



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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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 Michals  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow  
**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165  
**Email:** [admin@ourfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@ourfairfield.org.au)  
**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Office Hours:**  
Monday: 1pm - 4pm  
Tuesday to Friday: 9am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

### Catechist Coordinator

Henher Watt: Contact Parish Office

### Liturgical Coordinator

Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

### Safeguarding Officer

Leslie Pahimlin: 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

### Confessions — Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 8:45 - 9:05am  
Saturday: After the 8:30am Mass and 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@ourfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@ourfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

### Patrician Brothers' College

Boys Year 7-12 Tel: (02) 9728 4488

Principal: Mr. Peter Wade [info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

Monastery: (02) 97241247

### Mary MacKillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7-12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322 Principal: Ms. Gilda Passich

[info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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 [safeguardingquiries@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguardingquiries@sydney.catholic.org.au). 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A  
(22 March 2020)

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading** 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22 R. v. 1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading** Eph 5:8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of, but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** Jn 9:1-41

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses; we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement  
that I have come into this world,  
so that those without sight may see  
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,  
but since you say, "We see",  
your guilt remains.'

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.

### Message from the Parish Priest

#### Episcopal Visitation

On the 19 March 2020, we welcomed His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield. Despite the current societal changes, His Grace arrived eager to immerse himself into our Parish community, so to learn more about the many activities that happen in our parish. Before meeting the Parishioners, His Grace was the Principal Celebrant of the Mass in honour of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Over the last three days, His Grace took time to meet with the Principal and REC of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, the Patrician Brothers College Principal and representatives from the Executive Staff and Students, Members of Catholic Care, Parish Office Staff and Parishioners who are sick and housebound. He also met with members of the Pastoral and Finance Committee, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, leaders of our many communities and ministries, and students and teachers from OSHC run by Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services. His Grace also spent valuable time praying and speaking with our Assistant Priests, Father Josh and Fr William, and myself, as Parish Priest. The Parish Operations Manager, Priscilla, gave a thorough presentation to the Archbishop about the status and achievements of our Parish, beginning with the various communities, new youth initiatives and future plans in the Parish Missionary module.

We thank, His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, for honouring with his presence over these few days. It has been a comfort and a joy to have him with us, especially during these challenging times. We asked for his continued prayers for our community and assure him of our prayers for himself and his ministry.

#### Guidelines for your Safety

To reduce the chances of contracting the Coronavirus, the Australian Government has instructed all people to exercise social distancing. Social distancing means refraining from making physical contact between you and other people. The Church wants to collaborate with this direction from the Government. Social distancing is important because the Coronavirus is most likely to spread from person-to-person through: direct close contact with a person while they are infectious; close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes; or touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

So, the more space between you and others, the harder it is for the virus to spread. You are recommended to stay more than 2 metres from people, however this may change, depending on current government directives. For this reason, Parish marshals will only let a total of 99 people through the door of the church. Please know that we are working on livestreaming our Sunday Mass. If you have not yet done so, I invite you to like our Facebook page for further updates.

The Archbishop has requested another measure to be taken during Mass. He has specifically asked you not to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, but on your hand. The sign of peace between parishioners will be omitted from all Masses. Additionally, while kissing the ring of a bishop is part of the Church's tradition, you are asked to refrain from this practice in accordance with avoiding direct close contact. If you are sick, you are asked not to attend this Mass while this worshipping community will be praying for you. These simple actions will help reduce risk to you and to others in the community.

**All Masses will run as per usual times. We will be limiting numbers to 99 people in the Church. If weather is permitting, Mass may be said outdoors.**



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

#### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Nino Bricio, Savario Treccase, Eddie Nassif, Angelo Gabbiadini, Fr Antonio Chinni, Ruggero Bogna, Raffaella Porpiglia-Ivacic, Nancy Ross, Flomena D.C Lemos Correia

**Anniversary of Death:** Antonio & Gracinda Dossantos, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Lynette Yvonne Herbert, Jose Herrera, Stanley & Norman Small, Marcia Stevenson, David Jug, Paolina Climich, Antonio Kenk, Antonio Palucci, Teagan Whittle, Maryann Sharp, Courtney Topic, Vincenzo & Domenica Cagliostro, William Balamoan, Guido & Teresa Ravagnani, Francesco Carbone.

**In Loving Memory of:** Joseph Binh, Cham Liam, Rita Pereira Da Silva, Femely Gabriel-Vazzoler, Giuseppe Gagliano, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Sr Concezione & Giuseppe D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Concerto & Annunziata D'Amico, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmem & Vincenza Cianta, Braulio Pacheco Noronha, Francisco Soares, Alexandrina Da Costa, Clara Noronha, Maria Ormai, Felisa Aguiã, Fortunata Planes, Perfecto Planes, Rogelio Planes, Concepcion Planes, Harold Aviet, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick & Infirm:** Jason Meek, John Bakhos, Aidan Cianta, Baby Vincent, Mercy, Espanol, Carmel Windred, Pham Kim Chac, Nguyen Anh Ngoc Bao.

**Special Intention:** Lizzie Pace & Family, Giuseppe Surace & Baby Surace and for Australia & the Church

#### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 21 Lucrecia (Lucy) Castillo
- 22 The Vu and Le Family
- 23 Noah
- 24 Teagan Whittle and Maryanne Sharp
- 25 Vincenza and Domenica Cagliostro
- 26 Charlie Camilleri
- 27 Karmem and Vincenza Ciantar



**LUNCH  
CANCELLED**  
Mass venue changed

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

**MASS WITH THE  
ARCHBISHOP**

During His Episcopal Visitation at the Parish

**Sunday 22 March 2020**  
Time & Venue:  
10:30am Mass at Primary School playground



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**SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Courageous Manhood of St Joseph  
St Peter Chanel Catholic Church,  
22 Crispin St, Mt Druitt



**Soup 'n' Stations**

Join us as we share delicious warm  
Soups & Bread Together as a community with  
members of the Diocese during Lent

**DATES:**  
Friday 20 March  
Friday 3 April  
Soups served 7-8pm  
First Friday 4pm

**TIME:**  
7-8pm

**CANCELLED**

Stations of the Cross  
Fridays of Lent  
6.30-7.00pm

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information contact  
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