

# 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  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**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

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## 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-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(15 November, 2020)**

**Entrance Antiphon**      *Jer 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading**      *Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*

*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**Responsorial Psalm**      *Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1*

**(R.)** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Second Reading**      *1 Thes 5:1-6*

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Jn 15:4. 5*

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Gospel**      *Mt 25:14-30*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more.

The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

**Communion Antiphon**      *Ps 72:28*

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano Rosemarie Van Reyk, Francisco Corte-Real

**Anniversary of Death:** Antonio Zaccardi, Tadeusz Konarski, Caterina Giuliano, Richard Zamirowski, Marion Zezula, Harold Aviet, Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirowski,

**In Loving Memory of:** Dominic Gonzalez, Annie Gonzalez, Mathew Gonzalez, Carmine Bruzzese,

**Sick:** Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

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

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel [Matthew 25:14-30] we have the second of three parables that allows us to come to an understanding of the traits necessary to be a Christian disciple. This parable centres around our being aware of the fact that God has given us all talents, according to our own abilities. In giving us these gifts, God then expects us to be able to utilise them to the best of our ability and in so doing allow the Kingdom of God to grow.

In our second reading [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6], Paul asks his readers to be vigilant, telling them to live as if they were people of the day and not like those who live in the night – asleep. The central element here is that a certain amount of activity and daring is asked of the disciple. As people living in the daylight, we have to be industrious with regard to our dealings with the Kingdom. The day is not meant for rest. It is a time allotted for work, industry and risk taking. Something positive then is expected of the disciple, since in being involved in the things of the day, one becomes more vigilant of what is required in this interim period while we await the coming of the Lord.

What then is this **vigilance** that the Gospel asks of us today? We saw in last week's Gospel [Matthew 25:1-13 -the parable of the ten bridesmaids] that this vigilance comprises of our having *'enough oil for our lamps'* as we await the coming of the Bridegroom. It means that we cannot claim the good works of others as our good works. We cannot borrow the 'oil' of other people as claim it as our own. Each of us is responsible for our own good works and efforts. It challenges us to recognise the presence of the virtue of **PRUDENCE (WISDOM)** in our lives: are we capable of making the right decisions, of discerning matters through the will and mind of God. In today's parable, the master deals out the talents to his servants according to their abilities: to one he gave five talents, to another two and to a third, one. The master does not tell his servants how to deal with these talents, but there is an underlying expectation that they are to use them appropriately. The reader knows that the master will return and so demand of his servants the interest he expects them to make with the talents allotted to them. We find out that the first two servants doubled their store of talents. The third simply gave the talent back.

Unlike the first two servants on whom the master heaped a great amount of praise [*'Well done good and faithful servant...come join in your master's happiness'*], the third servant receives the rebuke of the master for his idleness and lack of risk taking.

This parable challenges us to recognise that true Christian servitude and stewardship consists in not only recognising our God given gifts, but also to be able to take the risk to develop and utilise them for the greater glory of God and His Kingdom. It challenges us to recognise the presence of another great virtue in our Christian lives, that of **FORTITUDE** or the strength of character to be able to realise the good decisions we have made. It is a useless exercise for us to simply encounter the Lord and return our gifts untouched, undeveloped and unused. God expects better from us. Indeed next week's Gospel [Matthew 25:31-46] challenges us to realise that we bring about judgement on ourselves through our involvement or non-involvement in tending to the needs of others.

The growth and development of our Parish community demands that each of us examine their own lives (through the use of the virtue of **PRUDENCE**), recognise and name their gifts and be prepared to utilise them for the benefit of the community (by having the **FORTITUDE** or strength) to bring our decisions to fruition. In doing so we enter into the true meaning of Christian service and stewardship. What are my gifts and am I prepared to take the necessary risks to develop and utilise them for the growth of God's Kingdom?



**Fr. Bob Bossini,**  
**Parish Administrator**

## Mass Intentions of Fr. Josh

### November

- 14 Maria, Phade, Phero, Matta, Luxica, Mattheo, Anna, Giuse, Anton, AmphongSo, Di Khiendi Ngoi, Song Tam Pung-Nguyen Mans+
- 15 Deceased members Cesary, Aviet, Lyons, Davis, Bellerose, Burford families and All the souls in Purgatory+
- 16 Mercula Chua, Chua Tian Reh, Peter Choi, Imelda Derama, Princess Soriano+
- 17 Len Howard, Regan and Gooney Families
- 18 All souls
- 19 All souls
- 20 Marjona, Algis (mum, husband)

## Death Anniversary/ Memorial Masses

Nina Zammit, Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7pm  
Antun Lukac, Saturday 28 November 2020 at 6pm

## OUR MISSION

WE EXIST TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE A LIFE  
OF GRACE THROUGH

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S GRACE,  
GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE, AND  
GIVING GOD'S GRACE TO OTHERS.

## Invitation to Thanksgiving Mass for Holy Communion Ministers, Lectors and Acolytes

Thanksgiving Mass  
will be celebrated by Fr Bob Bossini on  
**Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 5:30 – 6:30  
pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

**All are welcome.**

For enquiries: Antoinette Balamoan - Coordinator  
of H.C. Ministry for the Sick and Housebound on  
0412 015 469 or 9892 3683

## KID'S CORNER

### UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Universal Children's Day is celebrated annually in  
honour of children to commemorate the declaration of  
the rights of children.

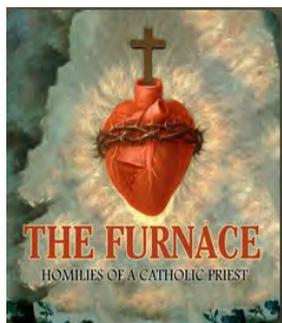
It offers us an opportunity to promote and celebrate  
children's rights that will build a better world for  
children.

*Children are a heritage of the Lord*

-Psalm 127:3

*"It's not enough to love the children, it is necessary  
that they are aware that they are loved."*

### The Furnace— Homilies of a Catholic Priest



Father Josh has created a daily pod-  
cast 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 Ap-  
ple Podcasts, or follow this link  
<https://the-furnace.captivate.fm/>

# ADVENT 2020 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 7-8PM



TALKS BY OUR PRIESTS

NOV 27, DEC 4, 11, 18

LOCATION: INSIDE THE CHURCH

NO NEED TO BOOK ONLINE. MUST  
REGISTER UPON ENTRY AT THE  
ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH DOORS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK  
OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE  
[WWW.OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU](http://WWW.OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU)  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OLRFAIRFIELD](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OLRFAIRFIELD)



## Your local charity

Your donation supports the work of charitable  
agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

### CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Ap-  
peal 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.