

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
Mobile No. Sick Calls: 0439 615 659

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A 15 December, 2019

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

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

Anniversary of Death: Lorraine Thomson, Julian Farugia, Fred Sulikowski

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, Ana Fernandes Da Silva

In Loving Memory of: Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenzo Cianta, Harold Aviet, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Paul & Pina Anisa, Joseph Busuttill, Maryrose Price, Mena Borg, Dinh Thi Nho, Dang Van Ngoc, Dominic, Eileen Small, Beverly Hinton, Giacomo Uglietta, Raffael Uglietto, James Singh, Annie, Mathew Gonsales, Richard Zamirowski, Anna Franc, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

Special Intention: Lizzie Pace & Family. Giuseppe Surace & Baby Surace. All for fighters and for rain to fall on the places that most need it.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 14 Concetto Annunziata D'Amico
- 15 Intentions of Katarina Kelekovic
- 16 Intentions of Teresa Culjak
- 17 Peter and Mary
- 18 Vincenzo Cagliostro
- 19 Family Gabriel and Vazzoler
- 20 Giuseppe Gagliano

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.

Do you need some parenting help?

Parenting can be stressful at times. Parent Line counsellors can help with strategies to manage these concerns. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

Call Parent Line to find out more

Parent Line NSW
1300 1300 52
Parentline.org.au

info@parentline.org.au
9am - 9am weekdays
4pm - 9pm weekends

Message from Parish Priest

Common Means of Preparing for Christmas

A common practice during the season of Advent is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can prepare our hearts to receive the gift of God's love in a profound way during Christmas. This practice is counter-cultural. Our contemporary culture conditions us to think that what makes us loveable are our accomplishments by which we prove we are worthy of attention, appreciation, acceptance, and affection. In truth, what renders us to become more receptive to the unconditional love of God is not our strengths, but our weaknesses. Even the Son of God chose to be born as a vulnerable baby in a poor stable. Thus, Jesus' birth models for us how we can be receptive to the loving, empathetic, and compassionate embrace of God the Father as well as our neighbour.

As a penitent (yes, priests receive this sacrament, too), I personally encounter Christ in ways that constantly surprise me. That the "bad news" of my sins can be exchanged for the Good News of Christ appears too good to be true; namely: his assurance that he still loves me unconditionally and that he wants to heal, strengthen, encourage and make me more like himself. There is no "raw deal" in that marvellous exchange! This encounter does not simply take place in the exchange of words themselves, because the tone of his voice, together with all the other characteristics of his demeanour, also convey Christ's compassionate and non-judgmental understanding. The more transparent I am, the more "transparent" the priest is; transparent in the sense that I can "see through" him and recognise Christ!

Extra Confession Times Before Christmas

In addition to the regular Confession times after each Mass on Monday to Saturday and one hour before the 6 pm Vigil Mass, Confession will be available on Wednesday to Friday (18–20 December) from 3–4 pm. This time may be particularly convenient if you are a parent who picks up your children after school.

A Chat with a Seminarian

Before entering the seminary I had a very strong conversion. Given I was already Catholic that might sound strange, but I had many questions. I wanted to make sense of things, to understand more deeply the beliefs of the Church. I was on a quest to discover more about what I believed. I found so much more than I expected. I would love to know if you have had similar experiences or questions. If so, I am available to chat with you and together discover a deeper experience.

So, if you are seeking after truth, have questions, queries, concerns, things you are unsure of, troubles in standing up your faith; perhaps you are wondering, "Why does the Church teach this?" "What is the Church?" – any question at all – come and chat.

COST: Free. Yes! No charge.

WHEN: After Sunday or weekday Mass, or a time of your own choosing, as I can accommodate date my schedule to your needs – Daniel.

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!



Preparing for Jesus' Birthday

On **Sunday 22 December 2019**, after the **9:00 am Mass**, we will be celebrating the arrival of Baby Jesus. We will have balloons, party hats, bon-bons and more. We will be inviting the children to write a letter to Jesus, which will be presented in the offertory procession during the Christmas Eve Mass.

Children MUST be accompanied by Parents/Guardians

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Join the Children in Celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve,
6:00 pm, Tuesday 24 December 2019
Children are invited to dress as Angels.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass:

6:00 pm (English), 8:30 pm (Vietnamese)

Christmas Midnight Mass: 12:00 am (English)

Christmas Day Mass:

7:30 am (Polish), 9:00 am & 10:30 am (English)

Please note: *No Christmas Day Evening Mass.*

Christmas Confession Times

See message in left-hand column

OLR Priests' Pastoral Home Visits

The Priests of Our Lady of the Rosary will be offering to visit parishioners at their homes in the month of December.

Pastoral home visits will be available on **Saturdays and Sundays from 3-3:30 or 4-4:30pm.**

Please **register** your details in **Church Foyer.**

There will be a clipboard in the foyer of the church to request a priest to visit your home.

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>

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

Christmas on the Streets 2019

The Knights of the Immaculata are hosting their 8th Annual *Christmas on the Streets* procession throughout the streets of Sydney. The theme for the walk is "Jesus is the reason for the season". The walk will begin in St John Paul II Chapel at Sydney University, and continue to St. Mary's Cathedral, then back to the St. John Paul II chapel for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This event is open to all ages.

Date & Time: Friday 20 December 7 – 10:30 pm

Location: Gather at **St John Paul II Chapel: 150 City Road, Darlington**

Enquiries: Tony on 0401 364 335 or tony.mattar@sydneycatholic.org

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