

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
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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 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

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@mmewakeley.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.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

YEAR A 25 December, 2019

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 9:5*

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of
great counsel.

First Reading *Is 52:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one
who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings
happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout
for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as
he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his
people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy
arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of
the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3*

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.

Second Reading *Heb 1:1-6*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the proph-
ets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken
to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to
inherit everything and through whom he made every-
thing there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory
and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the uni-
verse by his powerful command; and now that he has
destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take
his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majes-
ty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title
which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, to-
day I have become your father, or: I will be a father to
him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the
First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of
God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 1:1-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all
things came to be, not one thing had its being but
through him. All that came to be had life in him and that
life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the
light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not
accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become
children of God, to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only
Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:

'This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me
ranks before me

because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come
through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is
nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God.



Innocence by William-Adolphe Bouguereau

Christmas Message from our Parish Priest Fr Michael

When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had to flee him to safety. The world is a dangerous place at times. In his time, the danger came from King Herod's order fuelled by envy to kill all babies under two years of age. In our time, the danger is coming from the 2019 Abortion Law Reform Act and the 2019 Euthanasia Bill. Further danger is coming from a devastating drought and bushfires. While running from danger is a natural response, worshipping a baby who claims to be God is not; rather, this response is supernatural. Essentially, we need grace to believe that God has become one of us. Yet, the power this grace provides is so strong that no danger is menacing enough to shake our belief. Indeed, we believe in God who loves us so much that he has become one of us to overcome the darkness in the world. For example, consider the many Christian brothers and sisters of ours in the Middle East who were threatened by terrorists in 2019 along with many previous years. They preferred to die than to give up their faith. He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. Such faith is unshakeable.

This Christmas, I invite you to join me in praying for our farmers who are struggling in the drought and the people whose livelihood has been lost in bushfires, or even their very lives in their courageous attempt to put them out. We pray also for peace in war-torn countries, the peace that God alone can give. Although the world is not a safe place at certain times, we trust that our faith gives us the greatest degree of security because its rewards have no end on earth through our witness, and no end in eternity.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

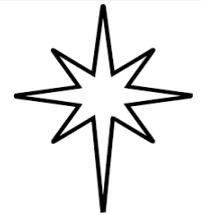
Recently Deceased: Carmen Mula, Barry Wilson, Freda Kamaris, Gloria O'Brien, Udite Soso.

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: Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Paul Pace, Domenico Marzano, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Paul & Pina Anisa, Joseph Busuttill, Maryrose Price, Mena Borg, Dinh Thi Nho, Dang Van Ngoc, Dominic, Eileen Small, Beverly Hinton, 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 fire fighters and for rain to fall on the places that most need it.

“Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.”
St. Ambrose of Milan



The Adoration of the Shepherds by Murillo, Bartolome Esteban

An excerpt from a Christmas Homily by St. John Chrysostom

What shall I say! And how shall I describe this Birth to you? For this wonder fills me with astonishment. The Ancient of days has become an infant. He Who sits upon the sublime and heavenly Throne, now lies in a manger. And He Who cannot be touched, Who is simple, without complexity, and incorporeal, now lies subject to the hands of men. He Who has broken the bonds of sinners, is now bound by an infant's bands.

But He has decreed that ignominy shall become honour, infamy be clothed with glory, and total humiliation the measure of His Goodness.

For this He assumed my body, that I may become capable of His Word; taking my flesh, He gives me His spirit; and so He bestowing and I receiving, He prepares for me the treasure of Life. He takes my flesh, to sanctify me; He gives me His Spirit that He may save me.

Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back...

Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He became Flesh. He did not become God. He was God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom heaven did not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was placed in a manger, so that He, by whom all things are nourished, may receive an infant's food from His Virgin Mother. So, the Father of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestles in the virginal arms, that the Magi may more easily see Him. Since this day the Magi too have come, and made a beginning of withstanding tyranny; and the heavens give glory, as the Lord is revealed by a star.

To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.

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.

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

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

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



Join the children in celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord on Sunday the 5th of January 2020 at the 9:00am Mass.

FREE FURNITURE

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School has purchased new furniture for the classrooms. There are a number of chairs, student desks, teacher's 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**

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 the 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

POSITION VACANT — PARISH SECRETARY

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

Hours required: Tues to Friday - 9am to 3pm

Part time position. 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 stcparishmanager@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.