

# 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 Miechels

**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Sign up to the OLR

**Mailchimp Mailing List**

Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

### Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

### Liturgical Coordinator

Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

### Safeguarding Officer

Lessie Pahimulin: Contact Parish Office

 **ONLINE EVENTS with the OLR Priests** 

 <p>1. Live-streamed <b>Daily Morning Prayer</b> with Priests &amp; Seminarians <i>everyday</i> at <b>9am</b></p>	 <p>2. Live-streamed <b>Weekend Rosary</b> with Priests &amp; Seminarians <i>Friday-Sunday</i> at <b>8pm</b></p>
 <p>3. Live-streamed Tuesday-Sunday <b>Adoration &amp; Mass</b> with Fr Josh <b>6:30am-</b> Adoration <b>7:30am-</b> Mass</p>	 <p>4. <b>Q &amp; A</b> with the Priests &amp; Seminarians All Clergy are available to answer questions. An event page will be created for each topic with a poll. <i>Topics will vary each time.</i></p>

<https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

[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.

 Like our Parish Facebook page  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish**  
for more updates and info on news and events.

**This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A**  
**(03 May, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts 2:14, 36-41

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

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

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 2:20-25

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 10:1-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the

gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



Kastner, J., 1906 - 1911, *Fresco of Jesus as Good Shepherd*, Carmelites Church in Döbling, Vienna, Austria.

**Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Lucia Portolesi, 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.

**Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels**

- 02 Giuseppe Gagliano
- 03 Paolina Climich, Antonio Kent
- 04 Albertin and Joseph Jabroo
- 05 Saverio Treccase
- 06 Antonio Palucci
- 07 Giuseppe Surace and Baby Surace
- 08 Lizzie Pace and family

**Kid's Corner**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Remember to set a prayer place in your home with items such as a white table cloth, Crucifix, flowers, a candle, holy images and the Holy Bible.

This weeks Children's Bible study is found on the Our Lady of the Rosary's website; follow the link below. Please read and pray this with your children.

On this link you will also find this weeks *Kid's Corner* activity which is titled *Test your Bible Knowledge!*

Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/children-liturgy/>

Irene Taylor - Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

## Message from the Parish Priest

### **COVID-19 Discussion Between the Bishops and Parliamentarians**

The Archbishop has written to the Premier of NSW to request that churches could be opened for private prayer and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All the bishops in NSW have expressed the same request. The Archbishop anticipates the return to regular worship will take place in four stages:

- Stage 1: opening the churches for private prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by sanitisation of the pews and door handles;
- Stage 2: outdoor Masses with social distancing and sanitising;
- Stage 3: indoor Masses with a limited number of people who can assemble with social distancing and sanitising;
- Stage 4: no restrictions for church assemblies, but hand-sanitizing requirements will remain in accord with our times.

Moving from Stage 1 to Stage 4 could take anywhere from months to years, depending on how quickly the transmissions of COVID-19 completely cease.

Currently, most hospitals are restricting priests from administering the sacraments only to patients who are dying.

### **Recent Deaths of 3 Priests in Sydney**

Three priests have died in the past three weeks; namely: Fr Ray Farrell, Fr Patrick MacAuliff, and Fr Peter Morrissey.

Fr Ray Farrell died on 27 March at the age of 73 years. He was ordained to the priesthood at St Felix De Valois Parish, Bankstown on 13 September 1996. His most recent appointment commenced as the Administrator of Auburn Parish in 2002 and then Parish Priest the following year. He remained as Parish Priest of Auburn Parish until his death. During his time as Parish Priest of Auburn, Fr Ray served as Dean of the Auburn Bankstown Deanery from 2003 until 2016. Fr Ray was also the current Chaplain to the Catholic Women's League, a role he commenced in 2003, and the current Chaplain of the Archdiocesan Council of St Vincent de Paul, a role he commenced in 2011. He served on the Council of Priests from 1997 until 2019.

Fr Patrick MacAuliff was the Parish Priest of Cabramatta. The Archbishop and I prayed at Fr Patrick's bedside on Friday 24 April along with his sisters. He died later that same day at 10 pm at the age of 89 years. He was ordained on 21 July 1956 at St Mary's Cathedral by Cardinal Gilroy. He served as an Assistant Priest at Surry Hills, Eastwood, (1962), Pagewood (1965), Lane Cove (1967) and Kingsgrove (1972). In 1974, Fr Pat was appointed Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta and he remained there until his retirement in 2016.

He became a legendary figure in Cabramatta during the years in which it became the vibrant centre of Vietnamese life in Sydney. Even in retirement, he continued to visit schools and to provide supplies in his old parish.

## **Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)**

Fr Peter Morrissey entered eternal life on 28 April at the age of 91 years. Fr Peter was ordained on 30 July 1955 at St Mary's Cathedral by His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy. His most recent appointment before his retirement in 2003 was Parish Priest of St Patrick's Mortlake in 1997. Fr Peter was one of the first 'media priests' in Sydney. He had his own free-to-air afternoon TV show in the late 1960's – early 1970s. This was a children's 'catechetical' programme, in which he deployed his artistic skills to illustrate Gospel parables. His insightful, quirky and witty homilies were a drawcard wherever he ministered, and he was a much sought after homilist at the funerals of brother priests!

I invite you to pray for these priests who served the faithful so well. May they rest in peace and may the Lord himself be their reward.

### **11th Anniversary of the Re-Consecration of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield Church**

This year, on 1 May, we are celebrating the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church's dedication. The church was dedicated to God in 1924 when it was first built, and was re-consecrated after the church was extended between 1946 - 1955, more than doubling its original size. As you are aware, churches are closed as part of the restrictions during the current pandemic. Compared to the difficulties we are facing with self isolation, the followers of Jesus in the early Church had bigger problems, as they were persecuted for their faith. In some places, they gathered over tombs of martyrs or secretly within homes to celebrate the Eucharist in response to Jesus' command at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). However, in places where Christians were relatively secure, they gathered in larger church buildings.

The first recorded church dedication was in 314 in the city of Tyre, one year after the Emperor Constantine stopped the persecution of Christians. Although the church is made of physical stones, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become "living stones," as St Peter said, "being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood." St Peter is referring here not only to ministerial priests, but the priesthood of the baptised known as the Royal Priesthood. Whenever we gather in the church to participate in the Eucharist, we are, as St Peter said, "offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). Indeed, many Catholics are currently gathering in their homes to pray, but the fulness of worship cannot take place unless we are present at Mass so that we can participate in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Knowing this, today's Anniversary of the Dedication of our church provides us with an opportunity to renew our desire to commence assembling in the church once the transmission of COVID-19 ceases.



## 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)



OLR FAIRFIELD PARISH INVITES YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE....

## Mother's Day POETRY COMPETITION



Starting **Thursday 30 April to Thursday 7 May 2020.**

Write a **short poem** about your Mother or Mother Mary.

Two winners will be selected to each win a Woolworths \$50 e-gift card.

One winner per age category will be selected,

**Youth (13-18yrs) & Adults (19+yrs) .**

**Winners will be announced and contacted by**

**Friday 8 May 2020 to claim their prizes.**

Please email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au) poems by **Thursday 7 May 2020.**



**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

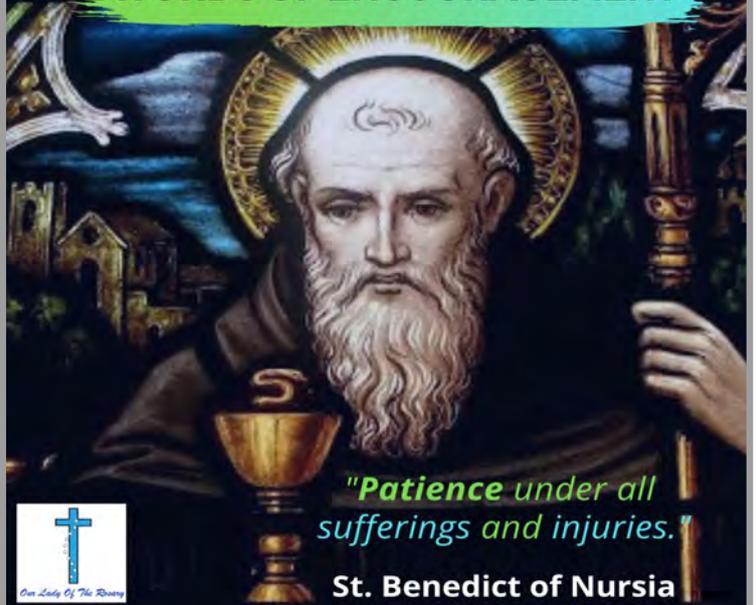
## WITH PRIESTS

WE POST A **NEW TOPIC** TO DISCUSS

CLERGY ANSWER THE **QUESTIONS**



## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT



*"Patience under all sufferings and injuries."*

**St. Benedict of Nursia**



## OFFICE HOURS

### Please note;

If you have any enquiries, **call or email Parish Office**, for **first option** and for urgent matters, office is still open for you to visit in the hours below.

**(Please be mindful of physical distancing protocols).**

**Monday** 1pm to 4pm

**Tuesday - Friday** 10am to 4pm

Contact us during office hours on: **97245997** or email [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au) and for urgent matters which you require a priest please call **0412 206 225.**



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