



# 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: 1pm - 4pm  
Tuesday 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

### 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@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.**

## Third Sunday of Easter - Year A (26 April 2020)

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts 2:14, 22-33

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 1:17-21

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 24:13-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

**Communion Antiphon** Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



Caravaggio, 1601, *The Supper at Emmaus*, The National Gallery, London

### WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Henri Louis Chretien, Concetta Filippini, Carmen Vera, Nino Bricio, Saverio Treccase.

**Anniversary of Death:** Eleontina Didomenica, Antonio & Gracinda Dossantos, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Lynette Yvonne Herbert.

**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, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico, Charlie Camilleni, Joseph & Carmen Camilleni, Karmenu & Vincenza Cianta, Giuseppe Petrella, Maria Fiore and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Special Intention:** Lizzie Pace & Family.

### Information on Planned Giving.

For Parishioners, who would like to continue to make planned giving donations to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, you may still do so by following the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://www.olfairfield.org.au/> and click on the blue tab in the corner **Support Us**.
2. Choose the "Donate" options when prompted.
3. This will send you to the B-point secure payment service. In the section **Biller Code**, click the dropdown box and choose **Planned Giving**.
4. Enter your full name and then your planned giving number.
5. Click **Next** and follow the prompts to enter the amount you wish to donate and then to securely enter your payment details.

Thank you for your generosity and support. If you have any trouble, please call or email the Parish Office on 9724 5997 or [admin@olfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olfairfield.org.au)

### Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 25 Joseph and Carmen Camilleri
- 26 Intentions of the Khouri Family
- 27 Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar
- 28 Australia - Rain and Firefighters
- 29 The late Barbara McCarthy
- 30 Rion Goodnight
- 01 Graziella Nina D'Amico

### Message from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners, Family and Friends,

My email has been subjected to email scams requesting money or favours on my behalf.

Please be wary of emails which seem to come from someone you know (e.g. your parish priest) asking you to spend money in some plausible way. The email may seem to come from someone with an @sydneycatholic.org address or under my name or profile picture, but if you click on the sender name you will find another email address behind it.

If any email looks suspicious, please do not respond to it or click on any attachment. You can email me or my PA (pa@olfairfield.org.au) to alert or clarify the suspicious emails. Thank you.

### A Reflection on Today's Gospel

The Gospel for this Sunday, the Road to Emmaus, reminds us all that Christ is always with us, even when we do not recognise His presence. Saint John Paul II reflected on this passage in his apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*. Below is a short excerpt from the Holy Father.

“Stay with us, Lord, for it is almost evening’ (cf. Lk 24:29). This was the insistent invitation that the two disciples journeying to Emmaus on the evening of the day of the resurrection addressed to the Wayfarer who had accompanied them on their journey. Weighed down with sadness, they never imagined that this stranger was none other than their Master, risen from the dead. Yet they felt their hearts burning within them (cf. v. 32) as he spoke to them and “explained” the Scriptures. The light of the Word unlocked the hardness of their hearts and “opened their eyes” (cf. v. 31). Amid the shadows of the passing day and the darkness that clouded their spirit, the Wayfarer brought a ray of light which rekindled their hope and led their hearts to yearn for the fullness of light. “Stay with us”, they pleaded. And he agreed. Soon afterwards, Jesus’ face would disappear, yet the Master would “stay” with them, hidden in the “breaking of the bread” which had opened their eyes to recognize him... The “breaking of bread”—as the Eucharist was called in earliest times—has always been at the centre of the Church's life. Through it Christ makes present within time the mystery of his death and resurrection. In it he is received in person as the “living bread come down from heaven” (Jn 6:51), and with him we receive the pledge of eternal life and a foretaste of the eternal banquet of the heavenly Jerusalem”



**TOPIC: Mary, Queen of Angels & Queen of Heaven**  
**Topic #3 (17 April - 30 April 2020)**  
 for Q & A on **8 May 2020.**  
 Submit Questions by **30 April 2020**



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Q & A

WITH PRIESTS

WE POST A NEW TOPIC TO DISCUSS

CLERGY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Please email  
[events@olfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olfairfield.org.au)  
 for your questions



## Manna Food Box

We invite everyone to get involved in our new outreach project, 'Manna Food Box' run by OLR Parish.

The ways you can help are listed on the poster below. Please contact [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) or call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering with this initiative.

We encourage people mostly to help with donating food items or money (online) to help support this project and keep it going monthly during this time of Pandemic.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!



OLR invites you to help with the Monthly...



## Manna Food box PROJECT



*Make a difference today!*

**The food box will be partially subsidized by the Parish:**

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Donate Money** (on our website here: <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/>)
2. **Donate food** for elderly/families and drop off at the Parish Office.
3. **Volunteer to pack** and **deliver** Manna box.
4. **Nominate disadvantaged** individuals (who due to COVID 19 are not able to work or don't have work and are in isolation or hospitalised).

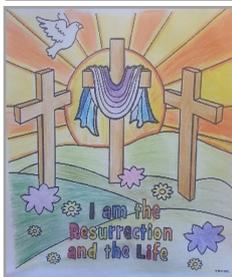
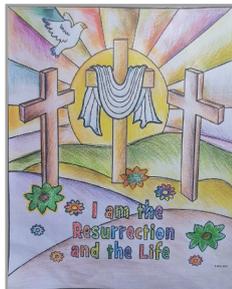
For more information and to register,  
Contact: [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

## Colouring Competition Results

Congratulations to all four winners (two per age category), we will email you the e-gift card for Woolworths soon.

- Llia (7 years old) 1st Place
- Matthew (7 years old) 2nd place
- Felix (11 years old) 1st Place
- Romeo (11 years old) 2nd Place

Thank you to all who submitted their beautiful colouring papers for the Easter Creative Colouring Competition, we had over fifty entries and found it hard to choose the top four artworks!



## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*"True humility consists in being content with all that God is pleased to ordain for us, believing ourselves unworthy to be called His servants."*



St Teresa of Avila



## Sacred Space Competition with OLR Parish!

From Monday 20 April to 1 May 2020 (2 weeks)

We invite Parishioners of OLR to share how they set up of their Sacred Space with us by emailing us a photo or messaging us on Facebook page. We will choose 2 WINNERS only, and they will receive \$50 Woolworths e-gift card each which will be emailed after the submission deadline.

**Simply follow the instructions below for your chance to WIN:**

1. Take a photo of yourself or family member with your Sacred Space set up (where you watch live-streamed Mass or where you pray together).
2. Answer these questions:
  - a) How does this sacred set up help you and your family to pray the Mass and other Church activities?
  - b) How does it facilitate and create an atmosphere to pray at home?

Please email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) by Friday 1 May 2020.

**Good luck to you all and we look forward to submissions!**

