

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
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www.olrfairfield.org.au
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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

Dean/Parish Priest: Very Rev Fr Michael de Stoop
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Josh Miechels
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr William Chow
Seminarian: Daniel Nakhl

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday	7pm only	RECONCILIATION
Tues - Friday	9:15am	After morning Mass
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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A 1 December, 2019

First Reading Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah



A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Saducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

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

Anniversary of Death:

Lorraine Thomson, Julian Farugia, Emilie Lyons, Mary Rose Price, Franciscus Santoso, Jong Kim Hau Xua, Anna Dau, Tadeusz Konarski, Antonia Konarski, Ignac Gjura, John Ranieri, Maria Gefler.

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 Zamirovski, Anna Franc, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick & Infirm: Aidan Cianta, Baby Vincent, Mercy, Espanol, Carmel Windred, Pham Kim Chuc, Nguyen Anh Ngoc Bao.

Special Intention: Lizzie Pace & Family.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 07 Domenico-Nicola Colaneri
- 08 3 souls of Phero, Souls of Anna, Maria Madale
- 09 Aidan Ciantar
- 10 Giuseppe Gagliano
- 11 Sr Concezione and Giuseppe D'Amico
- 12 Hayden-Sick
- 13 Antonio Brito dos Santos, Gracinda da Conceilao

Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress who are at risk of or not able to pay bills or make repayments.

Contact CCareline 13 18 19.

Message from Parish Priest

Morning Prayer from the Official Prayers of the Roman Catholic Church

The official prayers of the Roman Catholic Church, known as the Liturgy of the Hours, along with the Eucharist, has formed part of the Church's public worship from the earliest times. These prayers consist of the Psalms in the Bible, together with a reading from Scripture, and intercessory prayers. Christians of both Western and Eastern traditions (including the Latin Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Assyrian, Anglican, Lutheran, and some other Protestant churches) celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours in various forms and under various names.

Last Friday, Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours was prayed by the faithful instead of the First Friday evening Mass because all the clergy were with the Archbishop at a Clergy Conference. Some parishioners have asked why a Communion Service cannot be celebrated when no priest is available. This practice is usually reserved for countries where no priests are available for weeks on end; otherwise, the mistaken impression is given that the central feature of the Eucharist is the reception of Holy Communion. The Eucharist is not only a *Sacrament*, but a *sacrifice*. Unlike a Communion Service, the Mass is a sacramental representation of the Sacrifice of Christ that took place once and for all.

When Jesus gave us the Eucharist at the Last Supper, he gave us this Sacrament as the fulfilment of the Old Testament Passover meal. The significance of the Passover meal began, not with the meal itself, but with the *actual sacrifice* of the Paschal Lamb which was the *central feature* of the whole Passover. There is further evidence that the sacrifice of the paschal victim was central to the Passover. Participating in the Passover by observing the sacrifice of the paschal lamb was deemed so important by the Jews, that failure to attend this sacrifice resulted in excommunication for all males twenty years old and upwards. Since the Eucharist is the fulfilment of Passover meal, participating in the Sacrifice of Christ is the *central feature* of the celebration of this sacrament, not the reception of Holy Communion.

In light of this understanding, the Liturgy of the Hours is a better alternative than a Communion Service, when a priest is only temporarily unavailable, as the Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. Since Jesus himself prayed the Psalms, the Church teaches that Christ's prayer is continued by the Church when the faithful pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Given that no Mass is celebrated on Monday mornings, I invite you to participate in Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours which will take place every Monday morning at 9:15 am.

Use of the Photocopier in the Parish Office

Apart from the parishioners who have received authorisation to use the Parish's photocopier to photocopy documents relating to the ministries, no one can use the photocopier without my prior approval or one of the Assistant Priests in my absence.

Bucket Collection for Fr Bhaskar Mendam, MSFS

On behalf of OLR Parish, I thank you for the generous support you have provided for Fr Bhaskar Mendam, MSFS as a token of appreciation for his pastoral care and service. The contributions you made to the bucket collection after all the Masses last Sunday also provide assistance for Fr Bhaskar's transition to his new appointment in Panania and Revesby Parishes. The total amount raised by your donations amounts to \$1,265. Additionally, the devotees of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena group donated \$430. Thus, the overall donations you provided for Fr Bhaskar amounts to \$1,695.

PARISH ADVENT CALENDER

A reminder that the Parish has started an **Advent Calendar** which includes, daily Gospel readings, Collect prayers of the day and an Advent Act. This is available daily on Our Lady of the Rosary **Facebook page** and in **print form** on the entrance door of the Church on the side. We hope this Advent season is a fruitful time in preparation for Christmas Day!

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.**

Christmas Remembrance Service

Catholic Cemeteries Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to a special Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those we have lost during 2019 and in past years with music performed by Artes Christi.

Sunday 15 December, 2019 at 7:30pm
St Mary's Cathedral, College St, Sydney



KID'S CORNER

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Join the Children in Celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve.

Tuesday 24th December 2019

Children are invited to dress as Angels.

Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

For information regarding requesting prayers, membership of Our Lady's Perpetual Lamp or Auxiliary, the Brown Scapular, work for sale such as vestments, linens and vocation information about our Monastery, especially for young women who are considering a contemplative vocation go to our website: <https://launcestoncarmel.com>

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 **Tuesday 10th December** 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 **Tuesday 10th December** for catering purposes on signup sheet located on the Church Foyer table OR email events@olrfairfield.org.au

Immaculata Mission School 2020

A ten-day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more!

The Mission school will take place from the **1st of January until the 10th of January 2020**
Located at **The Glennie School, Toowoomba QLD** for youth 15– 35 years old.

For more info or to register: www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or 0406 372 608

Campion College Summer Program

Registrations for our Summer Program are now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in Campion College or the liberal arts, encourage them to sign up for our immersive five-day program.

Free to attend thanks to our generous donors but spaces are limited!
Local and interstate students welcome.

Dates: 5th– 9th January OR 13th– 17th January 2020

Find out more and register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

Save the date: Sisterhood Conference 2020

Catholic Women, Take Note!

The Sisterhood Conference will feature a stellar line-up of keynote speakers including Karen Doyle, Monica Doumit and Sr Maria Joy OP, as well as a range of high quality workshops to help you grow in your identity as a daughter of God.

Dates: 20 – 22 March, 2020

Location: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

Registrations: www.sisterhood.org.au