



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

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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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Andrew Fu

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
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**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)  
**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**  
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  
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month  
6:30pm

**NOVENA PRAYER**  
Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

 Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

## 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@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 Thirty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(8 November, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**First Reading** Wis 6:12-16

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave  
you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are wor-  
thy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Second Reading** 1 Jn 3:1-3

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those  
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve  
about them, like the other people who have no hope.  
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it  
will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God  
will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the  
Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive  
until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage  
over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the  
voice of the archangel will call out the command and  
the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those  
who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and  
then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in  
the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the  
air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such  
thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 24:42-44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Mt 25:1-13

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their  
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them  
were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish  
ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil,  
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as  
their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew  
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry,  
"The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At  
this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their  
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones,  
"Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out."  
But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and  
for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy  
some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when  
the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in  
with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.  
The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they  
said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you  
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because  
you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me  
repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario  
Pagano Rosemarie Van Reyk, Francisco Corte-Real, Mi-  
chael Harbieh, John Bakhos, Mama Channa, Mama Lina.

**Anniversary of Death:** Antonio Zaccardi, Tadeusz  
Konarski, Caterina Giuliano, Richard Zamirowski, Marion  
Zezula, Harold Aviet, Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirowski,  
Fr Tom Crotty, Antonio Palucci, Suor Marta Pugi, Dome-  
nico Colaneri, Alexandrina Da Costa, Danuta Za-  
mirowski, Mark Vines, Michael, Giuseppe Petrella, Do-  
menico Colaneri,

**In Loving Memory of:** Dominic Gonzalez, Annie Gonza-  
lez, Mathew Gonzalez, Carmine Bruzzese, Antonio Ve-  
lardi, Giuseppina Velardi, Teresa Raroigmani, Joaquim  
Quintao, Jesuina Quintao, Paulo Quintao, Joao Bosco  
Quintao, Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta, San An-  
tonio, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, and all Holy Souls in Pur-  
gatory.

**Sick:** Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

**Special Intention:** Bedour & Jamil Sadig, Albertine &  
Joseph Jabroo, Sonya Vong

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

In the final three Sundays of the Church's liturgical year, the Gospel is taken from **Chapter 25** of Matthew's Gospel. This chapter comes from the final sermon in Matthew (Chapters 23-25), with the basic theme of Jesus' criticism of the religious leaders, the final coming of the Kingdom of God and the characteristics we need to possess in order to be part of this Kingdom. These chapters parallel and mirror Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, which outline and emphasise the new teaching of Jesus, based on the Mosaic Law. Taking its lead from Matthew 24:29 [*Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from the sky and the powers of heaven will be shaken*], which introduces and continues the theme of watchfulness until the coming of the Kingdom of God at the end of time, Chapter 25 gives us three parables on the virtues every believer needs to have while awaiting this Kingdom. Matthew 25 is divided as follows:

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Nov 12<sup>th</sup>)** ~ *The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (25:1-13)*

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)** ~ *The Parable of the Talents (25:14-30)*

**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King)** ~ *Parable of the Last Judgement (25:31-46)*

These readings have the overall theme of the **unexpected** and **sudden** appearance of Jesus.

The **Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids**, which makes up today's Gospel has three characters: The Bridegroom, the virtuous maids and the foolish maids. The image of the Bridegroom is one, that in the Old Testament has been ascribed to God [*See Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:32 and Hosea 2:16*]. In the New Testament, it is an image given to Jesus [*Matthew 9:15*]. The issue here is the delay of the Bridegroom in arriving for the marriage ceremony. The awaiting maids fall asleep in the meantime. The difference between the wise and foolish maids, is that the wise maidens have brought extra oil for their lamps and so are prepared to go and welcome the Bridegroom, whose arrival has been finally announced. The central themes of the Parable are: the **ability** of the individual **to be prepared** and the **unexpected arrival** of the **bridegroom**.

We need to realise the importance and centrality of the oil in this parable. The oil is central to the working of the lamp. Its absence has the same result as a torch without batteries.

It symbolises in this parable the elements necessary for the encounter of the individual with the Bridegroom.

It would be foolish, if not fatal to venture into the dark with lamps without sufficient oil, no matter how important it is to meet the Bridegroom. The supply of this oil is the one thing that differentiates the two group of women. It becomes a reminder that we cannot be in a position to 'borrow' from another person's good works. We cannot utilise the spiritual gifts of others for our own benefit. We need to ensure that we have enough 'oil' in order to keep alive our spiritual lives, and so not to be caught wanting when the hour comes.

Ultimately, the parable urges us to be continually ready and prepared for the delayed and surprising arrival of the Bridegroom. Our lives need to be lived in such a way that we should not be found wanting when the Bridegroom arrives. We do not know the time, day or the hour of His Second Coming. We only live in hope and expectation of it. This month of November – the Month of the Holy Souls – challenges us to ensure that we have sufficient 'oil' for our spiritual lamps.

We should therefore be able to ensure that we are living lives that allow us to be prepared for Jesus' unexpected and sudden coming. As the wise bridesmaids brought extra oil while they awaited the coming of the bridegroom, we can ask ourselves: what is it that we need to have in order to be prepared for Jesus' coming? The First Reading today reminds us that **Wisdom** becomes an important factor in all this. For us to acquire or to live with this type of wisdom means being prepared for God's reign. Readiness that comes from Wisdom, is then an attitude, a commitment and a lifestyle. It means living in ways that conform to the character of God's Kingdom by our being faithful to its values and demands. This is the essential 'oil' that we require.



**Fr. Bob Bossini,  
Parish Administrator**

### November Mass Intentions

Please note that the Month of November is reserved for offering Masses for departed Souls of Families and Friends. All other Mass Intentions will be offered in December.

You may write names of departed Souls in the book located at the front of the Church.



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COMING 12 DECEMBER 2020



### A Prayer for Renewal

**B**lessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*






OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO:

## SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Let's all catch up, dance, and feast together as we draw near to Christmas.

**04 DEC, FRIDAY • 12 PM - 2 PM**  
**AT THE PARISH HALL.**  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$15

Must RSVP by the 25 November.  
Contact [events@olfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olfairfield.org.au) or come in the Parish during working hours to register.

### LAST CHANCE: 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph

Although the consecration began on Friday it's not too late for you to catch up!

The Sydney-wide '33 Day Consecration to Saint Joseph' will be used to prepare us locally for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Joseph being proclaimed Patron and Protector of the Universal Church on 8 December 1870. Please go to the Life Marriage and Family Facebook page for the REGISTRATION link and for the daily reflection videos which will be posted. Please feel free to contact Steven Buhagiar from the Life Marriage and Family Team on 0415600290 for more information. God bless.



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 1870-2020  
*Patron of the Universal Church*

commencing **FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2020**

Register now to participate at [lifemarriagefamily.org.au](http://lifemarriagefamily.org.au)

### Mass for Expectant Mothers

This year the Mass for Expectant Mothers will be celebrated on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 12 noon and will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral.

Each expectant mother and her unborn child will receive an individual blessing from Bishop Umbers, as well as a small gift from the Life, Marriage & Family Team.

**Registrations:**  
[sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smc/mass/massformothers/Site/Register](http://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smc/mass/massformothers/Site/Register)

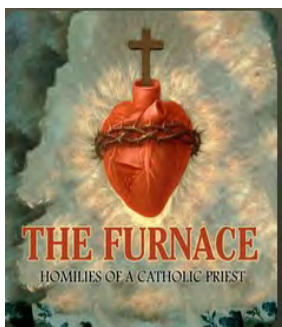


Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is?

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Saturday 12 December, St Mary's Cathedral 12pm

### 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/>

### CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



  
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[www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)