



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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Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au
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Office Hours:
Monday: 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm
The Parish Office will be closed from the 23 Dec 2020 - 11 Jan 2021

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
Contact Parish Office

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

Saturday: 8:30am

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

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
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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 Third Sunday of
Advent - Year B
(13 December, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon *Phil 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading *Is 61:1-2. 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm *Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10*
(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading *1 Thes 5:16-24*

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

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things
give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you
to do in Christ Jesus.
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophe-
cy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on
to what is good and avoid every form of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and
may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has
called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 1:6-8. 19-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came
as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him. He was not
the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who
are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite open-
ly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you
Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He
answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We
must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have
you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah
prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they
put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if
you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the proph-
et?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands
among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming
after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This
happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where
John was baptising.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. Is 35:4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

COVID Safe Liturgical Directions as at

9 December 2020

1. The dispensation from not physically attending Sunday
Mass has been lifted. Sunday Mass is an obligation.
2. People still need sanitise their hands, register their
name, have their temperature taken, sit in allocated spots,
and practice social distancing
3. Only the Choir can sing, no singing by the congregation
4. Parishioners will sanitise their seats after mass using the
wipes provided by the church

Visit the Parish Website to view more updates

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Edwin Maula, Hugo Sanchez, Irmgard
Kacalak, Dorothy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario
Pagano, Rosemarie Van Reyk

Anniversary of Death: Antonia Konarski, Aurea M. De
Guzman, Drina Diaz, Lazarus De Souza, Maria De Souza,
Antonio Zaccardi, Tadeusz Konarski

In Loving Memory of: Stefano Cagliostro, Antonio Fava,
Mariag Domenica Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, D'Ago-
stino Carmela, Francesco Antonio Toscano, Harold Aviet,
Raffaele Uglietta, Giacomo Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro,
Antun, Lukac, Karmenu & Vincenza, Charlie Camilleri, Car-
men & Joseph Camilleri,

Sick: Marija Barclay, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Do-
menico Giuliano

Special Intention: Michael, My Huong, Lizzie Pace & Fam-
ily, Sandra Maccan, Antoine Man, Marie Son

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

There is a general view which holds that anything to do with religion, spirituality or the Church cannot be joyful, relevant to life or allow the believer to be happy. Many of these people would believe that anything religious or spiritual is outdated and irrelevant to today's times and society. Today's liturgy presents a different view of spirituality from this. It emphasises the fact that the believer needs to not only to rejoice in his or her way of life, but that they are challenged to bring that joy into the lives of others through their words and deeds.

We receive an idea of the origin of this joy when we read from the prophet Isaiah, our First Reading today [61:1-2.10-11]. Here Isaiah presents himself as the one anointed and sent by God's Spirit in order to bind up broken hearts, to proclaim liberty to those who are captive, freedom those imprisoned and a year of the Lord's favour to people. Isaiah is simply reminding us of not only his vocation, but also our own. Through our anointing at Baptism, we too are sent to bind, to proclaim liberty and freedom to others from the captivity of sins.

It is understandable then why the Church calls today Gaudete Sunday – Joyful Sunday! Our faith – and the living out of it – need not be a burden for us. It need not be repressive. In fact the ways in which we go about bringing – and being - Good News to people should give us an amount of joy, satisfaction and wealth. Imagine for a while a time when you: brought joy, peace, liberty or freedom into someone's life by simply being with them or giving them the time of day, by being their friend and listening to their life's story. This is what being – and living by - the Good News is all about. Isaiah places this way of living into a beautiful image as he says that it is like a 'garden that makes seeds spring up.' The living out of our baptismal vocation then bring life and joy into the lives of others. John the Baptist is presented as the example of this way of life.

We can continue to be a source of Good News to others if we dare to take the advice of Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians, our Second Reading today when he says: 'Always be joyful, pray constantly...Never suppress the Spirit...hold onto what is good and avoid every form of evil.' [5:16.21-22].

As we move quickly towards the celebration of Christmas, perhaps we can ask ourselves: from where does my joy emanate? To whom have I been a source of joy and happiness recently? Last week's Gospel spoke to us of preparing a ready path for the Lord after the example of John the Baptist [Mark 1:1-8]. This challenged us to name, confront and remove any obstacle that stands between us and the movement of God towards us. This was further emphasised by St Peter when he urged us to live holy and unstained lives so that the Lord, when he comes will find us at peace [2 Peter 3:8-14].

Today, on this Sunday of Joy, we can ask ourselves: what more do I need to do in order to eradicate any stain of sin in my life in order to achieve the peace that can only come from my acceptance of Jesus as Lord?

Fr. Bob Bossini,
Parish Administrator



ADVENT 2020 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 7-8PM

READINGS FOR THE
SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

3RD SUNDAY



ISAIAH 61:1-2.10-11

"HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM A YEAR OF FAVOUR
FROM THE LORD"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

"MAY YOU ALL BE KEPT SAFE FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST"

JOHN 1:6-8. 19-28

"THERE STANDS AMONG YOU THE ONE COMING AFTER ME"



Blessed 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!*



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CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN PERIOD

**Parish Office will be closed from
23rd Dec 2020 to 10th Jan 2021.
The office will reopen on
11th Jan 2020 (Monday)**

Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Have a blessed holiday break!



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS
COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE
BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



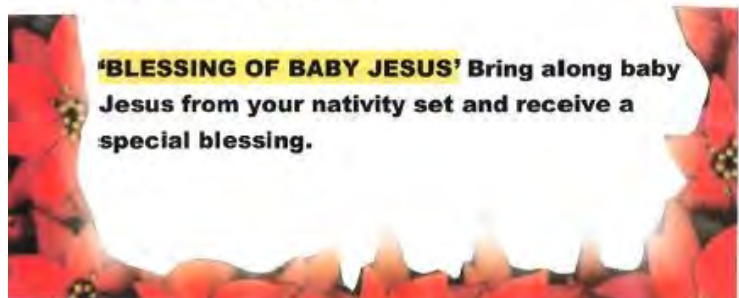
WHEN..... Thursday, 24th December 2020.

TIME..... 6.00 P.M

**WHERE.....Our Lady Of The Rosary Church.
18, Vine St. Fairfield.**

**'DRESS UP' As Mary's, Joseph's, Angels,
Shepherds, Emperors.**

**'BLESSING OF BABY JESUS' Bring along baby
Jesus from your nativity set and receive a
special blessing.**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will end this year on Wednesday 9 December 2020 and will resume on 6 January 2021.



On behalf of the Novena devotee group, we would like to thank everyone for your support and May you all have a safe, happy and holy Christmas & New Year.

- Novena Coordinator

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Fairfield,

After consultation with the Emmanuel Community the Archbishop has decided to send me to Paris for 2 years of full-time study for a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Faculté Notre-Dame within the Collège des Bernardins (<https://g.page/CollegedesBernardins?share>). While always hard to predict a thesis topic, it may well be in Sacramental Theology around the Sacrament of Confession. For the duration of my studies I will be appointed as Assistant at St Nicholas des Champs (<https://goo.gl/maps/oZbRtrgHJffTj2V66>), Paris 3me. I leave on the 15 January.

The point of this time is not simply to expand my sense of the beauty of the Lord and the faith to better share and explain it to others, but also to spend some time with my brother priests of the Community as a priest (something which I have only had very rare occasions to have), to deepen my sense of the charism of the Community, and to learn all I can from the parish priest + assistants of St Nicholas des Champs in how a parish is run, especially in the charism of the Community. This is an immensely useful opportunity for me personally and for my ability to serve you: please pray daily I come back 10 times a firecracker of the Heart of Jesus than when I left.



I am very sorry to leave: Fairfield is a university for people from other parts of Sydney to learn about immense generosity, fidelity and love.

Thankyou for your generous welcome of me in the parish and into your lives. It has been a joy, as well as a huge inspiration. Some people ask why they should trust the Church which sometimes does things so badly. This is a fair question. My answer is 1) because God does, 2) if you and I should keep receiving new chances from God then so should we be offering the same to others, and 3) that while there is undoubtedly much more corruption and evil in the Church than we know, there is always infinitely more good. This is visible to any priest at Fairfield, as he sees it is filled with quiet hidden people who live courageous lives in difficulty and suffering with great love. Fairfield, truly, is a city of hidden saints - and I thankyou for teaching me, a young priest, about the true meaning of life, and having me amongst you. You are good people, and this is a great parish.

God bless you all fully!

Fr Josh

KID'S CORNER

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
13TH DECEMBER 2020
LECTIONARY YEAR B**

In today scripture story, Mary, the soon-mother-to-be of Jesus sings a song with her cousin Elizabeth about what God is going to do.

Visit website for more Information & Fun Activities

<https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/resources/children-liturgy/>