



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
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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

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 to 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
1st Sat: 8:30 am Mass and Holy Hour
4th Sat: 8:30am Mass
1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Mass in Burmese
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday 6:30pm

Anointing of the Sick: During morning Mass on the 4th Saturday of January, April, July, and October, or by request at any other time.

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 Thurs 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 Epiphany of the Lord 05 January, 2019

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night
still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his
glory appears. The nations come to your light and
kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons
from far away and your daughters being tenderly
carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart
throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will
flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries
of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of
the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you,
and that it was by a revelation that I was given the
knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has
now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy
apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in
past generations; it means that pagans now share
the same inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body, and that the same promise has been
made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born
at Bethlehem in Judaea
during the reign of
King Herod, some wise men
came to Jerusalem from the
east. 'Where is the infant
king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it
rose and have come to do
him homage.'



Adoration of the Magi by Bartolome Murillo

When King Herod heard
this he was perturbed, and so was the whole
of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and
the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the
Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they
told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star
had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and
find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have
found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him
homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say,
they set out. And there in front of them was the star they
had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place
where the child was. The sight of the star filled them
with delight, and going into the house they saw the child
with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did
him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered
him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they
were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and
returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 04 Deborah Titon - 1st anniversary
- 05 Charlie Camilleri
- 06 Joseph and Carmen Camilleri
- 07 Karmenu and Vincenza
- 08 Giuseppe Gagliano
- 09 Graziella Nina D'Amico
- 10 Giacomo et Raffaele Uglietta

Message from the Parish Priest

Prayer for Rain

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Pray for us
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Pray for us
St Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters – Pray for us
Amen.

Gratitude for Aloma Pospischil

On behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, I express my gratitude for Aloma Pospischil's many years of service in directing the Sunday 9 am Choir. Given that Aloma has decided to resign from her voluntary position as Choir Director, I wish to acknowledge the significant contribution she has made. By directing the Choir to sing in harmony, she has helped all of us in the entire assembly to lift up our own voices to God in prayerful worship every Sunday. In honour of her committed service to our worshipping community, a Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to Aloma during the 9 am Mass this Sunday.

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

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

Anniversary of Death: Maria Canh, Maria Nguyen, Maria Man, Giuse Hy, Giuse Hien, Joanna Ty, Deborah Titon, Sam Musolino, Rijina Yousif and Suham Hanna, 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: Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Charlie Camilleni, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Helen 'Didang' Gascon, Rufino Baby Llagas Jnr, Albertin and Joseph Jabroo, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Harold Aviet, 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 Sermon for The Epiphany of the Lord by *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Today the Magi came from the East, seeking the risen Sun of justice, Him of Whom we read, "Behold a man, the Orient is his name." Today the Magi adored the new-born Child of the Virgin, following the guidance of the newly risen star. And have we not here a great cause for consolation? God spoke. They answered, not by their words, but by their works.

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? God is in His holy Temple. God's seat is in the highest heaven, and do you seek Him in a poor stable, in the lap of a maiden-Mother? What are you doing? Do you offer Him gold? Is He, then, a King? If so, where is His palace? Where His throne? Where the retainers of His regal court? Is a stable His palace? A manger His throne? Are Mary and Joseph the sole occupants of His audience-chamber? Are you become foolish, O Wise Men, that you can adore a Child, despicable alike for His age and for the poverty of His surroundings? Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise. They are foretaught by the Holy Spirit, who afterwards breathed on the Apostle, when he said: "If any man among you seem to be wise, ... let him become a fool that he may be wise." Because, since the world could not through wisdom know God in His wisdom, it pleases God through the foolishness of preaching, as St. Paul calls it, to save those who believe...

They expect to find the King in the royal city, but they are directed to little Bethlehem, "the least among the thousands of Juda." They enter the stable, they find the Babe in swaddling-clothes. The repulsiveness of the place deters them not, the swathing-bands offend them not, the Child at His Mother's breast shocks not their faith; they fall down and worship Him as their King, they adore Him as their God. He Who had led them thither Himself instructs them. He Who had spoken outwardly by the star now teaches them secretly in their hearts. This day is therefore made doubly glorious and sacred by the new manifestation of our Lord and by the devout adoration of the Magi.

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

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



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Bushfires in NSW and VIC

As we watch the horrific bushfires destroy many parts of our country, see families fleeing from their homes and losing loved ones, we may feel helpless in the face of this disaster. We admire and thank the many selfless volunteers fighting these fires, yet there are also ways we can help.

St Vincent de Paul have begun a *Bushfire Appeal*, in which they are helping many in need. A donation of \$50 to the appeal can provide food for a family who have been evacuated from their home. A donation of \$150 can help with bills and unexpected expenses for a household recovering from a bushfire. Any amount whether large or small will assist and bring relief to those suffering during this time.

If you wish to donate, you can use this link to the St Vinnies website: <https://bit.ly/35phzzq>

Many Australians need your help today



Food in tough times

Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.



Clothing and essentials

Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothing and toiletries to give comfort and dignity.



Support to recover

Your donation enables us to be there for the long haul, helping families to move back home and replace damaged furniture.

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.

Please come and 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