



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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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

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Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

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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. 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 DURING THE PANDEMIC

(Also please refer to COVID Update)

Confessions — Drive-Through

One hour before the Vigil Mass on Saturday, i.e, from 5 to 6pm.

If you do not have a car, you can come on foot.

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

The next Anointing of the Sick is scheduled to take place on 24 October subject to confirmation if the Parish is no longer in a hotspot by then.

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

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 Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year A
(16 August, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him.

'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus

answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Communion

Antiphon Jn 6:51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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

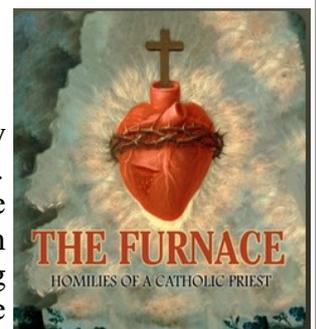
Anniversary of Death: Danuta Zamirowski, Mark Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Domenico Colaneri, Phillip Elias, Jack Michael, Tome Da Silva, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Lope C. Mapagu, Nicola Colaneri, Antonino Zaccardi, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Josef Munchen,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

Dear Parishioners,

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, I would like to share with you a short reflection that will assist you in meditating on this Glorious mystery.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is Assumed into Heaven

Mary is assumed into heaven where she is enthroned on Jesus' right hand to intercede for us.

St Alphonsus Liguori said: "After Jesus Christ our Saviour had completed the work of redemption by his death, the angels yearned to have him in their midst in heaven. They begged him continually in the words of David: Arise, O Lord, into your resting place: you and the ark which you have sanctified (Ps. 131:8)." What is the ark referred to here? Upon meditating on the Mystery of the Visitation, we saw that there is a striking resemblance between the Ark of the Covenant and the Mother of Jesus. Mary is the manifestation, the fulfilment of the Ark of the Covenant. St Alphonsus continues: "If it had been his will that the ark of the old dispensation be brought with great pomp into the city of David: And David and all the house of Israel brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord with joyful shouting, and with sound of trumpet (2 Kings 6:15), how much more gloriously did he arrange to have his mother enter heaven!"[i]

Mary is indeed in heaven, for St John the Apostle saw the ark there in his vision: "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple" (Rev. 11:19 RSVCE). St John is looking right into the innermost sanctuary in heaven. We know this because in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Ark was placed in the innermost sanctuary of the Temple called the Holy of Holies. Furthermore, "temple" comes from the word meaning "template." The Temple on earth is patterned on the Temple in heaven. We can be further assured that this Ark is the Mother of Jesus, for upon seeing the Ark, St John immediately proceeds to tell us what he saw: "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown" (Rev. 12:1). As you can see, Mary is the New Ark of the Covenant, and she is now in heaven. Christ has assumed her body and soul into heaven.

"Let us now picture Jesus going forth from heaven to meet his mother," says St Alphonsus. "When he first encountered her, in order to console her he said: Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come, for winter is past and the rains are gone (Sg. 2:10-11) ... Mary now enters heaven.

But as she enters, the celestial spirits, seeing her so beautiful and glorious, ask the angels outside: Who is this that comes up from the desert, flowing with delights, leaning upon her beloved? (Sg. 8:5)" and "all the blessed spirits begin to bless and praise her, singing with more reason than the Hebrews did to Judith: You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honour of our people (Jdt 15:10)."

Fulton Sheen explains: "Our Lord could not forget the cradle in which he lay. In the Annunciation, the angel said: "The Lord is with Thee." In the Assumption: "Mary is with the Lord." Her Assumption is the guarantee that one's prayers to her will be answered. The Son is on the right Hand of the Father; she is on the right Hand of the Son."



COVID 19 UPDATE

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Parishioners must not mingle before, during or after Mass since social distancing rules cannot be easily observed.

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.

New Dates for Plenary Council

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the National Plenary Council Assembly has been postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and April 2022 (Sydney). The discernment papers foundational to the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Assembly are available on the National Plenary Council webpage under the Discernment tab: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

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 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).

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Consider Him,
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As you Desire to
Imitate Him"*
St Clare of Assisi



Kids Corner

Majellan Family Magazine is in its 71st year and from the beginning, the magazine has sought to foster family life in a Christian context. It is named after a Redemptorist saint, Gerard Majella, who showed particular care for families during his lifetime and afterwards came to be looked upon by many people as a patron of families in need.

Irene Taylor - Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

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