



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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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 Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
YEAR A 29 December, 2019**

**Entrance Antiphon** Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading** Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Second Reading** Col 3:12-21

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents

always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A holy day has dawned upon us.  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

*A reading from the holy*

*Gospel according to Matthew*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

**Communion Antiphon** Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Holy Family by Claudio Coelho

**Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels**

- 28 Vincent, Martha
- 29 Paul Pace (cf later masses also for this offering given lengthy timespan)
- 30 Ana Fernandes da Silva
- 31 Concetto Annunziata D'Amico
- 01 Personal intention
- 02 Sr Concezione and Giuseppe D'Amico
- 03 Domenico Cagliostro

## Message from the Parish Priest

### Happy New Year

As we transition into the year 2020, I want to assure you of my prayers for a happy New Year. Happiness is an elusive quality, for we cannot guarantee experiencing it when we look for it, in an effort to grasp it; rather, happiness is always the consequence of the choices we make as we strive for virtue. These choices are the ones that do not involve denying our identity in Christ in order to be loved.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember that Jesus' Birth has made participating in his identity possible through the Sacrament of Baptism. Embedded in Baptism is the power through the Holy Spirit to participate in Christ's identity as beloved sons and daughters of God the Father *now* in this life. God designed our hearts to enjoy the same profound intimacy Jesus enjoys with his Father. Jesus longs for his "own joy" he has with his Father to "be in you," so that "your joy be complete" (Jn. 15:11).

While this joy will only be complete after our death if we are faithful to the end, Jesus wants us to experience a foretaste of this delight interiorly and mystically in a manner expressed in the Acts of the Apostles: "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). May the New Year be a year that is characterised by truly living in Christ's sandals so that we can be receptive to the love of God the Father as Jesus indeed is.

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Casey Murphy, 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:** Helen 'Didang' Gascon, Rufino Baby Llagas Jnr, Albertin and Joseph Jabroo, 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 & 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 fire fighters and for rain to fall on the places that most need it.

### Excerpts' from a Homily for the Feast of the Holy Family by *St Josemaria Escriva*



At Christmas our thoughts turn to the different events and circumstances surrounding the birth of the

Son of God. As we contemplate the stable in Bethlehem or the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Mary, Joseph and the Child Jesus occupy a special place in our hearts. What does the simple, admirable life of the Holy Family tell us? What can we learn from it?

I would like particularly to comment on one of the many considerations that we might make on this theme. As we read in Holy Scripture, the birth of Jesus means the beginning of the fullness of time. It was the moment God chose to show the extent of His love for men, by giving us his own Son. And God's will is fulfilled in the simplest, most ordinary of circumstances: a woman who gives birth, a family, a home. The power of God and his splendour come to us through a human reality to which they are joined. Since that moment Christians have known that, with God's grace, they can and should sanctify everything that is good in their human lives. There is no human situation, no matter how trivial and ordinary it may seem, which cannot be a meeting place with Christ and a step forward on our journey towards the kingdom of heaven...

To every Christian, whatever his state in life —priest or layman, married or single—we can apply fully the words of the Apostle, which we read precisely on the feast of the Holy Family: "...chosen by God, holy and beloved." This is what we all are, each one in his place and position in the world, despite our errors and in the midst of the struggle to conquer them: men and women chosen by God to give witness to Christ and to bring all those who surround us the joy of knowing that we are God's children.

### 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)



## 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)

## KID'S CORNER

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**

## Prayer to the Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph;  
I give you my heart and my soul.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph;  
Assist me in my last agony.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph;  
May I sleep and take my rest  
and peace in you.*

## POSITION VACANT — PARISH SECRETARY FOR

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA &

ST. PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS

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 [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.