



# 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](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/>

### 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.

## SACRAMENTS (Please refer to COVID Update)

**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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Gradual Return to Public Masses

Upon consulting the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the church will open for public Masses gradually to ensure that the church can be closed for a full day in between each Mass until Fairfield is no longer in a hotspot so that:

1. a sufficient number of volunteers can sanitise the church; and
2. the chance of someone contracting the Coronavirus upon entering the church for each subsequent Mass can be reduced due to the likelihood of the virus no longer being viable by then.

Having stated this, because the Solemnity of the Assumption is on 15 August, a Vigil Mass for this Solemnity will be celebrated on Friday 14 August at 7 pm. The next Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm on Saturday which will be the Vigil Mass for Sunday. This Mass will be followed by another Sunday Mass at 6 pm.

Parishioners will need to register beforehand either online or over the phone as required by NSW Health. If you want to register upon arrival, you would do well to arrive early. Please note that the Archbishop has asked his priests to encourage their parishioners **NOT to go from one Parish to another** for religious gatherings in order to restrict the spread of COVID-19.

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

**The Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(09 August, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading** 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Second Reading** Rom 9:1-5

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 14:22-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind.

In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said,

**'Truly, you  
are the  
Son of God.'**



**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn 6:51

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** John Bakhos, Mama Channa, Mama Lina, Jeanne Jarkey, Judi Puru, Trevor Goes, Doreen Dias, Lucia Portolesi, Henri Louis Chretien

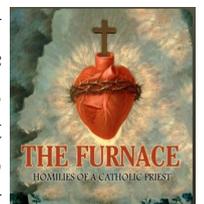
**Anniversary of Death:** Danuta Zamirowski, Mark Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Domenico Colaneri, Phillip Elias, Jack Michael, Tome Da Silva, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Lope C. Mapagu, Nicola Colaneri, Antonino Zaccardi, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Josef Munchen, Eleontina Didomenica.

**In Loving Memory of:** Harold Aviet, Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta, San Antonio, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Giuseppe Petrella, Tome Da Silva, Victor Albert Marco, Harold Aviet, Joseph Binh, Cham Liam, Rita Pereira Da Silva, Femely Gabriel-Vazzoler, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Special Intention:** Sonya Vong.

**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/>



## Message from the Parish Priest

### *Message from the Archbishop of Sydney*

#### **Where to from here?**

These latest regulations are expected to be in place for some time. The recent spike in cases in Victoria is a reminder that the virus is still with us and we must not be complacent. We must take all reasonable precautions to protect people's health and to observe public health directives. If there are more present in a church than the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule allows, or if music ministers, acolytes or communicants fail to observe social distancing, this may well come to the attention of authorities and risk penalties and new restrictions. But if cases remain low in NSW and we demonstrate that we are operating responsibly, we can hope that larger celebrations will again be possible.

#### **Continuing prayer**

Rivers of Babylon captures one moment in sacred history. After the Babylonian captivity the Jews gradually returned to Judah, restored the Temple, and celebrated their feasts there (see the Book of Ezra). The Book of Nehemiah records the new song which we can pray with them:

LORD our God, blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all, for you alone are the Lord.

You it was made the heavens and the highest heavens, the earth and seas and all they contain. You it is give life to everything, and the multitude of angels worship you.

You it was chose Abram and made a covenant to give the land to his descendants...

You it was saw the suffering of our ancestors in Egypt and sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh... You divided the Red Sea in two, so Israel passed through dry-shod...

You it was came down from heaven on Mount Sinai and gave them laws that are just and commands that are good...

In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven, and in their dispossession a homeland...

But our leaders, priests and ancestors did not follow your law... they worshipped a golden calf... and killed the prophets... Arrogant and stiff-necked, they did not obey your commands; they refused to listen or recall the signs you had worked for them...

## *Message from Archbishop of Sydney Continued*

But you are a God of mercy, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them...

When they were oppressed and cried out to you, you heard them from heaven and delivered them... You returned us to our homeland and your Temple.

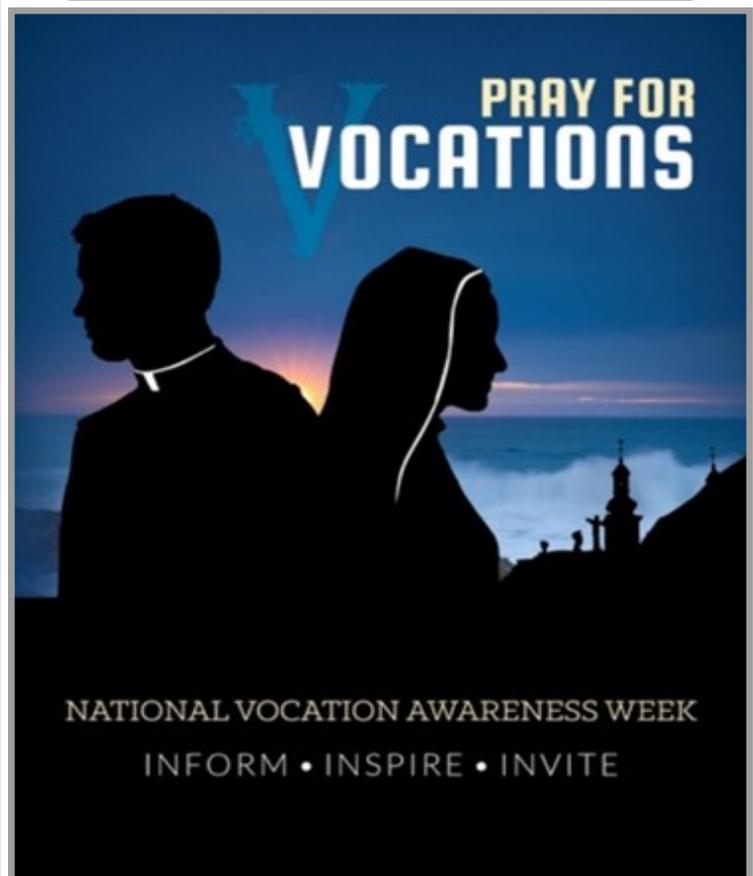
And so, in our present hardship, we turn to you our God, for you are mighty and awesome and keep your covenant of love... We rededicate ourselves to your holy covenant... to the Bread of the Presence and the holy offerings... and to all the duties of the house of our God. (Neh chs 9 & 10)

Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for all those who have been affected, especially those who are sick or at risk, those who are isolated or anxious, those who have lost their employment or who are experiencing financial hardship. And pray for a renewed reverence for the Eucharist, as we joyfully return to its celebration and reception.

### **COVID 19 UPDATE**

If you know of someone who is tested COVID positive and is linked to our Parish, please inform the Parish Office immediately.

The office will then arrange professional deep cleaning for the church premises and Father Michael will need to report to the Archdiocese of Sydney.



# 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 [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au) or call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering with this initiative. We encourage people mostly to help by donating food items or money (online) to help support this project and keep it going monthly during this time of Pandemic. Our next *Manna Food Box* run will be at the end of August or early September 2020.



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).

## SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN

Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, Mulgoa  
7 - 9 August 2020

FOR MEN  
PRIESTHOOD  
DISCERNMENT

*Never see a need without doing something about it*  
St Mary MacKillop of the Cross (1871)

Registration: \$75 | RSVP by **Tues 28 July 2020**  
[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au) | [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)



A GATHERING OF MEN CALLED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

*Brothers,  
what must we do?*

AUSTRALIAN  
CATHOLIC  
MENS  
GATHERING

2020 Virtual Men's Gathering  
Saturday, 15 August 2020



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