

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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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 Officer

Lessie Pahimulin: Contact 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

## Other 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  
1st Sunday: 1:30 pm Mass in Burmese  
1st Wednesday: 6:30pm Mass & Novena

**Daily Rosary** before and after Mass, Tues - Sat



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**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fairfield Parish**

for more updates and info on news and events.

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation

After morning Mass: Tuesday to Saturday  
Saturday: 5 - 6pm

### Baptisms

First Sunday of the Month. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

### Marriages

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

### Anointing of the Sick

During the Saturday morning Mass on 25 January, 25 April, 25 July and 24 October or by request at any other time.

## 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@mmcwakeley.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](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 Baptism of the Lord 12 January, 2019

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### **First Reading** Is 42:1-4, 6-7

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of  
right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and  
light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### **Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Mt 3:13-17

#### **A reading from the holy**

#### **Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

### **Communion Antiphon** Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



The Baptism of Christ by Bartolome Murillo

## Message from the Parish Priest

### Today is the Last Day of Christmas

According to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time does not officially begin until the Monday after the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This means that the Christmas Season actually extends beyond the so called 'Twelve Days of Christmas.' So, on behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, I hope you receive much grace on this last day of Christmas, especially since what we celebrate at Jesus' Birth has much in common with his Baptism, even though many years took place between these two events in his life.

Ultimately, just as Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God longs to be born anew in our hearts. We share God's desire in Christmas as we open up our hearts to receive him. The Sacrament of Baptism makes this new birth possible. Indeed, we are called to experience a psychological awakening to the spiritual dynamic that has already happened in the Sacrament of Baptism. Embedded in Baptism is the power through the Holy Spirit to participate in Christ's relationship with his 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).

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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).

### Change to the Schedule for Anointing Masses

The Anointing Masses are Masses in which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick takes place within them as a communal celebration. Thus, they provide us as a worshipping community with the opportunity to pray in solidarity for parishioners among us who are suffering from a significant or chronic illness in the hope that God in his love and compassion may bring them healing through the Anointing of the Sick.

This year, the schedule for the Anointing Masses has changed. Rather than take place on the first Friday of the month in evening and the last Saturday of the month in the morning, these Anointing Masses will take place four times a year (see front page of Parish Bulletin for more details). The reason for this change of schedule was announced at the Anointing Mass which took place on 3 January. This announcement has been published and is available in the foyer on the car park side of the church.

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Barbara McCarthy, Gwen Small, Casey Murphy, Carmen Mula, Barry Wilson.

**Anniversary of Death:** Jan Danielski, Cecilia Nguyen, John Patrick O'Brien, Ana Fernandes, Tomez Da Silva, 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 and Fred Sulikowski

**In Loving Memory of:** Grete Danielski, Stefan Genowfa, Peter Kotulski, 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, Paul & Pina Anisa, Joseph Busuttill, Maryrose Price, Mena Borg, Dinh Thi Nho, Dang Van Ngoc 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:** Rion Goodnight, Lizzie Pace & Family. Giuseppe Surace & Baby Surace.

All fire fighters and for rain to fall on the places that most need it.

## SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING

The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney is pleased to announce that 'Safeguarding Induction Training' is now available *online*. This is an opportunity to those volunteers who have not done the training to do so. Click on the link below (or copy the link to open it). <https://bit.ly/2Gky9sb>

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Online Training Registration page will be displayed. On it you will be asked to provide some details like name, email address, parish in which you work in, and your position/volunteering work you do in the parish in order to access the induction training. After completing the online registration form, you will receive a message to your nominated email address containing your username, password and a link that will take you directly to the training. (*Note: the email/message may arrive quickly or may take some time to arrive depending on the number of registration requests the Safeguarding office received*).

At the end of the induction training session, a 'Safeguarding and Child Protection Induction Training Certificate' will be *generated* indicating that you have successfully completed the training. Please provide a copy of this certificate to the Parish Office so we can update our records. Thank You.

### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 11 Personal intention no. 42
- 12 Maureen Trehey
- 13 Personal intention
- 14 Paul Pace
- 15 Graziella Nina D'Amico
- 16 Vincent Dinh Duc Thuan
- 17 All souls and babies' souls

### 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.

### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

The novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help has resumed at Our Lady of the Rosary Church last Wednesday 08 January 2020. Please join us every Wednesday at 6:30pm to show our deep devotion to our Mother for her constant intercession and assistance to all of us.



## THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The members of St Vincent de Paul Society thank everyone for their generous response towards the bucket collection held at all Masses on 7 & 8 December 2019 for their Christmas Hamper Appeal. A total of \$2,265 was raised & greatly appreciated by the members of the Fairfield Conference. Members of the Society would also like to thank the Vietnamese Community for the special collection they held for the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Hamper Appeal.

A total of \$820 was raised in that collection.

A grand total of \$3,085 was raised for this Appeal.

We thank you once again for your continued generosity and support and wish you all a Very Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous NEW YEAR.

## OLR FEAST DAY 2019 PHOTOS

Photos from last year's Feast day celebrations are available to be picked up from the Parish office (Monday-Friday 9- 4pm). Please feel free to collect them as there are many and they need to go. Thank you.



## OLR YOUNG ADULTS PICNIC

Young Adults (18-35) are invited to the picnic lunch after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 19 January 2020.

This will be a good opportunity to get to meet and know the Young Adults of the Parish and make new friends in faith. Please bring a plate of food to share.

## 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 January. 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.

## 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

## Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea.

Call CCareline to find out more

CCareline 131819  
CatholicCare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org  
🕒 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday



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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.