

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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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 Priest:** Fr Michael de Stoop  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Josh Miechels  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS  
**Seminarian:** Adrian Simmons  
**Seminarian:** Peter Khuong

**PARISH OFFICE:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**SECRETARY:** Rosalia Nauqe  
**Email:** admin@olrfairfield.org.au  
**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday: 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

**CATECHIST COORDINATOR:**  
Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**LITURGICAL COORDINATOR**  
Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**  
Lessie Pahimulin and Margaret Lim:  
Contact the Parish Office

**SUNDAY MASS**  
in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)  
*in Polish:* 7:30am  
in English: 9:00am, 10:30am  
*in Vietnamese:* 4:30pm  
in English: 6:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Mon to Fri: 9 am  
Saturday : 8:30 am  
Tuesday: 7 pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
After mass Mon to Sat  
5-6pm every Sat

**MONTHLY MASS TIMES**

**ADORATION**  
7-9am Tue-Thu

1st Friday: 9 am Mass and Devotions  
6 pm Holy Hour (Vietnamese)  
7 pm Mass & Anointing

1st Sat: 8:30 am Mass and Holy Hour

1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Burmese Mass  
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday 6:30pm

*Daily Rosary before and after Mass Mon - Sat*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

First Sunday of the Month. First part of the Baptism Ceremony takes place during the 10:30am Mass and continues after the Mass. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

After every weekday Mass, Saturday 9am and 5pm or by appointment.

**MARRIAGES** By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the month during 7pm Mass and last Saturday of the month during 8.30am Mass. For emergencies, you can call the priest on duty on Ph: 0439 615 659

## SCHOOLS

### OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064  
Principal: 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) 97241247

### MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

## PARISH GROUPS

**Charismatic** - Spanish: Saturday 11 am

**Children's Liturgy:** 2nd Sun of the Month 9am c/o Irene Taylor

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wed 6:30 pm c/o Norberto Sia

**Maltese Rosary:** Every Thur 9:30 am c/o Georgina

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Last Thursday of the month 6:30 pm c/o Marcel

**Holy Communion for the Sick & Elderly - Antoinette** 0412015469

**Catholic Women's League:** 4th Thur of the month, 12:30 pm Sandra

**Legion of Mary:** Sunday at Parish Meeting Rm. Junior group at 10:30am. Adult group at 4pm c/o Josephine 0447 438 302

**Church Cleaning Saturday:** After 8:30 am Mass. All welcome to help.

**Parish Choir :** 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the church.

**Spiritual Gym and Bible Study Group:** Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is invited.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Sunday 17 February 2019  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**First Reading** Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 1:1-4,6

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:12,16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Br Joseph Byrne, John Patrick O’Brien, Beverley Bogdanich, Marie Morel

**Anniversary of Death:** William Balamoan, Courtney Topic, Fiore Maria, Tegan Whittle, Paouia Clunich

**In Loving Memory of:** Emilio Gabriel, Specko Josip Paul, Henry Allison, Rose Bonello, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Yolanda Mapagu, Sr. Concezione Giuseppe D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Charlie Camilleri, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Vincenza & Vincenzo, Domenico, Stefano, Sam Musolino, Carmela Cagliostro, Concetizione & Concetto D’Amico, Graziella Ninae D’Amico, Gianni D’Amico, Sam Musolino, Georgina Bugeja, Maria Faccin, Harold Aviet, Christine Aviet, Karmenu, Vincenza Ciantar, Antonia & Tadeusz Konarski, John & Marjorie Windred, Steve Harsas, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Annunziata D’Amico, Domenico Marzano, Carmen & Anthony Spiteri, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Mary Rose Price, Emmanuel, John & Joseph Busuttill and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirmed:** Coralie D’Abrera, Sheila Aviet, Carmel Windred, Baby Hayden, Joanna Silva.

**Message from our Parish Priest, Fr Michael**  
**Parish’s Bank Loan is Discharged**

On behalf of the Parish, I wish to thank you for the many donations you have given over the last ten years, especially the generous donations made for the Church Building Fund, as the Parish’s bank loan has finally been discharged. The bank loan was taken out ten years ago to pay for the extension of the church, more than doubling its size.

In addition to being free of debt, the Parish is receiving rent from St Vincent’s Care Services which are now operating Rosary Village. Consequently, we can now shift our focus to the much needed pastoral outreach by which we can help the people of Fairfield be renewed in their relationship with God and thus build up our faith-community. This shift in focus will be according to what parishioners identified at the General Assemblies held on 9 January 2016 and 20 May 2017. In addition to your much valued contributions, such outreach requires the assistance of additional staff which the Parish was not able to employ until now.

Additional staff is needed for another reason. The Archbishop of Sydney has appointed me to undertake a number of duties outside the Parish. Firstly, I have been appointed as the Acting Dean of the South West Deanery (a deanery is a cluster of parishes). This role requires me to provide pastoral care and support for the priests in the parishes in the South West region of Sydney and to provide regular updates to the Archbishop regarding what needs are being faced in those parishes so that they can receive the support and resources they need. In addition to Fairfield, these parishes are: Cabramatta, Smithfield, Villawood/Sefton, Georges Hall, Holsworthy, Moorebank, Padstow, Revesby, and Panania/Revesby Heights.

Secondly, I have been appointed as an Adjunct Spiritual Director for the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Including the deacons in formation, there are now 55 seminarians, studying for the Priesthood. When I was in the seminary, I was only one of 19 seminarians when the numbers dropped to an all-time low in 1995. Now that the number of seminarians has tripled, the Seminary needs the assistance of additional priests to help provide priestly formation. Next Sunday, I will publish some information in the Parish Bulletin about the two additional staff members

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who will be working on an executive level in the Parish Office and what services they will provide to for the good of our faith-community.

If you have any questions regarding the shift of focus to provide more pastoral outreach and the corresponding need to employ more staff for the Parish Office, you can contact the members of the Parish Finance Committee and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The photographs of these members will be featured on the Parish Notice Board sometime soon. In the meantime, the names of these parishioners are:

*Parish Pastoral Council:* Sandra Skarsky (Chairperson), Magy Giuliano (Secretary), Marcel D'Abera, Lich Phan, Maria Phuong Cheng, Minh, Thuyet, Barbara Novak, Lessie Pahimulin, Thelma Osoteo, Peter Prieto, Norberto Sia, Antoinette Balamoan, Michael Matty, Manolo Patacsil, Arthur Silva, and Richie Leilua.

*Parish Finance Committee:* Ted Malicki (Chairperson), Vic Meli (Secretary), Paul Pospischil, Linh Nguyen, and Maria Phuong Cheng.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting

All members of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for and the Sick and Housebound together with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assist at the Masses are asked to attend the ministry meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019. Please contact the coordinator to confirm that you will be attending this meeting.

### Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programs 2019

Are you a parent who has a student who will be in Year 3 in OLR Primary School in 2019 or in one of the Public Schools within the boundaries of OLR Parish? If so, would you like your child to prepare for his or her First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion? If you do, *a letter has been sent to you last week* through your child's teacher which includes the Enrolment Form to register for these Sacramental Programs. Upon receiving the Enrolment Form you will need to attach: a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate; and the \$50 fee to cover all expenses for *both* the Sacramental Programs, including books, pens, certificates, etc.

### CHANGE OF DATE QUICK BIBLE FORMATION

*Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ*, as St Jerome teaches us. Following the success of our formation in the basics of Christianity during Terms 3 & 4 last year, in Term 1 2019, we will turn to the Bible using *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* over 8 weeks. We will learn what the Bible is, it's key messages, and how we can apply this to transform our experience of everyday life. **Session 1 will be in the Harrington Hall from 7:30-9:00 pm sharp Thursday 21 FEBRUARY 2019.** Cost is \$25, free for pensioners. **Places are running out**, so register quickly with Fr Josh via: [frjosh@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:frjosh@olrfairfield.org.au)

### Training for Acolytes

Training to be conducted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office for Acolytes from 9am – 12pm on *9, 16, 23 March 2019* at Harrington Hall. Subsequently, Bishop Tony will celebrate a Mass at 10:30am on 31 March at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney during which the Rite of Installation will take place. Application Forms are available at the Parish Office. All members of this ministry are asked to attend this important training including those who have already done this training. Copy of your baptism certificate have to be attached with the form.

### Liturgical Roster

The next Liturgical Roster is available for collection. You can pick up a copy from the Sacristy or email Rosa at the Parish Office for a soft copy.

Altar Server roster will be available after their training next week on Tuesday.

### Change of Mass Time on Weekdays

The Parish's car park becomes congested while students walk through it to go to the Primary School as the 9:00 am Mass approaches on weekdays. Consequently, a number of children have almost been run over. You may recall that a number of messages have been published in the Parish Bulletin about this danger last year, yet children have still almost been run over by cars in the car park. Therefore, if you have any problem with changing the weekday Mass time from 9:00 am to 9:15 am, please let the Parish Priest or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council know. As this change will reduce the risk of children being injured or killed, weekday Masses will commence starting at 9:15 am on Ash Wednesday (6 March), unless there are enough objections to make no changes to the weekday Mass time.



### Lector ministry training



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For information or bookings To schedule a training session and for fee information, please contact us at (02) 9701 4751 or visit [acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy](http://acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy)



# Patrician Brothers' College FAIRFIELD



## Open Day

**TUESDAY,  
5 MARCH 2019  
4pm-7pm**

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**23 - 24 March 2019**

All Saints Senior College Casula  
Leacocks Ln Casula NSW

### For more information, contact:

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0423045541

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*\$50.00 per person  
Includes : Workshops, morning and  
afternoon tea and  
Dinner on Saturday*