



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 William Chow
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS
Seminarian: Peter Khuong

Parish Secretary:

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 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

RECONCILIATION

After morning Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday 7pm only
Tues - Friday 9:15am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Tues - Sat; and
Sat, 5 - 6pm

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: 8:30am Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Mass in Burmese
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday 6:30pm

ADORATION Tue -Thu 7-9am

Daily Rosary before and after Mass, Tues- 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. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A 1 December, 2019



First Reading Is 2:1–5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two

men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Freda Kamaris, Gloria O Brien, Udite Soso.

Anniversary of Death: **Emilie Lyons**, Mary Rose Price, Franciscus Santoso, Jong Kim Hau Xua, Anna Dau, Tadeusz Konarski, Antonia Konarski, Ignac Gjura, John Ranieri, Maria Gefler, Leo Howard, Teresa Ravanagni, Fr Tom Crotty, Anna Nguyen Ngoc Hoa, Anna Nguyen Thi Chuong.

In Loving Memory of: Dinh Thi Nho, Dang Van Ngoc, Dominic, Eileen Small, Beverly Hinton, Giacomo Uglietta, Raffael Uglietto, James Singh. Annie, Mathew Gonsales, Richard Zamirowski, Anna Franc, Gabriel Femely & Vaz-zoler, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Charlie Camilleri, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Vincenza & Vincenzo, Domenico, Carmela Cagliostro, Paul Pace, Ignac Gjura, Gemma Di Carlo, Concetizione & Concetto D’Amico, Gianni D’Amico, Karmenu, Vincenza Ciantar, Graziella Nina D’Amico, Giuseppe D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Marjorie and John Windred, Stefano, Joseph Busuttil, Andy Borg, John Busuttil, Mary Rose Price, Harold Aviet, Christina Aviet, Sam Musolino, Sr Concezione D’Amico, Annunziata D’Amico, Domenico Marzano, Carmen & Anthony Spiteri, Charlie Camilleni, Giuseppe Gagliano, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 30 Mama and Papa Ahsin, Matung, Uagakome, Young, Chadwick, McElhinney, Fumuano, Paul and Mama, Brother Wayne, lost souls, those in Purgatory and members of family.
- 01 Domenico Vivona, Fusca Francesco
- 02 All souls and departed in family
- 03 Isave, Matta, Giacobe
- 04 Luke, Anna Nguyen, Peter Ha
- 05 Sr Concezione and Guiseppe D’Amico
- 06 Gianni D’Amico

First Friday Mass in December

No Mass will be celebrated on 6 Dec (First Friday of the Month) as all the Clergy in the Archdiocese of Sydney will be attending a Clergy Conference with the Archbishop.

As there will be no Mass, the following devotions will take place during Eucharistic Adoration:

- 8:15am** Rosary, Chaplet Divine Mercy, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:00am** Morning Prayer from the Divine Office
- 9:30am** First Friday Prayers to the Sacred Heart

Message from Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

In thanksgiving for the service of Fr. Bhaskar's priesthood at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield, we will be having a special bucket collection as a gift of support for his next appointment, and appreciation for sharing his life with the Parish. I know Fr. Bhaskar is not the type to expect anything in return for his service, but we would do well as a parish family to show our gratitude. The collection will take place on Sunday 1 December at all weekend Masses.

Also, you are invited to join us as we farewell Fr Bhaskar on:

Date: Sunday 1 December 2019.

Time: After the 10:30am Mass

Where: Harrington Hall

Please bring a plate of food for all to share!

Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Monday 9 December- 8:30am & 7pm

Please note that the morning Mass will only be a one-off instance in consideration of the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

A Farewell Message...

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt within the heart. I am here to articulate that most beautiful thing in the form of thanks. I hope that the remainder of the year will be a memorable year in my life. I will remember the personalities who helped me to make this year a memorable year.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Almighty Lord the unseen but surely experienced power of God the All Powerful, who has created me and left me in this garden of Our Lady of Rosary Parish with plenty of freedom except for eating from the tree at the centre. For my good luck God did not expel me from this garden. If God did not inspire me, definitely I would not be what I am. So, I thank the Almighty and ever-living God for guiding me in my way of life and protecting me from all sorts of dangers and leading me for the smooth conduct of this parish's activities.

I would specially like to thank and acknowledge Fr. Michael, the Parish Priest. I really admire and appreciate your simplicity, innocent and attractive smile of yours which helped me to be more attentive and have a keen interest to listen to you. Your friendly approach and openness made me feel at home to be open and feel free in my interactions with you in the parish. Your vast knowledge about the ministry of parish and pleasant way of presenting the sections are very remarkable. Thank you, very much dear Fr. Michael, for spending your most valuable time with me and helping me to learn about this parish's life.

I gratefully remember Rev. Frs. Josh and William for accepting me as I am. I was really moved by the simplicity of Frs. Josh and William. You have always been a constant companion in my journey and have shared with me our joys and sorrows, the ups and downs and the good times and bad times, I could always lean on you, when I stumble. Laugh with you, when I am lonely. You have always been very encouraging and supportive and I could easily approach

You. I know that these two words of thank you are quite inadequate to express my feelings for you. But still a big thank you for making this this year 2019 a memorable one.

Special thanks to our Parish Staff and to the Principal, and the Staff of OLR School and the children and to those who exercised ministry with me at the altar and in the homes of the sick and elderly, the prayer groups, and the people of the Vietnamese, Philippino, Polish and Burmese and all other communities. May God continue to shower his blessings upon you, help you to be a light for the world and lead you all to glory.

I am really moved by the simplicity of our Parishioners. You my dear Parishioners are so humble and simple that I could easily approach you. You have manifested your love for me, and I am the witness. You are always there to support me and encourage me. It is because of your understanding and accepting me with all my weaknesses, I could do all the activities in the parish.

One day brain asked the heart "why are you sending messages to so many persons who are not sending you?" Heart said to brain "you need messages but I need relations." This is what I have learnt from you all to build up healthy and life-giving relationships with everyone and wherever I go. So I assure you dear parishioners. That I will put into practice at least some of the learning's which I gained from you. Dear Parishioners, be assured that your account has been successfully recharged with my love, my wishes, my happiness, my gratitude and my prayers. Thank you very much for your love and support and for all that you are to me.

Please Pray for me. May Mary our Mother inspire us, and guide us lovingly on our journey home to the father.

With Love and prayerful wishes

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam.

LEGION OF MARY

"Our Lady of Good Counsel" Cabramatta Curia cordially invites you to celebrate our Annual General Reunion 2019.

When: Saturday, 7th December 2019

Time: 10:30am (Rosary), 11am (Mass), followed by refreshments

Where: OLR Church, 18 Vine St, Fairfield.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019 – ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (FAIRFIELD CONFERENCE)

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) - Fairfield Conference are having their annual Christmas Hamper Appeal and are asking parishioners for a small monetary donation to assist the Conference in purchasing pre packed Christmas Hampers for distribution to the less fortunate and to persons experiencing hardship in our community.

A **collection** will be held on the weekend of the **7th and 8th December 2019.**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees



2019 Christmas Party

Please join us in this celebration

Wednesday December 4, 2019

Mass and Novena

6.30pm

Followed by light dinner at

The Harrington Hall

Please bring a plate to share

Merry Christmas to one and all.

It will also be Farewell Dinner for

Fr. Bhaskar

Novena will resume 8th January 2020

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We invite all Senior Parishioners to join us in celebrating and preparing for Christmas Day on **Thursday 12 December** from 11:30am in Parish Hall.

Please **sign up and pay** at Parish office **\$15** by

Thursday 5 December 2019 for catering purposes.

For more information, contact Joyce on events@olrfairfield.org.au

VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Any Parishioner involved in a ministry in the Parish or have helped in any Parish event throughout the year are welcome to come to the Christmas Party Luncheon

Sunday 15 December after 10:30am Mass in Parish Hall.

Please **REGISTER** Full name and Parish Involvement by **Monday 9th December** for catering purposes on signup sheet in Church Foyer table OR email events@olrfairfield.org.au