

# 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** 



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](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.**

# The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

(24 May, 2020)

## **Entrance Antiphon** Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## **First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## **Second Reading** Eph 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and

made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Mt 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated.

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



Jean Francois de Troy, C 1721, *The Ascension*, Musee des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, France

## **Communion Antiphon**

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## **Message from the Parish Priest**

### **Religious Gatherings During Stage 1 of Recovery**

Ever since March this year, the Archbishop of Sydney the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, OP instructed Parish Priests that the only people who could attend religious gatherings are people who are directly assisting with the ceremony. Now, in Stage 1 of the recovery, the Government is currently allowing ten people to attend religious gatherings, not including those who are assisting with the ceremony. Additionally, each place of worship must keep a register of attendees. To protect your anonymity, when recording your contact details, no reference regarding why you are attending the church will be made. The purpose of the register is to contain the spread of the Coronavirus. Ultimately, if someone in attendance contracts COVID-19, NSW Health will be able to notify you so you can take appropriate measures.

Therefore, you are required to contact the Parish Secretary to register your name, phone number, mailing address, and email each time you want to enter the church for Mass, private prayer, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 9724 5997 or admin@olrfairfield.org.au Bookings can now also be made for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Only people who reside in Fairfield Parish, or have been regularly attending Mass in this Parish prior to the pandemic, are able to register for any religious gatherings in this church.

## Message from the Parish Priest (Continued)

Exceptions will be made for visitors who attend a Baptism, Wedding, or Funeral.

As for the regular weekday and Sunday Masses, if a family has many children, no more than four children in that family can come to a particular Mass so that other parishioners are afforded the opportunity to register to attend Mass.

The first public Mass during Stage 1 will be the Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord on Saturday 23 May at 6 pm. Masses on Sunday 24 May will be celebrated at 9:00 and 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. Weekday Masses will take place Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm.

To open the church for 10 attendees we need volunteers to carry out the following essential duties:

- register attendees at a registration table at the door of the church;
- provide security;
- be ushers to direct the faithful to the limited seats available in the church;
- be trained to sanitise the church after each time the faithful
- serve at Mass as a reader, a chorister or an acolyte.

If you want to volunteer for any of these duties, unlike the faithful who simply want to attend Mass, rather than contact the Parish Secretary, you must register with the Liturgy Coordinator Philip Pham at: [info@phamlawyers.com.au](mailto:info@phamlawyers.com.au) or 0433 165 160. Please note that if not enough volunteers register for these duties for any specific Mass, that Mass will not be celebrated in the church.

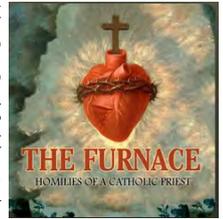
I strongly recommend that if you are seventy years of age or older, you wait until the Coronavirus is more contained before coming to the church. The 9:00 am Sunday Masses and all the weekday 7:00 pm Masses will be live-streamed for the benefit of those who want to continue to self-isolate. The Archbishop is continuing to dispense Catholics from their obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, as he is aware that with the current restrictions, not everyone can come to the church. This dispensation still requires all Catholics to keep the Sabbath Day holy by alternative means if you do not come to the church, such as watching a live-streamed Mass, meditating on Scripture, or praying the Rosary.

All the bookings for the use of the Parish's facilities which were made prior to the pandemic by the various communities and groups in the Parish have been cancelled. If the leaders of each community and group want to book the church or any of the Parish's rooms, these leaders must make a new booking with the Parish Office. Additionally, these leaders will need to make their own arrangements to ensure that: the number of people who attend are limited to ten; the names and contact details of attendees are registered for each gathering; a person is nominated to provide security; and volunteers attend a training session to sanitise run by the Parish.

Your patience is appreciated as we seek to set all these requirements in place in order to abide by the Government's directives. As we do so, I assure you of my prayers for you and your family.

## 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**



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Q & A

WITH PRIESTS

WE POST A NEW TOPIC TO DISCUSS

CLERGY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Please email  
[events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au) and for urgent matters which you require a priest please call **0412 206 225**.



## Mass Intentions of Fr. Joshua Miechels

- 23 Josef Munchen
- 24 Giuseppe Gagliano
- 25 Samira Hanna +
- 26 Nick Bobokis +
- 27 Paul Nohra +
- 28 Fr Chris de Sousa
- 29 Michael Taffa

## We Remember and Pray for:

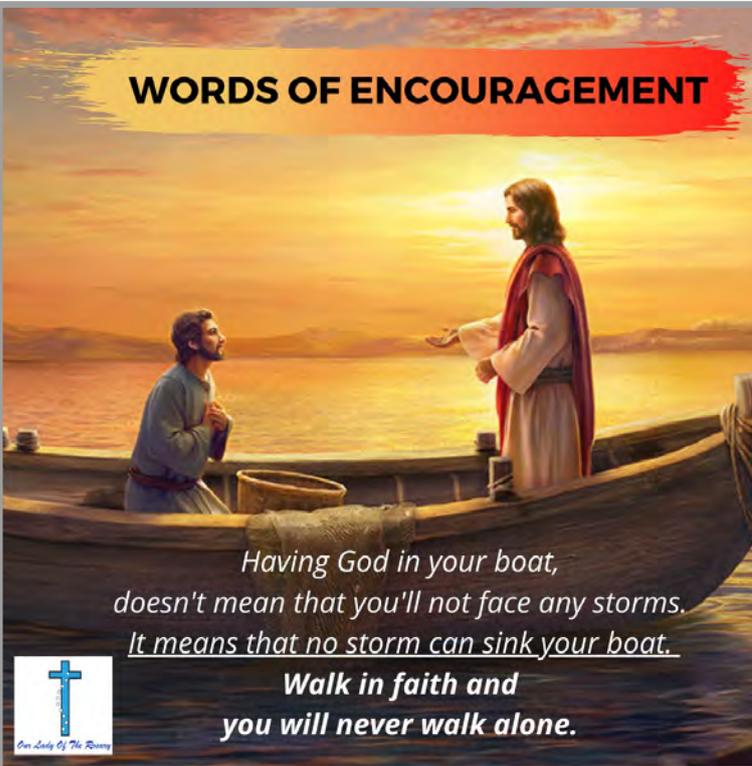
**Recently Deceased:** Lucia Portolesi, Henri Louis Chretien, Concetta Filippini, Carmen Vera, Nino Bricio, Saverio Treccase.

**Anniversary of Death:** Josef Munchen, 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.

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT



*Having God in your boat,  
doesn't mean that you'll not face any storms.  
It means that no storm can sink your boat.*

**Walk in faith and  
you will never walk alone.**



## LIVE STREAM MASSES AROUND THE WORLD

LINKS TO MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

### POLISH

<https://msza-online.net/msze-swiete-nazywo-po-polsku/>

### VIETNAMESE

<https://trungtamthanhamulavang.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR3lr1SAG3Yf19Jy0E9VsXttD2IBDSnrzCeKhykfi-qGWIR9fKB3uoaBU>

### ARABIC

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintCharbelSydney/>  
<https://www.olol.org.au/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCKCjciWG-hNBimWelUBqciQ>

### MANDARIN

<https://mass-online.org/holy-mass-in-mandarin/>

### ITALIAN

<https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/videos>

### SPANISH

<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 Calender:**

[HTTPS://MASS-ONLINE.ORG/DAILY-HOLY-MASS-LIVE-ONLINE/](https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/)

## Quote of the Week

“While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.”

**St Augustine of Hippo on the Ascension of the Lord**

## Manna Food Project Update

Last weekend we successfully launched our outreach initiative called ‘Manna food box project’. Our volunteers came together over two days and lovingly packed and delivered food boxes for a number of families. Thank you to all those who donated food and money to the project to assist those in our community who are in need. If you are in need of assistance at this time or know of someone who would benefit from a ‘Manna food box’, please contact the Parish Office, so a box can be organised for the family. We are also still accepting donations of essential food items or you can support the initiative by donating on the OLR Parish website. Below is a testimony from one of our volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

*“My daughter and I helped pack and deliver for the Manna Food project today. It was a wonderful experience. It was really enlightening, we found that speaking to each family, individually, to ask them for their prayer intentions was really nice, very individualised. I am hoping this message will come out to the community and let everyone know that if you are in need of any help to not feel afraid, to not feel judged. Because we are all a community, we are all here to help one another, no need to be afraid. We are here to support each other, with no judgement whatsoever and I hope that you all have a lovely day!  
God bless”*

