



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
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Assistant Priest: Rev Fr William Chow
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Fu

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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
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 Second Sunday of
Advent - Year B
(06 December, 2020)**

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 30:19,30*

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading *Is 40:1-5. 9-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the
Lord. Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert. Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff be-
come a plain, and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all man-
kind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victo-
ry is with him, his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs
in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading
to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.

Second Reading *2 Pt 3:8-14*

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never for-
get: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand
years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not
being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else
might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all,
wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to
change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the ele-
ments will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it
contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should
be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long
for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in
flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are
waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and
new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home.
So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best
to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you
at peace.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 1:1-8*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the
Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilder-
ness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the for-
giveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusa-
lem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by
him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John
wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and
wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said,
‘Someone is following me, someone who is more power-
ful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the
strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

Communion Antiphon *Bar 5:5; 4:36*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Funeral Mass

We would like to invite all Parishioners to the Funeral of
Irmgard Kacalak (Mother of Maria Wilson)

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Time: 10:00am

Please offer a prayer for their family during this time

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Hugo Sanchez, Irmgard Kacalak, Doro-
thy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano,
Rosemarie Van Reyk

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

In Loving Memory of: Antonio Fava, Mariag Domenica
Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, D’Agostino Carmela, Fran-
cesco Antonio Toscano, Harold Aviet, Raffaele Uglietta,
Giacomo Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Antun, Lukac, Kar-
menu & Vincenza, Charlie Camilleri, Carmen & Joseph Ca-
milleri,

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

Special Intention: Lizzie Pace & Family, Sandra Maccan,
Antoine Man, Marie Son, Thomas Tien

Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

In a homily for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the then, Pope Benedict made the following point concerning the value of listening and responding to the word of God in our lives:

In the Season of Advent we too are called to listen to God's voice that cries out in the desert of the world through the Sacred Scriptures, especially when they are preached with the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, faith grows all the stronger the more it allows itself to be illumined by the divine word, by 'whatever', as the Apostle Paul reminds us, 'was written in former days (and) write for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope' (Romans 15:4).

In this statement, Emeritus Pope Benedict challenges us to see the power of the message of the Scriptures in our lives. It is a challenge for us to remain with the word, pray with the word, and live the word's challenge that transcends time and place.

Placing ourselves in the Scripture readings becomes a tremendous way for us to extract their meaning and message for ourselves. On this, the Second Sunday of Advent I invite you to participate in a simple and yet powerful exercise. I invite you to re-read the first verses of our First Reading today from the prophet Isaiah [40:1-2]. As you read it I invite you to place your name within the reading as follows. You may also wish to place the name of a person who you know may be experiencing some difficulty at present:

'Console (here place your name or the name of a friend), console (him/her)', says your God. 'Speak to (here insert your name or the name of a friend) and call to (him/her) that (his/her) time of service is ended, that (his/her) sin is atoned for.'

These words of consolation and atonement are meant for us, as well as for the people of Jerusalem. As I recite these words with my name inserted in the passage or the name of a friend, I ask: what is the consolation that I need to experience this Advent? What level of consolation do I need to bring to the life of others and to our world? Can I name the sins in my life for which the Lord has made atonement?

John the Baptist is our model for this Sunday of Advent. While he preaches a message of urgency and repentance, he also points hopefully toward our salvation, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We, too, are called to balance the tension between the urgency to be ready in our own lives for the coming of Christ along with the hope that God loves us and cares for us so much that through this same Christ He sends us the graces we need to carry out our vocation in the world with devotion and holiness.

Saint Francis de Sales [1567-1622] calls us to face the tensions, urgencies and upheavals of this life with "perfect confidence" and not to be anxious but "remain securely in the hand of God's providence" so that "he will help you in all situations". Francis de Sales instructs us to "remain in peace; rid your imagination of whatever troubles you." Both Francis de Sales and Emeritus Pope Benedict remind us of the necessity of prayer and the Scriptures in our preparation for Christmas. Am I prepared to find consolation through prayer and the Scriptures in this coming week, and in so doing be a source of consolation to others?

**Fr. Bob Bossini,
Parish Administrator**

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

As of Monday 7 December 2020 the 4Sqr/m restriction has been lessened to 2Sqr/m.

In effect, 250 are allowed in the Church at one time. Please come to Mass on early so that we can avoid congestion at the entrance for registration.

 **ADVENT 2020
REFLECTIONS**
FRIDAY EVENINGS 7-8PM

**READINGS FOR THE
SUNDAYS OF ADVENT**
2ND SUNDAY



ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11
"THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL
MANKIND SHALL SEE IT"

2 PETER 3:8-14
"WE ARE WAITING FOR THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH"

MARK 1:1-8
"A VOICE CRIES IN THE WILDERNESS: PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD"

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/oZbRtrgHJfTj2V66>), 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



13th December, SUNDAY
12 PM - 3PM

Volunteers Christmas Party

WHERE: PATRICIAN
BROTHERS HALL

Numbers are limited,
please RSVP by Monday
7 December 2020 at 4pm

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KATHRYN:
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU



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.

KID'S CORNER ST NICHOLAS FEAST DAY

6TH DECEMBER 2020

Learn about St Nicholas and share time for reflection as a family.

Visit website for more Information & Fun Activities

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