

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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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](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.**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Midnight Mass)**  
**YEAR A 25 December, 2019**

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.

**First Reading** Is 9:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1-3, 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

**Second Reading** Ti 2:11-14

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

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it

could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 2:1-14

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest  
heaven

and peace to men who enjoy  
his favour.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh,  
and we have seen his glory.



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:

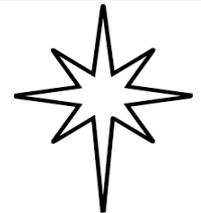
**Recently Deceased:** Carmen Mula, Barry Wilson, Freda Kamaris, Gloria O'Brien, Udite Soso.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.