



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 - 10 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
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 Fourth Sunday of
Advent - Year B
(20 December, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 45:8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading *2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16*

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'.

Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2*

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading *Rom 16:25-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Communion Antiphon *Is 7:14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Splari, Peter Chadwick, Ante Kapitanovich, Le Van Bac, Sister Valda Finlay, Edwin Maula, Hugo Sanchez, Irmgard Kacalak, Dorothy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano, Rosemarie Van Reyk

Anniversary of Death: Lorraine Thomson, 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'Agostino Carmela, Francesco Antonio Toscano, Harold Aviet, Raffaele Uglietta, Giacomo Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Antun, Lukac, Karmenu & Vincenza, Charlie Camilleri, Carmen & Joseph Camilleri,

Sick: Ted & Denise Cramsie, Marija Barclay, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

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

OLR Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24 December 2020

6pm Children's Mass
8pm Vietnamese Mass
11:30pm Carols
12pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25 December 2020

9am | 10:30am

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

How would you react if in a dream, God made you aware of the remaining years and events of your life – the good, the not so good, the explainable and the inexplicable? How would you respond to God? Would you say to God: *'Let's talk this over and sort out some of those perplexing elements of life that you are suggesting? I'm not too sure about all those difficult situations you are intending to place in my path in the future.'*

Or would your response be: *'Look, Lord, I can't really understand why you have planned these difficult moments in my life – why you have mingled the good with the surprising, but let's face it, you are God and at least I trust that you know what is best for me and that you will be there to help me!'*

Our response to such a scenario could be one of two. Either: 'Your will be **done**' or 'Your will be **changed**'. Today's Gospel gives us an indication as to what our response should be. When we consider today's Gospel passage [Luke 1:26-38] – Luke's story of the Annunciation to Mary of the birth of Jesus, we can be excused in thinking it a pleasant and easy experience for Mary. This is the impression we may receive from some of the art depicting the Annunciation.

Let us consider what is happening at this scene. Mary is going about her daily tasks, oblivious of what was about to occur. The archangel Gabriel appears to her with a message from God. From that moment on Mary's life was changed forever in a drastically new and surprising way. Mary betrothed to Joseph was at the threshold of a new life. Her plans were arranged and settled. She knew where she was going and what life had intended for her. But God saw it otherwise. Mary's response to Gabriel's news shows us that she was quite shaken. Luke tells us that she was disturbed by the message. But after listening to Gabriel's elaboration of the news – the fact that the Holy Spirit would overshadow her and that her Child would bring about the salvation of mankind – she obediently surrendered to God's will by simply saying: *'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me'* [Luke 1:38].

Today's readings speak to us about **PROMISE** and **TRUST**. When we make a promise to someone our intention is to see that what we promise comes to fruition. Our promise to another person elicits trust in them regarding what we intend to do. The story of our salvation is one which speaks of God's promise to bring about the redemption of the human family. As such it moves us to trust in God's word and promise. In the Gospel today we see the fulfilment of that promise in the person of Mary and the trust that she places in that promise.

On this final Sunday of Advent, we are purposefully left with the figure of Mary. She represents the true and faithful disciple of the Lord. Mary was obedient and open to God's will. She believes and trusted in God's promise. She challenges us to see that in everyday life the same can happen to us: God can enter into our lives and ask of us something which we may not understand or comprehend. If our faith and trust in God's ways is strong, then like Mary, we too can say: I am the servant of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me.

Fr. Bob Bossini,
Parish Administrator



ADVENT 2020 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 7-8PM

READINGS FOR THE
SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

4TH SUNDAY



2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

"YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR SOVEREIGNTY WILL ALWAYS
STAND SECURE BEFORE ME"

ROMANS 16:25-27

"THE MYSTERY IS REVEALED THAT WAS KEPT SECRET FOR
ENDLESS AGES"

LUKE 1:26-38

"I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD"



CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN PERIOD

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


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



Volunteers Christmas Party 2020



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.[Children needs to stay seated in their seats with their parents/guardians.]

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



New OLR Youth and Sacramental Coordinator

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Katelyn Del Rosario and I am the new Youth and Sacramental Coordinator at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield. I am involved in the Immaculata Community, previously discerning as a religious sister and now as a lay community member. This involved faith formation and outreach to students in both primary and high school and young adults throughout different parts of Australia including Hobart, Orange and Toowoomba. I was also an active member of my home parish, Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill serving in both youth and music ministry. My involvement in such communities has allowed me to foster a love for the faith and a heart for ministry particularly towards the youth (primary and high school).

I look forward to getting to know the parish community and helping the community grow and flourish through the youth and the sacraments.

For parents who would like to enrol their child for the sacramental program and/or confirmation program in 2021, please contact me via telephone or email (sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au).

KID'S CORNER

CELEBRATING JESUS BIRTH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS IS GOD'S SON, AND SON OF MARY. JESUS IS GOD, WHO BECAME A CHILD FOR US. JOSEPH IS THE FOSTER FATHER OF JESUS AND THE HUSBAND OF MARY. JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM. Many angels appeared and were singing, songs of joy, as the shepherds saw the baby Jesus.

Visit website for more Information & Fun Activities

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