

# 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

**Parish Administrator:** Rev Fr Bob Bossini  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Josh Miechels  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
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**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Office Hours:**  
Monday: 1pm - 4pm  
Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Sign up to the OLR  
**Mailchimp Mailing List:** Re. Parish Events  
Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>


**Catechist Coordinator**  
Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**Liturgical Coordinator**  
Manolo Patacsil: 0466 263 419

## SUNDAY MASS (as of 10/11 October 2020)

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)  
in Polish: 7:30am  
in English: 9:00am, 10:30am  
in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Monday - Friday 9:30am

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**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fairfield Parish**  
for more updates and info on news

## SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Confession

Before or after Mass or by appointment

### Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

### Marriage

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

### Anointing of the Sick

Please check the Parish Bulletin for future dates for the administration of this Sacrament during Mass. Outside Mass times, requests to be anointed can take place after any Mass or by appointment.

## 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

## 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.

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

**The Twenty Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(18 October, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading** Is 45:1.4-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the  
setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in  
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God  
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God  
for you all, and constantly remember before God our  
Father how you have shown your faith in action,  
worked for love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you  
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good  
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as  
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 22:15-21

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

The Pharisees went away to work out between them  
how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their  
disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,  
'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach  
the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not  
afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing  
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to  
pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of  
their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you  
set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the  
tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said,  
'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they  
replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to  
Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what be-  
longs to God.'

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Marion Zezula, Harold Aviet,  
Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirowski, Fr Tom Crotty, An-  
tonio Palucci, Suor Marta Pugi, Domenico Colaneri,  
Alexandrina Da Costa, Danuta Zamirowski, Mark  
Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Domenico Colaneri,  
Phillip Elias, Jack Michael, Richard Zamirowski.

**In Loving Memory of:** Carmine Bruzzese, Antonio  
Velardi, Giuseppina Velardi, Teresa Raroigmani,  
Joaquim Quintao, Jesuina Quintao, Paulo Quintao, Joao  
Bosco Quintao, Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta,  
San Antonio, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, and all Holy  
Souls in Purgatory.

**Special Intention:** Sonya Vong.

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

With today's Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21] we see the Pharisees teaming up with the Herodians in order to place a snare – a trap – for Jesus. The Herodians are mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels as plotting the death of Jesus [Mark 3:6] and being in league with the Pharisees in posing the question concerning taxes [Matthew 22:16-22; Mark 12:13-17]. Not much is known about them, but there is speculation that they had some high esteem of **Herod the Great**, seeing him almost as the Messiah. It is unusual for such a pro-Roman group to be affiliated with a strong Jewish group like the Pharisees. Matthew mentions their unlikely allegiance to highlight the extent that both parties disliked the actions of Jesus. In using the custom of paying taxes to the Romans, they believe that they have finally caught Jesus out. If he agrees that it is not just to pay the Roman poll tax (a tax which every Jew detested paying) they could report him as usurper and rebel and thus have the Romans arrest and imprison him. If on the other hand he states that it is alright to pay the Roman tax, he would lose the good will of the people who believed that the tax was a great imposition.

But Jesus turns the tables on them and even brings the argument to another level by introducing the 'tribute' that needs to be paid to God. In making the statement: 'render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that belong to God' many people believe that Jesus is making a distinction between matters religious and secular. This is far from the truth, as Jesus is challenging us to recognise that through our immersion in the secular – as kingdom people – we are rendering to God the things that belong to God, as well as rendering to 'Caesar' what belongs to him.

Francis de Sales [1567-1622] enlightens us in this area by stating: "***Be just and equitable in all your actions. Always put yourself in your neighbour's place and your neighbour in yours, and then you will judge rightly. Imagine yourself the seller when you buy and the buyer when you sell and you will sell and buy justly...you lose nothing by living generously, nobly, courteously and with a royal, just and reasonable heart. Resolve to examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbour, as you would want your neighbour to be toward you if you were in your neighbour's place. This is the touchstone of true reason.***" (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 36)

Whether the obligations are great or small, we must strive to always give what is due to our brothers and sisters. We must strive to treat one another reasonably, fairly, humbly, honestly and justly. In so doing we render to "Caesar" what is "Caesar's," and we also render to God what is God's. In living out the Gospel of love in all our dealings and relationships, we are truly rendering to God all that he has given us, and in so doing we can rejoice like the Thessalonians in today's second reading, that we have shown our ***'faith in action, worked for love and persevered in hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ'*** [1 Th 1:3].

Today we rejoice to find out that we, as Christians, are indeed dual citizens. We are citizens of the country in which we live and we are citizens of that greater and more noble entity: the Kingdom of God. We have responsibilities to both. We need to be aware of those responsibilities and live up to them – to render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.



**Fr Bob Bossini**  
**Administrator**



TIME	PROGRAM OF THE NIGHT
6:15 PM	Parishioners Arrive
6:30 PM	Arrival of the Pilgrim statue outside the parish church
6:45 PM	Procession of the pilgrim statue to the designated area inside the Church. Gift of flowers presented to Our Lady by the children of the parish.
7:10 PM	Very brief welcome by the Priest.
7:15 PM	Recitation of the Parish Rosary – 5 decades
7:45 PM	Short 5 minute reflection given by Priest on the Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption
8:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 15 minute of silent family prayer.
8:15 PM	Close with Benediction
8:30 PM	Procession of Our Lady's statue out of the church.

## Message of Gratitude from Fr Michael de Stoop

Thank you for the gracious farewell I received before my departure last Sunday. I am very grateful for the kind words many parishioners said to me and wrote in various messages, the generous donations and the Spiritual Bouquet which tallied to the following pledges to support me:

- 95 decades of the Rosary;
- 25 Novenas;
- 59 Masses;
- 30 acts of penance in union with Christ's Passion; and
- 22 visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

I am also grateful for the beautiful flowers I received as a gift on behalf of the Parish. As you can see in the photographs of the Chapel in the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush



where I am now located, I asked Peter (the seminarian who resides in Fairfield Parish on his holidays) to adorn the altar with these flowers.

I very much miss you on account of the memories I treasure by virtue of the graced connections I was privileged to enjoy with you in Christ and the adventure I had in helping building up the faith-community in such great team work with the Assistant Priests, the many gifted and dedicated volunteers, and the Parish Office Staff, the staff in the Catholic schools, and the many institutions, agencies, communities, and groups which the Parish collaborates with.

I trust that the fruits God brought about through our work together will continue to grow under the leadership of your new pastor Fr Bob Bossini whom you will have the pleasure of meeting now that he has commenced his appointment to replace me.

You can be assured of my prayers in response to the gratitude I have for you. As I feel that I received more than what I had given as your Parish Priest by virtue of the many things I learned in Fairfield Parish, I look forward to apply this experiential knowledge in helping direct the formation of our future priests in the Seminary.

### **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/>

### **The Holy Father's Appeal**

Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support. This appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity.

The appeal is typically held on the Feast Day of St Peter and Paul on 29 June. However, due to COVID-19, Rome has rescheduled the appeal to 3-4 October. This is still a very trialling period for parishes, so any support you might provide is greatly appreciated.

Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the Universal Church. Your gift will assist communities impacted by floods, earthquakes, civil war and other disasters.

