza Cagliano, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, Domenica Cagliostro & Rebecca Banasik.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer

Dear Friends,

Our reaction or response to any news that is given can vary according to the recipient. We can either be gladdened by the news and its contents or its contents may unsettle us, especially if it is bad news. Or we can be indifferent to its contents altogether.

In this familiar scene of the Wise Men coming from the East to find and adore the Child challenges us to see that the Christmas story—the story concerning the birth of Jesus Christ—requires a response on our part. We note in this narrative that there are two responses. The Wise Men come in search of the Child—the infant king of the Jews, because they saw his star rising. Their response is one of wonder and wanting to find out the source of this mystery: Where is he? Who is this Child? Why have we been beckoned to follow this Star?

On the other hand, we have the response of Herod. Upon hearing the news of this infant King, Matthew tells us that Herod and all of Jerusalem were perturbed. Herod recognised this child as a threat—an element that had to be removed, because it might usurp and herald the end of his realm. Why should the whole of Jerusalem be perturbed though? We need to recognise who Herod for who he is. This is the man who ordered the murder of his mother and two sons because he saw them as threats. This is the man who had a handful of prominent Jewish people rounded up and jailed with orders to be killed upon his death, so as to ensue that at least some people would shed tears at his passing! This is the man who has John the Baptist imprisoned for speaking out about his Marital situation and who, because he did not wish to renege on an oath sworn under drunkenness, had John beheaded at the whim of his wife. We know the full extent of Herod's wanting to find the Child—he wishes to do away with him. This is the extent of his homage. In the passages that follow today's Gospel we hear of the true response of Herod. Realising that he had been foiled by the Wise Men, he ordered the deaths of all the male children, two years and over. In his actions he did not realise that God had fooled him, since Joseph had taken the Child and his mother to Egypt.

The Wise Men finally discover the Child, present him with gifts and return home, not only by a different way, but also different people. We heard during our Christmas celebrations that the first people to hear of the birth of Jesus and came to visit him were the shepherds—lowly Jewish people. Today we hear of Gentiles who come to pay homage to the Child, thus reminding us that in celebrating the Epiphany we recall that the **Christ-Child belongs to all people** and not just to a select few. It challenges us to ensure that we play our part in **revealing this great mystery** to all by word and deed. The presence of Herod in the story reminds us of the ever present dangers within our world that are trying hard to **diminish and even extinguish**

the light of Christ. As members of the body of that makes up Christ's Church, we need to ensure that our lives radiate the light of Christ.

The Epiphany reminds us that the message of the Christ Child is for the entire world. There is a danger that as we pack away the crib, its figures and structure, we may forget the real reason for this celebration. Jesus and his message may be easily left with the crib for yet another year. Francis of Assisi, the creator of the Crib, challenges us to be not only moved by the love of God in becoming one of us, but to be challenged to then take the Child and his message to the world, so that all may receive from this tremendous love. How am I moved and changed by this recent celebration of Christmas? In what ways will I be able to take the Child into the world? How will I be prepared to preach his message in word and deed throughout the year.

Fr. Robert Bossini

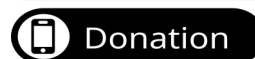
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Spanish Group

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



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)

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.



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