

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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www.olrfairfield.org.au
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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: 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 Patascil: 0466 263 419

Safeguarding Officer

Lessie Pahimulin: Contact Parish Office

ONLINE EVENTS with the OLR Priests



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

<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

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. 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

(17 May, 2020)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

Communion Antiphon Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Cairo, F., 1607-1665, *The Holy Trinity*

Message from the Parish Priest

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Since the Government has mandated that places of worship be closed during the current pandemic restrictions, the Archbishop encouraged us in his pastoral letter in March to make an act of contrition during our self-isolation. Consequently, a number of people have been asking questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, such as, “If I tell God that I am sorry for my sins, do I need to go to Confession after the pandemic restrictions cease?” To answer this question, we must first begin by affirming that God is not restricted to the sacraments for the forgiveness of sins. Principally, we can receive God’s pardon and peace through a perfect act of contrition. Basically, such contrition is in response to the love of God, not fear of punishment.

That being said, regarding people who are conscious of serious sin, the Archbishop has instructed the faithful that such penitents would still need to confess their sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as it becomes available. Ultimately, penitents who are conscious of serious sin could not be assured that they have received God’s pardon and peace if they attempt to make a perfect act of contrition, for how can they be assured that they are sufficiently motivated by the love of God in expressing their sorrow? Such assurance may amount to being presumptuous of God’s mercy, unless they are only conscious of venial sins, for unlike serious sins, venial sins do not need to be confessed.

Having stated this, the devotional use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (that is, the confession of venial sins) is a commendable practice. For although venial sins can be forgiven without the sacramental confession, the Catholic Church recommends we confess them.

Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)

While venial sins do not extinguish sanctifying grace, they still incur temporal punishment and stunt our spiritual growth (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1863). Pope St John Paul II told the priests who were hearing confessions in the basilicas of Rome on 13 March 1999, "It should not be forgotten that the so-called confession of devotion was the school which formed the great saints." Likewise, Our Lord said to St Veronica Juliani: "You shall make progress in perfect in proportion to the fruits which you shall draw from this sacrament."

Another question people have been asking is, "Why do sins need to be confessed?" The confession of sins are integral to the Sacrament of Reconciliation because when Jesus entrusted this sacrament to his apostles, he said: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:21-23). In these words, Jesus' instruction for sins to be confessed are clearly manifest. Ultimately, how would the priests of the Church know which sins to forgive (by giving absolution) and which sins to retain (by not giving absolution) if they did not hear them?

Indeed, Jesus forgives sins through the ministry of the priest; still, the priest cannot do anything that Christ himself cannot do, namely, absolve the sins of a penitent who is not sorry, either through having no contrition, or not having a firm purpose of amendment by not willing to avoid any future occasions of sin.

We may need to wait for some time yet before the celebration of Mass can be made available for the entire public. But, you can be assured that now that the Government has allowed places of worship to be open sufficiently enough for the private prayer of small groups of people, Fr Josh, Fr William, and I will be making ourselves available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at times which will be published on the Parish's website and Facebook page.

The Furnace - Homilies of a Catholic Priest

Father Josh has created a daily podcast called *The Furnace*. We invite you to take a couple of minutes each day to listen to these thought provoking podcasts! You can listen to the podcast for free on many platforms such as, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, or follow this link <https://the-furnace.captivate.fm/>



TOPIC: Sacred Heart of Jesus and his 5 Wounds (shoulder wound)
Topic #5 (12 May-25 May 2020)
for Q & A on 15 June 2020.
Submit Questions by 25 May 2020

Q & A WITH PRIESTS

WE POST A NEW TOPIC TO DISCUSS

CLERGY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Please email events@olrfairfield.org.au for your questions

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 and for urgent matters which you require a priest please call **0412 206 225**.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 16 Marcia Catherine Stevenson
- 17 Repose of the soul of Peter's mother
- 18 Alexandrina Da Costa, Clara Noronha, Maria Ornai
- 19 Jadwiga Zamirowska
- 20 Family Gabriel-Vazzoler
- 21 Lynette Yvonne Herbert
- 22 Michael Taffa

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 a prayer for the family and a Bible activity.

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

Irene Taylor - Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son."

Venerable Fulton Sheen





LIVE STREAM MASSES AROUND THE WORLD

LINKS TO MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

POLISH	VIETNAMESE
https://msza-online.net/msze-swiete-nazywo-po-polsku/	https://trungtamhanhmaulav.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR3irISAG3Y99Jy0E9VsXttD2IBD9shzCeKhykfi-qGWIR9FKB3uaaBU
ARABIC	MANDARIN
https://www.facebook.com/SaintCharbelSydney/ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCKJcWGHNBimWUJbQcIQ	https://mass-online.org/holy-mass-in-mandarin/
ITALIAN	SPANISH
https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/videos	http://www.catholictv.org/masas/la-santa-misa

More options for Mass in Languages other than English:
[HTTP://MULTICULTURALCARE.ORG.AU/DIVERSITY/FAITH-ONLINE/](http://MULTICULTURALCARE.ORG.AU/DIVERSITY/FAITH-ONLINE/)
Daily Masses around the World Calendar:
[HTTPS://MASS-ONLINE.ORG/DAILY-HOLY-MASS-LIVE-ONLINE/](https://MASS-ONLINE.ORG/DAILY-HOLY-MASS-LIVE-ONLINE/)

Manna Food Project Update

Thanking all those who donated food items towards the Manna Food Project occurring monthly. This weekend, volunteers will be assisting in packing and delivering many food boxes to the needy in the area. A great parish outreach initiative during this time of the Pandemic! Thank you to all our Volunteers for their time and efforts to help out with this initiative!



Poetry Competition Results!


Congratulations to the winners and their mothers for the Mother's Day Poetry Competition at OLR. The winners of the Poetry Competition, Laurence (19 + category) & Lopeti (11), received a bouquet of flowers and mixed gift packs to give to their mother's/Grandmother along with their Woolworths e-gift card voucher. Their mother's received the gifts in surprise, with smiling faces and pure joy! Good job on your efforts to write beautiful poems to your Mother's!




Mother's Day Poem

*She snuggles me up, she brushes my hair
 My mum Salaalili is beyond compare.
 The love that she has for the family,
 grows taller and taller like a tree
 and whenever you come to my mother love is always for free.
 She will always be there for all of us,
 till the day she must go,
 for the God gave us our mothers
 and my mother is the one He chose.
 And a call to all mothers we love you everywhere
 So thank you all for your love and care.*

*- Lopeti Taukatalika
 Age: 11 years old*


A Mother's love

A mother so sweet, a mother so kind
 A mother who is always there; I'm always on her mind
 A mother who listens and who cares to every joy and every woe
 A mother who loves me; I am her own
 A mother who is attentive to my every want and every need
 A mother who's utmost desire is just to please
 God the Father from Above; with every prayer and every hug
 A Mother who prayed me through my trials
 When I was lost she was there in prayer;
 Struggling over her words with tears and grief
 As she lamented over her sons mischief;
 Blinded by his sin and the worlds ways he was headed towards the eternal flames
 But his Mothers love would not allow him there
 To the place of suffering without repair.

"No! She insisted! I will save my son!
 Through my prayers, I will beg Our Mother that his soul be won!
 And that he knows his Heavenly Mother cares,
 About him so much more than I ever can,
 She understands him so much more than I ever could
 Because she stood, under the cross with her son,
 the only one who can save him from his misguided fun.
 She will lead him to her son without sin,
 so then we can win his soul for the King of Kings!"

And one day when the world is won,
 when we are united with the uncreated One; in the eternal feast and fun
 I will finally see my mothers fruits,
 glorified for all her unseen toil and prayers flowing from her heart of care.

- Laurence Klein

