



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

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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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. 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, 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 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 Twenty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year A
(30 August, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life.



We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Francisco Corte-Real, Michael Harbieh, John Bakhos, Mama Channa, Mama Lina.

Anniversary of Death: Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirowski, Fr Tom Crotty, Antonio Palucci, Suor Marta Pugi, Domenico Colaneri, Alexandrina Da Costa, Danuta Zamirowski, Mark Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Domenico Colaneri, Phillip Elias, Jack Michael.

In Loving Memory of: Joaquim Quintao, Jesuina Quintao, Paulo Quintao, Joao Bosco Quintao, Harold Aviet, Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta, San Antonio, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, and all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Special Intention: Sonya Vong.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Josh

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| 05 | Joaquim Quintao+, Genevieve EXTON |
| 06 | Jesuina Quintao+, Anita LANE |
| 07 | Paulo Qunitao+, Sophie LAWES |
| 08 | Joao Bosco Quntao+, Annie LAWRENCE |
| 09 | Peter Petretic, David LAWRENCE |
| 10 | Georgia LAWRENCE |
| 11 | Steve LAWRENCE |

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

Sacrament of Confirmation is Postponed to 2021

The Archbishop instructed in his most recent pastoral letter regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation: "Inevitably, the number of guests for the celebrations this year and next will have to be somewhat restricted and we ask for people's understanding in this matter." Despite planning to multiply the Confirmation Masses, these restrictions would consist of only allowing the candidate, the sponsor, and two parents attending each Confirmation Mass. I was prepared to make arrangements in launching the Confirmation Sacramental Program this month, but now that the Parish currently has fewer staff, we will need to wait until next year until there is a sufficient amount of administrative assistance to help organise the complex requirements during the pandemic.

Having stated this, if you have a child who is currently in Year 6, I recommend that you contact the Parish Office to ask for an *Expression of Interest* Form to be sent to you. This form will enable your child to express his or her interest in participating in the Confirmation Sacramental Program next year. This expression of interest is needed because as your child will be in High School next year, the Parish will no longer have any direct contact with him or her as it currently does either through the teachers in Catholic primary schools or the catechists in the Public primary schools.

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Priest's Retirement Fund

The Priest's Retirement Foundation of the Archdiocese of Sydney ensures all priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. On the day of his ordination, the young priest lays down in a symbolic gesture to show that he offers his whole life for the church. The Retirement Foundation is a way to show appreciation for this lifetime of service.

There are now over 75 retired priests in Sydney, many of whom worked long into their 70s, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people.

Even in retirement most priests, while their health allows, will continue to serve the community, in particular, by the celebration of weekend masses in parishes and assisting as chaplains in aged care facilities.

The Archdiocese will give two dollars for every dollar contributed to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

This weekend you will find envelopes at our Sunday Masses if you would like to donate to the Priest Retirement Fund. You can also donate online by going to <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf/>



Holy Land Collection Sunday 13 September



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year,

due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday 13 September to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14 September. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday 13 September and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Parishioners are exhorted to wear face masks as a safeguard to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Congregational singing, the sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended at this time.

Church attendance numbers are limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.

All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and must keep written record with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

Parishes are advised to designate specific people to monitor the sign-in process and to make sure all people attending Masses are registering (at least one person from each family group).

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

**BE BRAVE, DON'T
BE AFRAID OF
YOUR WEAKNESS,
BECAUSE IN
CHRIST
CRUCIFIED, YOU
CAN DO
EVERYTHING.**

**St. Catherine
of Siena**

Manna Food Box - Thank you!

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Manna Food project last weekend. Thank you also to all those who donated! We need more volunteers for next month's project. If you can spare 2 hours on one Saturday next month please contact the parish office.

