

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
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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.olfairfield.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



Like our Parish Facebook page
**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. Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

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@olfairfield.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

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.

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

**The Thirty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year A
(All Saints Day 1 November, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 104:3-4*

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the
Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading *Rv 7:2-4. 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6*

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to
see your face.

Second Reading *1 Jn 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon *Mt 5:8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano Rosemarie Van Reyk, Francisco Corte-Real, Michael Harbieh, John Bakhos, Mama Channa, Mama Lina.

Anniversary of Death: Tadeusz Konarski, Caterina Giuliano, Richard Zamirowski, Marion Zezula, Harold Aviet, 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: 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.

Sick: Domenico Giuliano

Special Intention: Albertine & Joseph Jabroo, Sonya Vong

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. We recognise today those who have lived holy and faith filled lives. These are the people mentioned in our first reading today, those from 'every nation, race, tribe and language...dressed in whit robes' [Revelation 7:9.13]. These saints whose lives we celebrate today are the ordinary people who simply and truthfully lived out the message of the Gospel. The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes reference to this by stating that a saint is the holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life. The Church calls this the Communion of Saints, the Communion of the holy ones [cf CCC # 823,946].

The notion of holiness is central to our understanding of what comprises a saint. The Second Vatican Council calls us to a life of holiness, which we seek through fidelity to the vocation that God has given to each of us: single, married, consecrated or ordained. The challenging concept here is that in recognising and celebrating the concept of the Communion of Saints, an item of faith that we declare in the Creed on Sundays, we need to appreciate that these people may be those who lived amongst us as family, friends, associates and community members. One can appreciate the 'place' in which these people now live when one considers the gift of eternal life: the gift of heaven. We can appreciate this great gift when we contrast it with the concept of hell. Traditionally, hell has been seen as a place of eternal torment – of everlasting fire, with demons tormenting the souls of the damned. The writer and theologian C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) in his work entitled *The Great Divorce* (1945), gives a picture of hell as being quite drab. He states that it is a place of total isolation, where its inhabitants spend an eternity moving farther and farther from each other. It is a place of total self-distancing. Heaven then is conceived as in a totally opposite way – as place where souls move closer together and thus closer to God in complete adoration of God's divine majesty and goodness.

To receive this eternal reward then becomes the result of living a holy and God-filled life. Today's Gospel [Matthew 5:1-12] gives us an idea of how this life should be lived as it presents us with certain qualities that comprise a good Christian life. Matthew states four qualities that allow us to be receptive of the great love that God has for us: to have a poverty of spirit; to live a life of gentleness; to be prepared to mourn with those who are sorrowful and to be hungry in wanting the justice and righteousness of God's kingdom to be a reality.

Matthew also tells us that there are four qualities that demonstrate our readiness to work for the characteristics of God's Kingdom: to live by, and to show mercy; to live with a purity of heart – a single mindedness that allows us to continually focus of God's ways; to be peacemakers; and to be willing to continually love the Lord without counting the cost- to be faithful to God's ways even in the midst of persecution.

As we celebrate this great day – the remembrance of those ordinary people who have lived holy and faithful lives and now share in eternal glory – we can meditate on the words given to us by John in our second reading: 'my dear people we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ' [1 John 3:3]. What we celebrate today – All Saints Day – is the reward given to those who have faithfully lived out their Christian vocation and to anticipate what awaits us if we do the same.



Fr Bob Bossini
Administrator

All Souls Day Celebration 2020

Date: Monday 2 Nov. 2020

Adoration: 11am

Mass: 9:30am, 12pm

Zammit Family

We would like all Parishioners to know that Nina Zammit has recently passed away. Her funeral details are:

Date: Tuesday 3 Nov. 2020 | **Time:** 11am

Please keep Nina and the Zammit Family in your prayers.

Mass Intentions of Fr. Josh

October

31 Albertin and Joseph Jabroo

November

01 Lewis D'Souza+

02 Harold Aviet+

New Community Care Worker



We are pleased to welcome Juliette Kirkwood, our new Community Care Worker from the Parish Program. Juliette can help you find help if you are experiencing hardship with money, relationships, parenting, aging, disability, addictions, domestic violence or mental health .

The Parish Program is here to promote the wellbeing of all Parish members. Juliette speaks both English and Arabic so feel free to drop in after Mass or just call Juliette on 0409 987 296.

Juliette is here on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 5pm.



"It is like I have a new life." - Chen

Love one another. Just as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission plays a vital role in responding to the call to love God and our neighbor by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing their faith in action and prayer.

Every October, during World Mission Month, Catholic Mission focus their appeal on one particular program. This year they are partnering with *The Arrupe Centre* in north-western Cambodia. Started in 2001 by the compassionate Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Centre supports young residents with disabilities due to landmine incidents or other illnesses. Offering children the potential to live a full life by providing education, healthcare and opportunities for many, including a young man called Chen, whose life (and that of his family) was impacted so suddenly by a landmine incident which took both of his legs at the age of 16.



"At the time my child had the accident, I felt so distressed. If the Arrupe Centre did not exist, I would be in great hardship." - Chen's father

Find out more about Chen and this year's appeal at catholicmission.org.au/cambodia and discover how much these young people's lives have been turned around by the

love and compassion of the Church, providing them with hope, joy, happiness and support they would otherwise not have access to, in order to help them live a fulfilling life.



If you are able to and wish to donate, you can do so by any of the following methods:

Texting **GIVE** to **0488 854 436** (please include your parish name in the notes)

Supporting online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

Completing and returning your **parish appeal envelope**, if you have received one

Phoning **free call: 1800 257 296** to talk to one of the friendly team about Catholic Mission projects, regular giving or making a donation over the phone



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.captive.fm/>

We need more volunteers to pack and help to deliver food boxes to families around the parish in November and December.

OLR invites you to help with the Monthly...

Manna Food box PROJECT

Volunteers needed!