



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
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Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

Phone: (02) 9724 5997

Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

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Mailchimp Mailing List

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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, provided that a sufficient number of volunteers are available to sanitise the church after each Mass.

Unfortunately, the 9am and 6pm Masses on Sundays cannot be celebrated, as there is insufficient time to sanitise the church between the 9am and 10:30am Masses and between the 4:30pm Mass in Vietnamese and the 6pm Mass.

From this weekend, Mass time will be the following:

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday Mass: 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:30am

Parishioners will need to register beforehand for Sunday Mass 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 Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year A
(21 September, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Is 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18*

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading *Phil 1:20-24, 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.

Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because



no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

Communion Antiphon *Jn 10:14*

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Francisco Corte-Real, Michael Harbich, 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, Danna 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

19	Claire Marusic
20	Eliza McCumstie
21	Michael McCumstie
22	James McDonald
23	Sarah McDonald
24	Lindsay Mitcham
25	Ashley Mitcham

Message from the Parish Priest

Moving Forward Together

As you may have heard, His Grace, Archbishop Fisher has asked me to step into the position as Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. While I am honoured by his request, sadly this new appointment means I will be leaving Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. I will speak further on this in the coming weeks, but for now I will leave you with a letter from His Grace to you, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary.

To the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

My dear people,

I am writing to you with some news about your much-loved Parish Priest, Fr Michael de Stoop.

I have asked Fr Michael to take on the very important responsibility of Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush. This is not a role that Fr Michael has sought, indeed he was surprised at my asking him. However, after much prayer and consideration he has faithfully accepted my request to take on this duty in the service of the Church in Sydney. I am very grateful for him saying yes!

The demands of this role will mean that Fr Michael will be leaving Our Lady of the Rosary, which I know he will be doing reluctantly. Since coming to Fairfield, Fr Michael has worked alongside you on pastoral outreach initiatives such as 'Soup for the Soul' and 'Manna Food Box'; the SmartLoving marriage preparation course; and Catholic Care's Communities of Care project which have all contributed to Our Lady of the Rosary being the thriving faith-filled parish that it is, centered on prayer and the worship of God at Mass and reaching out to the community beyond. This was very evident to me when I did my parish visitation in March.

In order for the smooth transition at the Seminary, Fr Michael will be finishing up at Fairfield on Sunday 11th October so he is able to receive a handover from the current rector of the seminary.

Having had the joy of meeting many of you during the Parish Visitation earlier this year, I am aware that many of you will be sad on hearing the news of Fr Michael's departure.

But at the same time you will appreciate the gifts he will bring to his new task in forming the next generation of priests for Sydney. I ask you to pray for Fr Michael at this time. I know the love he has for his own vocation as a priest will enable him to fulfil his new role helping our seminarians and future priests to respond to their call with pastoral charity and an inner conviction brought about by deep peace and profound joy.

I realise that the COVID safe restrictions will make thanking and farewelling Fr Michael more difficult than normal and may need to be in various small groups and livestreamed.

When I have a new pastor to appoint to Fairfield I will advise you, but in the meantime be assured that the parish will continue to function in the excellent ways it presently does.

With my prayerful best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ



Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB BTheol DPhil

Archbishop of Sydney



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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).



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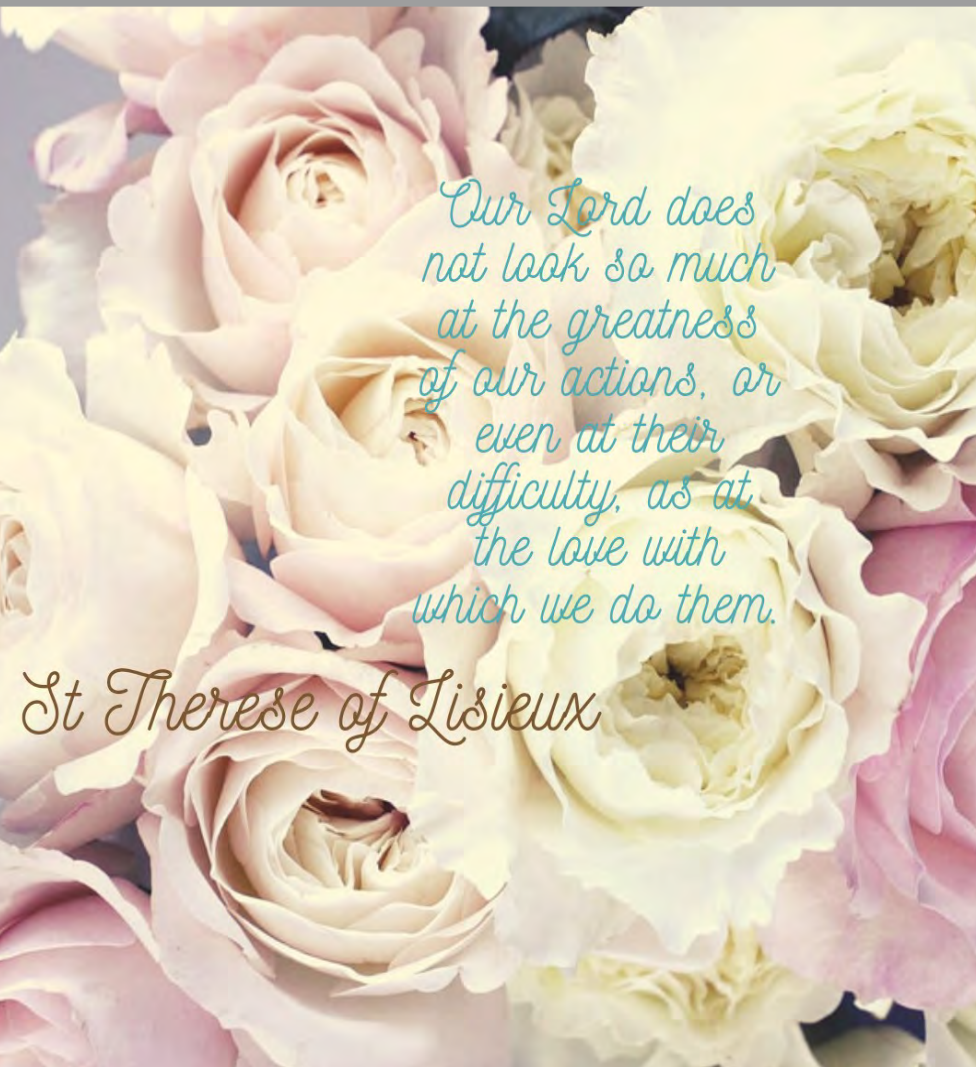
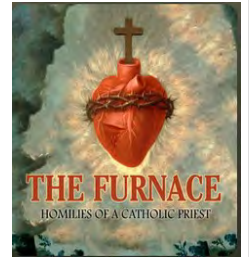
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<https://the-furnace.captivate.fm/>



Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.

St Therese of Lisieux

Holy Land Collection

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. The Holy Land Collection envelopes will be in the church until the end of 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.

