

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield



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
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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: 9:15 am

Saturday : 8:30 am

Tuesday: 7 pm

RECONCILIATION

After mass Mon to Sat
5-6pm every Sat

MONTHLY MASS TIMES

1st Friday: 9:15 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

ADORATION

7-9am Tue-Thu

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

Divine Mercy Novena:

Every Saturday at 7:15pm

Charismatic - Spanish:

Every Saturday 11am

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

St. Vincent de Paul:

4th Thursday of the month 6:30pm 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:

Every Sunday Junior group at 10:30am.

Adult at 4pm c/o Josephine 0447 438 302

Church Cleaning Saturday:

After 8:30 am Mass. All welcome to help.

Parish Choir:

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the church.

Bible Study Group:

(Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible) Every Thursday at 7:30pm. 8 Weeks Session at Harrington Hall.

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

Sunday 31 March 2019
4th Sunday of Lent Year C



First Reading Jos 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9
(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, ‘

“Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Lynette Yvonne Herbert, Alfred Zammit, Fatima Cham.

Anniversary of Death: Paul Mifsud, Graham & Carmel Windred, Maria Luisa Cubelo, Anna Nguyen, Agnes Dias, Manuel Dias, Thelma Helena Go Peleaz,

In Loving Memory of: Albertin & Joseph Jabroo , John Brady, David Jug & Marcia Stevenson, Catarina Nguyen & Mathew Nguyen Hue, Tegan Whittle, Marcia Stevenson, Cortney Topic, Sr. Concezione D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Charlie Camilleri, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Vincenza & Vincenzo, Domenico, Stefano, Carmela Cagliostro, Concetizione & Conchetto D’Amico, Graziella Ninnae D’Amico, Gianni D’Amico, Paul Pace, Georgina Bugeja, Maria Faccin, Harold Aviet, Christine Aviet, Karmenu, Vincenza Ciantar, 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: Mary Nguyen, Maria Pham, Carmel Windred, Baby Hayden.

Mass Intentions - Fr Josh

- 30 Joseph and Dominique
- 31 Family Cancala and Family Gjura

April

- 1 Hayden
- 2 Charlie Camilleri
- 3 Domenico Marzano
- 4 Hayden

Stations of the Cross

every Friday after

9:15am Mass and at 7pm



KID’S CORNER: Stations of the Cross for Children.

At the Children’s Liturgy kids will be given colouring pages, worksheets, crosswords puzzles and Stations of the Cross to share with their families.

Children’s Liturgy Coordinator

Message from Parish Priest Fr Michael

Weekday Mass 3 April.

Mass on Wednesday 3 April will not be at 9:15am but at 7:30am as all the priests in Sydney will be attending a meeting with the Archbishop.

Palm Leaves

You are invited to bring palm leaves to the church on Saturday 13th April for our Palm Sunday Mass.

Holy Week Roster

If you would like to participate in the Liturgy during the Holy Week please register your name in the Holy Week Volunteer registration folder available in the sacristy.

Elderly and Disabled Parishioners

Sometimes, when elderly and disabled parishioners sit at the back of the church, they remain unseen when Holy Communion is distributed. As the parishioners who are less mobile are valuable members of our worshipping community, we want them to feel warmly welcome. Accordingly, if you are an elderly or disabled parishioner, please sit up the front to make coming up the front easier, the double – doors near the organ will be open before and after Mass.



FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

Flowers are a beautiful way to make our offerings and prayers to God, to remind us of God's beauty and goodness to us, and our own vocation to be fragrant blossoms of God's love for others in the world. It is for this reason we have a parish Flowers Team who very generously volunteer to be responsible for flowers in the church.

If you would like to personally contribute, there are two ways you can do this:

1. Make a donation for the flowers to the Parish Secretary, who will pass it on to the Flowers Team.
2. Make an offering of your own flowers in one of two places: Our Lady of the Rosary, or the Grotto. **Please do not place flowers in the niches of the saints:** reverence to the saints is not just for a few but for everyone, there is not space for the flowers there, and they dirty and damage the statues and niches, requiring cleaning and expenditure by the Parish.

Thank you for your understanding! Fr Josh

The Catholic Women's League will host morning tea/lunch at Harrington Hall following the Funeral Mass for Lyn Herbert which will take place on Monday 1 April at 10.30am. All are welcome.



Lyn will be sadly missed as CWL member and a long term active member of our Parish.

Our thoughts and prayers to her families.

School News:



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School is accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten in 2020 now. If you have a child who is eligible to start school next year, that is they turn 5 in 2020 before 31 July, please pick up an enrolment pack from the school office. If you have any questions please ring the school office on 9727 9064

Jackie Vella

Principal

Parish First Reconciliation Program:

Session

- 2nd Session - 30/31 March
- 3rd Session - 6/7 April

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation: Wed 10 April - 5pm & 7pm

First Holy Communion:

Parent Information Night - 7pm Thursday 02 May

- Enrolment Sunday 19 May
- Session 1 - 25/26 May
- Session 2 - 1/2 June
- Session 3 - 15/16 June
- Retreat Day - 21 June (Friday)

Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion: 22 Sat / 23 June (Sun)

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Friendly invitation to all who are interested in joining the Divine Mercy prayer group of Our Lady Of The Rosary.



Prayer meetings will begin on the **Saturday 6th of April - 7pm, after 6pm Vigil Mass.**

“Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from my infinite mercy” p687 Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

For all enquires or questions please contact Salaalii Tuii on 0414881323

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.

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*"Hope requires that we spin a few dreams
for ourselves that are possible, doable
and desirable."*

- Joan Chittister OSB



WEEK 4: AUSTRALIA
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 31 MARCH 2019

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fourth Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.