

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165  
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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

**Dean/Parish Priest:** Very Rev Fr Michael de Stoop  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Josh Miechels  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS  
**Seminarian:** Adrian Simmons  
**Seminarian:** Peter Khuong  
**Parish Secretary:** Rosalia Nauqe  
**PARISH OFFICE:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165  
**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: 9:15 am  
Saturday: 8:30 am  
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

After Mass Mon to Sat  
5-6 pm every Sat

### ADORATION

Tue-Thu 7-9am

### MONTHLY MASS TIMES

1st Friday: 9:15 am Mass and Devotions  
6:00 pm Holy Hour (Vietnamese)  
7:00 pm Mass & Anointing

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

4th Sat: Anointing of the Sick Mass 9 am

1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Mass in Burmese

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@mmwakeley.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 7:20 pm
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:	1st Thurs 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

## 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 28 JULY 2019**



**First Reading** Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again, Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied, 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied, 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied, 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied, 'for the sake of the ten.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading** Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Belle Prieto, Mary Patrick

**Anniversary of Death:** Jean Ingram, Genoveva Da Costa, Fr Kevin Spillane, Tome Carvalho Da Silva.

**In Loving Memory of:** Pulqeria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Josep Binh Lam, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Catalina Nguyen, Mathew Nguyen Hue & Gioan Tran Thanh Huy, John Ranieri, Antonino Zarcardi, Maria Carion, Lynette Herbert, Alfred Zammit, Fatima Cham, Maria Luisa Cubelo, 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 & Concetto D'Amico, Graziella Ninae D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Paul Pace, Georgina Bugeja, Maria Faccin, Karmenu, Vincenza Ciantar, John & Marjorie Windred, Sam Musolino, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Annunziata D'Amico, Domenico Marzano, Carmen & Anthony Spiteri, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Joseph Busuttill, Mary Rose Price, Emmanuel, John & and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirm:** Gregory Murphy, Pham Kim Chuc, Carmel Windred, Aidan Cianta.

**Special Intention:** Corazon Topacio, Andrew Hanna

**Fr Josh - Mass Intentions 26-31 July**

- 26 Domenico Marzano
- 27 Joseph and Carmen Camilleni
- 28 Marjorie & John Windred
- 29 Neila Girolamo
- 30 Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar
- 31 Charlie Camilleri

**Commissioning Mass for Acolytes at St Mary's Cathedral**

The South West Region Acolytes who have done the training conducted by Fr Don from the Liturgy Office during the past weeks will be installed as Acolytes on Sunday 29 September at the 10:30am Mass in St Mary's Cathedral.

All will have to bring their own Alb and white Cincture to wear for the Rite of Installation.

If you have not yet submitted all the relevant documents that was requested to the Parish Office, including your hand written letter of petition to be admitted to the Ministry of Acolyte, you will not be installed as an Acolyte.

Therefore, if you need help to submit these documents, contact the Parish Office.

**CWF August Pastoral Appeal**

In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal,  CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

**3-4 August**, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support. Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. The agencies which provide the above services includes Catholic-Care, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

## Adrian's Thank You Letter to the Parish

To Frs Michael, Josh, Bhaskar, the Principal and Teachers at OLR Primary School, and Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield. It is hard for me to adequately thank you for the support and guidance that you have provided during my placement.



I have learnt a lot while at OLR Fairfield, from the many pastoral needs that a parish has, to the logistical complexities of maintaining a church during the heat of December and the cold of July. Probably the most important thing that I have learnt is a deeper love for Christ's Church, that is the people that make up the Church.

I have had many moments that have confirmed that God is asking me to serve you – each Catholic person as a priest – and so I am strengthened to complete my studies.

I am blessed to have a patient teacher in Fr Michael, who has allowed me the privilege of seeing the workings of Pastoral and Finance Councils – two very important things to understand so that I can serve the Church in the future. Additionally, my time in teaching Sacramental Preparation courses has allowed me to apply my learning to the teaching of the faith. Fr Josh has referred to me as his 'padawan' (referring to the way I learnt by following and imitating him), I must thank Fr Josh for his patience in helping me understand the deeper spiritual aspects of the life of the priest and always being willing to talk when I have felt overwhelmed.

Lastly, thanks to Fr Bhaskar for accompanying me in learning about ministry and sharing insights from his extensive time as a priest in India and within a religious community.

It would be impossible for me to mention all of the treasured interactions I have had with you all. I treasure the many conversations, the prayers and assistance. The opportunities to serve at the altar and as MC of a parish function. The meals that I have had with many of you, whether that was in the hall, in a home, at a BBQ or eating a Pork Roll in the shade outside the Church.

I have loved forming the young in Sacramental programs, altar serving practice and school visits. I have been honoured to help the elderly in visits to the nursing homes to give Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist and hear about the many changes that have occurred at the Parish over the years.

I take away from my 7 months at OLR Fairfield, a deeper sense of what our God wants of me. I feel exceptionally grateful for this time that I have had with you because I believe that not only have I grown in many practical aspects of ministering in a parish, I have fallen more deeply in love with God. *cont'd next page*

In trying to understand the mechanism of this growth,

I have concluded that my greater love of God has come from a deeper love of his family – you. I have truly fallen in love with the people of God, and for that, I will always be grateful to the community of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield.

Now I return to the Seminary, to finish my studies. I ask you to pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.

### Parish Priest Message:

#### Preparation Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Letters have been sent to all the students of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and the Public schools in the Parish to give to their parents. This letter details how parents can enrol their children in the Preparation Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Additionally, the letter provides the dates and times for the Parent Information Night, the four sessions in which the children will be instructed, together with the Retreat Day, to help them prepare for this sacrament. This Sacramental Program will be run by Rev Fr William Chow. You may recall that William was in our Parish in 2016 undertaking a Pastoral Placement before he was ordained as a deacon. By the time William returns to our Parish on 20 August, he will be a priest (see Ordination details below). The Sacramental Program also enjoys the support of the staff in the Parish's Primary School, especially the Principle Jackie Vella, Assistant Principal Jackie Katsibras, Religious Education Coordinator Maryanne Malone, and Family Educator Racquel Sofia.

Please keep the children who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

#### Invitation to Parishioners for Priestly Ordination

Deacon William Chow would like to invite you to his priestly ordination at St Marys Cathedral on 3 August 2019. Deacon William will be ordained with 6 other deacons by Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP. The Mass of Ordination will commence at 10:30am.

First blessings by the newly ordained priests will take place directly after Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### GENESIS BIBLE STUDY

#### CHANGE OF DATE TO 6<sup>TH</sup> AUG

Have you ever wondered...

- Why Jacob wrestled with God?
- Why God 'asked' Abraham to kill his son?
- Why the story of Lot is so weird?

You're invited to join the bible study on Genesis led by Fr Josh in the Parish centre (meeting room).

From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7:30 to 8:30pm every fortnight on Tuesday until 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Sign up via google doc form:

<https://forms.gle/pSjZegxwUTyELbiH6>

EVERYONE WELCOME  
at our Winter Gathering 2019

# Soup 4 Soul

31<sup>st</sup> July  
14<sup>th</sup> Aug and 21<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm



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Our Lady of the Rosary Parish invites you all to:

## SEE AND BELIEVE

St Augustine Movie night and Spiritual talk by Fr Michael

Friday 23 August at 6:30pm

Parish Hall (2 Weston St, Fairfield)



\*Dinner, Drinks and Snacks included\*  
Donations welcomed

### FFF3: WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

#### Compendium of the Catechism COURSE

Now is your chance to get your answers on any questions or objections of the Catholic faith.  
(Led by Fr Josh and other guest speakers)

**Date:** Meeting weekly from **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

(with breaks during school holidays)

**Time:** 7:30-9pm

**Location:** Parish Hall

Register via [fr.josh@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:fr.josh@olrfairfield.org.au)

