



# 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Andrew Fu

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
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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.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. 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 Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year A  
(25 October, 2020)**

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face

**First Reading** Ex 22:20-26

**A reading from the Book of Exodus**

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 22:15-21

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

**Mass Intentions of Fr. Josh**

- 24 Mary, Anna Hoang, Joseph Hoang Snr and Jnr
- 25 Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta, Maddalena Di Russo
- 26 Son of Bedour and Jamil Sadiq
- 29 Mary, Anna Hoang, Joseph Hoang Snr and Jnr

**We Remember and Pray for:**

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Caterina Giuliano, Richard Zamirovski, Marion Zezula, Harold Aviet, Adela Zezula, Robert Zamirovski, Fr Tom Crotty, Antonio Palucci, Suor Marta Pugi, Domenico Colaneri, Alexandrina Da Costa, Danuta Zamirovski, 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.

**Special Intention:** Sonya Vong.

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

For a second successive Sunday we see Jesus being targeted by the religious leaders. Last week the Pharisees and Herodians tried to trap Jesus over the issue of the payment of tax to the Romans [Matthew 22:15-22]. In the scene that immediately follows this, but which does not form part of the Sunday liturgy [Matthew 22: 23-33] we have the encounter between Jesus and the Sadducees over the issue concerning the resurrection from the dead. Jesus concludes his conversation with them by stating that God is a God of the living and not of the dead, and that such marital relationships do not matter in the afterlife [Matthew 22:23-33].

Today the Pharisees make a second attempt at entrapping Jesus by asking him to define which is the greatest of the commandments [Matthew 22:34-40], expecting him to possibly state the observance of the details of the Law would rank as a primary obligation. Jesus however presents a very different and unexpected reply to their question. Jesus brings together two texts from the Hebrew scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, one dealing with a person's relationship with God and the other with interpersonal relationships.

Both form the two sides of the same coin. One cannot have love of God without a wholesome love of self and of others. Similarly, a deep, practical, healthy and realistic love of self and others leads to a love of God.

This is spoken of by many spiritual writers. For example, **St Frances de Sales (1567-1622)** in his work **The Treatise on the Love of God** suggests that *"We are called to love our God in a neighbourly way, and called to love our neighbour in a God-like manner."* **Gerard W. Hughes, SJ** in his book of Lenten reflections **O God, Why?** (2000) suggests that *"we can only admit to loving God as much as the person we love the least."*

In other words, love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand. We cannot admit one, without involving the other. We cannot claim to love God completely, when we fail to show love and consideration towards those who make up our lives. John reminds us of this in his letters when he states that *'anyone who says: 'I love God' and hates his brother is a liar'* [1John 4:20]. Our love of neighbour in a God-like manner suggests that the love we have for each other stems from the fact we are all created in the image of God and loved by God.

One of the most difficult and challenging aspects Jesus' summation of the Law is the part which asks us to love each other as we love ourselves. This calls for a healthy self-love, one which is based on the appreciation of who we are in the eyes of God. It challenges us to go beyond a restrictive and ego-centric self-love to one which is positive, creative and life giving. Such a love can only be gained and lived if we appreciate the great love that God has for us. In the light of today's Gospel, perhaps I can spend some time assessing the depth of my love for God in light of the love that I have for those around me and the positive appreciation I have of myself.



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

### **Parish Update**

As of Saturday 31 October/ Sunday 1 November 2020

\* Church Capacity: 125

\* **All Souls Day 26/10/2020**  
Adoration 11:00am, Mass 12:00pm

\* We may resume Saturday 8:30am Mass by the 21 Nov. 2020 if we can get enough volunteers.

### **We need more volunteers in order for the Parish to have more Masses.**

We need volunteers for masses on

Saturday 8:30am | Sunday 9:00am

Please Contact the Parish Office for more Information



OLR invites you to help with the Monthly...



# Manna Food box PROJECT

## Volunteers needed!

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



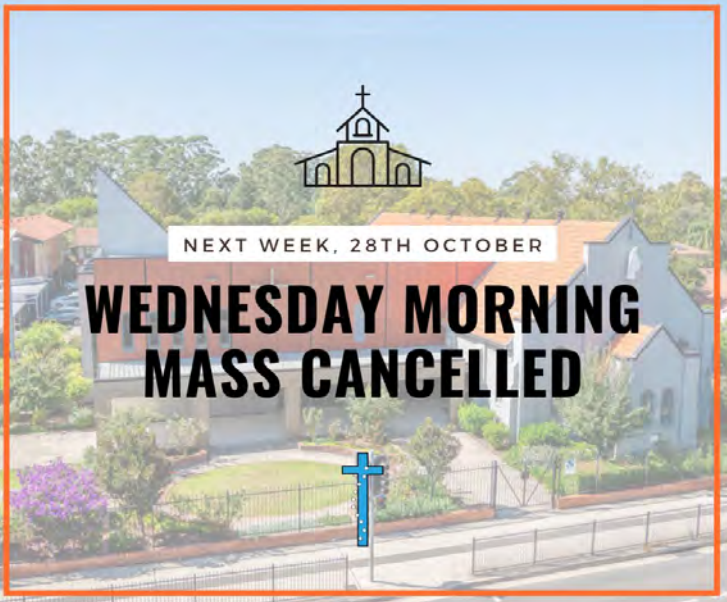
### The Furnace – Homilies of a Catholic Priest

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/>

### Rosary Pilgrimage 18 October 2020

70+ Parishioners gathered together during the Rosary Pilgrimage last Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> October. What a sight to see, this community grounded in prayer, united in our Lady and keeping hopeful in these times.

An excerpt of Fr William's reflection on the night: "The main point of Our Lady's role in the church is that Mary again is the Mother of Jesus Christ and everything that happened all those events was related to being the mother of Jesus Christ. Mary was brought into the world by God, and God used Mary as the vessel for Jesus to be brought into our world. God prepared Mary for this important role, but the Assumption is the crowning of all her joys and sorrows. Besides from the Coronation the Assumption is in a certain sense the great Marian feast because it is the one mystery in which Mary's joy is brought to completion because she is assumed into Heaven."



### 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.

