



# 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 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.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### **First Reading** Sir 15:15-20

#### **A reading from the prophet Ecclesiasticus**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Mt 5:17-37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its

purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

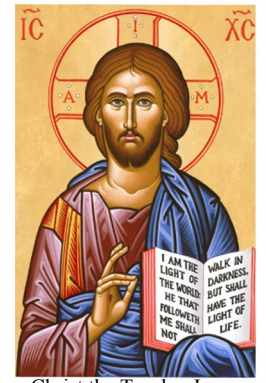
### **Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,

and what they craved the Lord gave them;

they were not disappointed in what they craved.



Christ the Teacher Icon

## Message from the Parish Priest

### Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, has begun visiting many parishes around Australia. Saint Thérèse is one of the Catholic Church's most popular Saints. An additional marvel is that her parents who helped nurture her faith are also Saints! A relic is the bodily remains of a Saint. We honour and venerate relics because the Saints lead us to God whom we worship in spirit and truth. By honouring their memories, bodies, and belongings, we give thanks to God for the saints' holy witness. Relics are physical, tangible, concrete reminders that heaven is obtainable for us.

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:**

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| 2:30pm | Talk on the Relics with the Primary School in the Church  |
| 3:00pm | Relics will arrive in the Church<br>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   |



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### Lenten Program 2020

OLR Parish office has organised a daily Lenten program similar to last year for parishioners to follow this year during the season of Lent.

Daily Gospel readings, Reflections and Lenten acts will be shared daily via OLR Facebook page and in print form placed outside Church Foyer front glass panel.

We hope this season is a fruitful one for you.

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### Mass Offerings

Whenever asking a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention, if you want this intention to be published in the Parish Bulletin, please note that you will need to make this request known to the priest or the Parish Secretary.

## Charitable Works Fund **February 2020 Pastoral Appeal**

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run **this weekend** the 15th and 16th of February and we need your help. This collection has replaced last November's appeal. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit [www.cwf.org.au](http://www.cwf.org.au) to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield is aiming to raise \$14,000 in this month's CWF appeal. We will have special envelopes for your use on the pews in the Church.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

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| 15 | Soul of Joseph                                      |
| 16 | Giacomo and Raffaele Uglietta                       |
| 17 | Venus Espanol - Ill-health                          |
| 18 | Thanksgiving through the intercession of St Anthony |
| 19 | Giuseppe Gagliano                                   |
| 20 | Jan Siege RIP                                       |
| 21 | Paul Pace   |

### Catechist Meeting

Our Catechist meeting and morning tea will be held on Thursday, 20th February at 10am in the Father Therry Room also known as the Parish meeting room.

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Eddie Nassif, Angelo Gabbiadini, Fr Antonio Chinni, Ruggero Bogma, Raffaella Porpiglia-Ivasic, Nancy Ross, Filomena D.C Lemos Correia

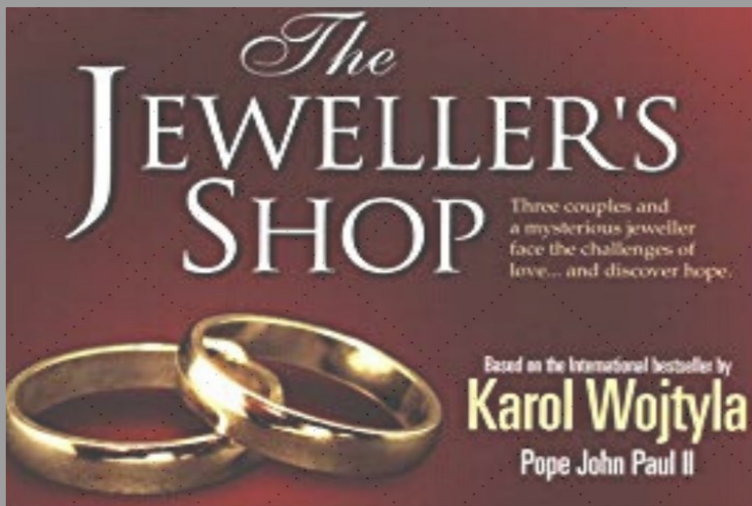
**Anniversary of Death:** Teagan Whittle, Maryann Sharp, Courtney Topic, Vincenzo & Domenica Cagliostro, William Balamoan, Guido & Teresa Ravagnani, Francesco Carbone, Fiore Maria, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Teresa Thomas, Irene Madeira, Marino B. Mapagu,

**In Loving Memory of:** Domenico Marzano, Giuseppe Gagliano, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Maria Vincenza Zaccardi, Zarko Vukoja, Joseph, Harold Aviet, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph Busuttill, Mary-Rose Price, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirmed:** Jason Meek, 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.





Our Lady of the Rosary invites you to:  
**SEE AND BELIEVE**

Movie Night & Talk by Fr Michael

Friday 21 February 2020

6:30pm-10pm

Parish Hall

(2 Weston St, Fairfield)



Light Dinner, Drinks and snacks provided.  
 Donations are welcomed.



## Morning Tea & Talk

Join us **every last Friday of the Month** for some Morning tea and a chance to mingle with fellow Parishioners followed by a workshop led by CatholicCare team.

**FEBRUARY TOPIC:**

*My Aged Care Workshop- Home Care Services*

**When:** Friday 28 February 2020

**Where:** Outside Church Foyer  
 18 Vine street, Fairfield, 2165, NSW.

**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.00 pm



For more information, contact  
**Rachelle 0438 664 834**



### SOUP & STATION

Soup 4 Soul returns this year, but under a new name, Soup & Station. We will be serving soup and bread during Lent time, on Friday after Stations of Cross. **The first night will be Friday 6 March 7:30pm after First Friday Mass.**

Soup 4 Station will continue on the following date and times:

- Friday 20 March 7pm
- Friday 27 March 7pm
- Friday 4 April 7:30pm

More information will be advertised soon!

Contact Joyce on [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) if you can volunteer or contribute a soup on one of the nights. Thankyou.



**CatholicCare**

### 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 our Catholic Care Case Worker, Rachelle on 0438 664 834

### Thinking About Priesthood?

#### 'Come And See' Seminary Open Day 2020

A Seminary Open Day will be held on Sunday 23 February 2020 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10:00 AM. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424

Did you know?

- Our Lady of the Rosary have an exciting before school care program Our service opens at 7am Monday to Friday in the school hall