

# 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  
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  
**Seminarian:** Daniel Nakhil

**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

*See Christmas Mass times inside the Bulletin*

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Monday 7pm only  
Tues - Friday 9:15am  
Saturday: 8:30 am

**RECONCILIATION**  
After morning Mass  
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

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| 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.<br>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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 22 December, 2019

**First Reading** Is 7:10-14

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?  
The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**Second Reading** Rom 1:1-7

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 1:18-24

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must

name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



Image: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/philippe-de-champaigne-the-dream-of-saint-joseph>

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Deborah Titon, Sam Musolino, Rijina Yousif and Suham Hanna, Joanna Ty, Lorraine Thomson, Julian Farugia, Fred Sulikowski, 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:** Paul Pace, Domenico Marzano, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenza 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 & Infirmed:** 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

- 21 Graziella Nina D'Amico
- 22 Concetto Annunziata D'Amico
- 23 Lorraine Thomson 2nd Anniversary
- 24 Concetto Annunziata D'Amico
- 25 Venus/Mercy Espanol who is ill
- 26 Maria DSouza and Lazarus DSouza
- 27 Rijina Yousif and Suham Hanna

### 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

### Love, joy and peace at Christmas

The CatholicCare family wish you a happy, holy and peace-filled Christmas. May the birth of our Lord renew you with love, joy and peace this Christmas time.

*For help finding help, call*

**CCareline 131819**

CatholicCare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org

🕒 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday

## Message from Parish Priest

### Fundraising for Flowers

The Vietnamese community have raised \$2,235 during their fundraising event during which they sold Vietnamese food. These funds will assist the volunteer florists to buy flowers that they prepare for the church every week. On behalf of the Parish, I thank everyone who contributed this fundraising event by preparing, selling, and purchasing the food.

### St Lorenzo's Choir

During the period from the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 and the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, the St Lorenzo's choir will not be singing at the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

## 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.*

## 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.

## FREE FURNITURE

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School has purchased new furniture for the classrooms. There are a number of chairs, student desks, teachers desks, filing cabinets, storage cupboards and tables that we would like to offer to the parishioners. The furniture is located in the undercroft below the school hall. Please help yourself.

I would like to wish all the parishioners a happy and holy Christmas.

Best wishes, Jackie Vella.

**Principal**

## Prayer to St Joseph

Joseph, man of silent prayer,  
as you carried Christ in your arms,  
teach me to hold him in my heart.

Brian Moore, S.J. *Devotions to St Joseph*

## 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!



### Congratulations!

The winners of the Christmas Colouring Competition are Christopher Youkhanna and Matthew Youkhanna. Prizes will be presented at this Sunday 9:00am Mass.

### Preparing for Jesus' Birthday

On **Sunday 22 December 2019**, after the **9:00am 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.*

## POSITION VACANT — PARISH SECRETARY

### **ST CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA & ST. PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS**

Parish Office: 233 Tower St. Panania NSW 2213

Hours required: Tues to Friday - 9am to 3pm  
Total 24 hours part time. Must be available during school holidays. Office experience is essential and previous Parish Office experience would be preferable. If you are interested in applying for this position please ring the Parish Office 02 9774 3662 or email [stparishmanager@gmail.com](mailto:stparishmanager@gmail.com) to request a detailed job description and criteria form to enable you to submit your resume in writing.

Applications close 2 January 2020.

## 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>



## Change in the Way Holy Communion is Distributed

This catechetical card on Holy Communion is available in the foyer of the church.

This card was published after the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was consulted regarding the need to provide instruction regarding why the chalice should not be offered at every Mass. For most of her history, the Roman Catholic Church has only distributed Holy Communion under the form of bread to all the faithful in the assembly.

In 1986, St Pope John Paul II made some changes to liturgical law to permit Catholic laity who congregate for Mass in Australia, under certain circumstances, to also receive the Precious Blood.

Accordingly, **from 1 January 2020** the chalice will only be offered during the special times specified in the card. If you have any questions, you can ask the Parish's clergy or any member of the PPC.

### Mailchimp Mailing List

We encourage you to subscribe to our monthly **event's online newsletter** through Mailchimp to receive latest updates, event details and announcements of the Parish for next year 2020.

Please write your **full name, mobile and email** on the sheets on the table at the foyer of the Church or sign up on our website.

For more info or any questions, feel free to email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

### COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES

A reminder for all those who volunteered at Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day celebrations on Sunday 6th October to collect their certificates in Parish office.

**Monday 23 December is the last day Parish office is opened and to be reopened 2 January 2020.**

Please come collect certificates before Monday 23rd December or after Thursday 2nd January. Thank you.

For more info or any questions, feel free to email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sisterhood.org.au)