

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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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 3 March 2019

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**



**First Reading** Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2  
(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**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 which have to be attached with a copy of your baptism certificate.

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Fatima Cham, John Patrick O'Brien, Beverley Bogdanich, Marie Morel.

**Anniversary of Death:** Francisca Santoso, Patrick Power & Connie Power

**In Loving Memory of:** Paul Pace, Tegan Whittle, Marcia Stevenson, Antonio Fava, Cortney Topic, John Patrick O'Brien, Maria Dinh Thi Lieu, Paolina Climich, Richard Zamirovski, Emilio Gabriel, Specko Josip Paul, Henry Allison, Rose Bonello, Sr. Concezione Giuseppe D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Charlie Camilleri, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Vincenza & Vincenzo, Domenico, Stefano, Carmela Cagliostro, Concetizione & Concetto D'Amico, Graziella Ninae D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Francesco & 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 & Infirm:** Coralie D'Abrera, Sheila Aviet, Lyn Herbert, Carmel Windred, Baby Hayden.

Fr Josh	Mass Intentions
23 February	Intentions of the Wilson Family
24	Maureen Shamoun and Family
25	Robert and Irene Taylor
26	Vincenzo Cogliostro
27	Fatima Cham
28	Charlie Camilleri
1 March	Josephine and Carmen Camilleri
2	Domenica Cagliostro
3	Hayden



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**

You have a wonderful opportunity to send a petition to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Your petition will be read during the Novena on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Simply put your petition in the designated petition box inside the church where the Mass guide is located. We write petitions to give thanks, express our pains, needs, hopes, fears, and above all our faith in Mary's intercession and the divine power of her Son, Jesus.

## Message from our Parish Priest, Fr Michael

### Announcement about Cardinal George Pell

You would have heard the news that a jury has found Cardinal Pell guilty of assaulting two choirboys in Melbourne Cathedral in 1996. Just three points:

1. Sexual abuse is a grave sin contradictory to everything the Catholic Church exists for. If you know of it happening please report it immediately to the police;
2. The Cardinal strenuously denies this happened, and has started an appeal which may not be heard for many months. Appeals can overturn convictions, as happened last year with Archbishop Wilson; therefore, waiting to see what the appeal judges have to say would be wise; and
3. We enclose an article sent to us by Archbishop Fisher, OP written by Fr Frank Brennan, SJ. Additionally, Fr Josh, Fr Bhaskar, and I are available to talk if you wish.

### Bookkeeping for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you take Holy Communion to anyone who is housebound, please write down the name of the person to whom you are bringing the Blessed Sacrament to receive Holy Communion in the book in the Sacristy. The records in this book will enable me to be aware of the pastoral needs of the parishioners in their homes.

### Commitment Mass—Reconciliation Sacramental Program

At all the Masses this Sunday, the children who are being prepared for their First Reconciliation will be making their commitment to participate in the Sacramental Program. As they make their commitment, this will be a good opportunity for us to support them in your prayer so that they can be well prepared to encounter Jesus in this special sacrament of his mercy.

### Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholic adults. This means:

- (1) eating small simple meals (such as bread and water) throughout the day that do not add up to the size of a regular meal;
- (2) one regular meal; and
- (3) all these meals do not include meat.

All who have completed their 18th year but have not yet begun their 16<sup>th</sup> year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. I invite you to read the additional information about penitential practices during Lent which has been put on the Parish Notice Board. This information consists of the Archbishop of Sydney's pastoral letter entitled, *Lenten Penance*.

## Change of Mass Time on Weekdays

Last Sunday, a message was published in the Parish Bulletin requesting your feedback regarding whether or not you think the weekday Mass time should be changed from 9:00 to 9:15 am. This question was asked because 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 were published in the Parish Bulletin about this danger last year, yet children have still almost been run over by cars in the car park. Given that all the feedback received is in favour of changing the weekday Mass time, Masses on Monday to Friday will start at 9:15 am, but this change will not commence until Ash Wednesday (6 March).

In other words, all Masses prior to Ash Wednesday will still start at 9:00 am. This change of Mass time will also enable the parents who attend the School Assembly to come to Mass on weekdays before Mass begins.

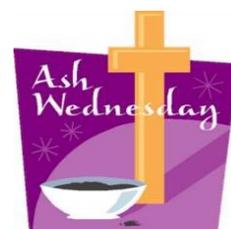
### Ash Wednesday Masses

6 March 2019

9:15 am - Parish & School

7:00 pm - Parish Mass

8:00 pm - Mass in Vietnamese



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent opens with readings that call us to penance. However, this penance must be understood within its proper context. Penance is really an attempt to correct what is upset, to repair what is broken, to atone for the wrong done. Penance must spring from a contrite heart or acts of penance can be merely external feats of endurance.

Nothing that we do can reconcile us with God. No penance, regardless of its severity, can repair a ruptured covenant bond. Only the mercy and graciousness of God can accomplish this. And God has accomplished it in the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was God's love for sinners that prompted such a magnanimous display of divine love. Through Jesus, the entire world has been reconciled to God. Now, each individual has the opportunity to be reconciled. Penance and acts of devotion are ways of benefiting from the treasury of divine mercy and love. They do not buy reconciliation; it has already been purchased.

Almsgiving and fasting and prayer are honoured ways of changing whatever prevents us from drinking from the streams of divine grace. Almsgiving reminds us of the covenant bond that joins us with each other and of the social responsibilities that accompany it. Fasting sensitises us to the dependence we have on the natural world. It also curbs our insatiable desire for more and more. Prayer unites us with God, the source of our being and our merciful covenant partner.



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## PRAYER

### PRACTICE HOPE!

Creator God,  
You are our constant hope!

In the season of Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those most marginalised.

As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion be symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family.

Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring 'good news' to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people.

We ask this in Jesus' name

AMEN

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