



# 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 Presentation of the Lord Year A

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### **First Reading** Mal 3:1-4

#### *A reading from the prophet Malachi*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

**(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

### **Second Reading** Heb 2:14-18

#### *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Lk 2:22-40

#### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord:

Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to see,

a light to enlighten the pagans

and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### **Communion Antiphon** Lk 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation,

which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



*The Presentation of the Temple by Philippe de Champaigne*

### **Important Information about the Parish Office**

Please note that the Parish Office will be  
**closed** all day on the **13th of February 2020** as all  
staff will be in training.

## Message from the Parish Priest

### The Presentation of the Lord

This week, I would like to leave you with this reflection by Pope Francis on today's Feast.

"Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the "Feast of Encounter": it is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple.

In the Temple, there is also an encounter between two couples: the young Mary and Joseph, and the elderly Simeon and Anna. The old receive from the young, while the young draw upon the old. In the Temple, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their people. This is important because God's promise does not come to fulfilment merely in individuals, once for all, but within a community and throughout history. There too, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting the two older people, thus find themselves. And the two older people, nearing the end of their days, receive Jesus, the meaning of their lives. This event fulfils the prophecy of Joel: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (2:28). In this encounter, the young see their mission and the elderly realize their dreams. All because, at the centre of the encounter, is Jesus."

### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 31 Personal intention
- 01 Paul Pace
- 02 Eugenio Ken Medina
- 03 The late Harold Aviet
- 04 Charlie Camilleri
- 05 Joseph and Carmen Camilleri
- 06 Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar

### KID'S CORNER

The Family Mass will be held on Sunday the 9th of February at 9.00am. If your children would like to participate in reading, the offertory procession, etc. Please speak to the Children's Liturgy Team this weekend after the Sunday 9.00am Mass.

Irene Taylor.  
Children liturgy Coordinator.

## WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Angelo Gabbiadini, Fr Antonio Chinni, Ruggero Bogma, Raffaella Porpiglia-Ivasic, Nancy Ross, Francesco Carbone, Filomena D.C Lemos Correia, Barbara McCarthy, Gwen Small, Casey Murphy, Carmen Mula, Barry Wilson.

**Anniversary of Death:** Fiore Maria, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Teresa Thomas, Irene Madeira, Marino B. Mapagu, Jan Danielski, John Patrick O'Brien, Ana Fernandes, Tomez Da Silva, Maria Canh,

**In Loving Memory of:** Joseph Busuttill, Mary-Rose Price, Joseph, Domenico Mozzano, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Charlie Camilleni, Domenica Cagliostro, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenico Cagliostro, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Pulqveria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Grete Danielski, Stefan Genowfa, Peter Kotulski 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.

## Called to *Serve* Eucharistic Ministers

All Acolytes, Lay Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 5.30pm – 6.30pm, in the Harrington Hall. This will allow us to discuss relevant matters with Fr Michael, Fr Josh and Fr William.

**For more information please call:**  
Antoinette Balamoan - Coordinator H.C. Ministry for the sick and housebound 0412 015 469 OR 9892 3683

### Mass to launch the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation.

You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause.

Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral at 5:30pm

Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

**All Welcome.**

## 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.

Thank you. For more info or any questions, feel free to email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

## 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)

## 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.

## Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and Her Parents

The relics of Saints Thérèse, Louis and Zélie will be in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on Friday 13 March 2020 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm.

**These relics will be venerated during the times detailed in the following schedule:**

- 2:30pm Talk on the Relics with the Primary School in the Church
- 3:00pm Relics will arrive in the Church  
Prayer and Veneration with the Primary School, PBC and MMC. Parents to join the children in the Church.
- 3:45pm Light refreshments and movie in the Parish Hall (30 min cartoon)
- 4:30pm Prayer and Veneration in Church
- 5:30pm Dinner in Hall
- 6:00pm Movie begins (1hr 30 min)
- 7:30pm A short talk (Q&A) by Father Michael
- 8:00pm Prayer and Veneration in Church
- 9:00pm Relics leave Church

If you want to venerate these relics in the other places they will be taken to throughout Sydney, the full itinerary (including details about where and when) is on the Parish Noticeboard.

## 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. Use the link below.  
<https://bit.ly/2Gky9sb>

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.

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.



## 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.*

Image: *Holy Family* by Claudio

## 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.

## ST BAKHITA'S DAY MASS & LUNCH

8 FEBRUARY 2020  
12:00 PM

Please join Archbishop The Most  
Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
at  
St Mary's Cathedral Sydney

For more info contact:

Anna Dimo  
m: 0409 458 695



## Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress who are at risk of or not able to pay bills or make repayments.

Contact CCareline 13 18 19.