



# 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 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**  
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

**Saturday:** 8:30am

**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

**Holy Hour:** Vietnamese Community 6pm 1st Friday of the Month

 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](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.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

(7th February 2021)

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

*A reading from the book of Job*

I am filled with sorrow all day long.  
Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than  
pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have  
passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

### Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Ruben Joao Brazde Carvalho, Brian D'Costa, Shmoon Yakoob, Domenico Cagliostro, Lalli Teodora, Moveen Stuart, Anna Chuong, Anna Hoa, Peter Splari, Peter Chadwick, Ante Kapitanvich, Le Van Bac, Sister Valda Finlay, Edwin Maula, Hugo Sanchez, Irmgard Kacalak, Dorothy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano,

**Anniversary of Death:** Wiktor Zezula, Marino B. Mapagu, Maria-Vincenza-Zaccardi, Maria Canh, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vincenza Cagliostro, Joanna Ty, Joseph Hy, Joseph Hien, Lorraine Thomson, Aurea M. De Guzman, Drina Diaz

**In Loving Memory of:** Luis Mola, Jose Lius Mola, Nina Zammit, Fred Sulikowski, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano, Irmgard Kacalak, Edwin Maula, Sister Valda Finlay, Anna Chuong, Dorothy Vella, Hugo Sanchez, Anna Hoa, Peter Solar, Peter Chadwick, Ante Kapitanvich, Pulqueria Mota, Albertin & Joseph Jabro, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Rosemarie Van Reyk, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Giacomo-Raffaele-Ugletta, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Domenica Maria Cagliostro, Giacomo Ugletta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Stefano Cagliostro, Antonio Fava, Mariag-Domenica Cagliostro,

**Sick: Rawaa Ragdaa, Gaydaa & Family** Ted & Denise Cramsie, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano

### ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATE

Due to COVID safe regulations, The Imposition of Ashes will be sprinkled on the heads of the faithful rather than signing a cross on the forehead.

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

Mark's Gospel begins with the ministry of John the Baptist [1:4-11]; tells us about the period of Jesus' temptation in the desert [1:12-13] and then lists the various activities within the first hectic day of Jesus' public ministry [1:14-45]. So far we have seen Jesus announce the basis of his ministry [1:14-15]; select his first disciples [1:16-20] and begin his teaching and curing of the demoniac in the Capernaum synagogue [1:21-28]. These actions are a concrete way in which Jesus announces the Kingdom of God – by beginning to dismantle Satan's hold on humanity through sin and sickness.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus extending the Kingdom of God by entering Simon Peter's house and curing his mother-in-law of a fever [1:29-31]. This is not a life threatening situation, but one which required the assistance of Jesus. We need to be attentive to the conditions of this healing event. It is still the first day of Jesus' public ministry, so we can assume that it is still the Sabbath [1:21]. We see Jesus again healing and bringing life and health to people on the Sabbath day. Again Jesus goes beyond the religious demands of the day in order to bring God's healing presence into the life of others. Secondly we find Jesus not only approaching Simon's mother-in-law in her illness but also touching her and lifting her up [v. 31]. The touching of women, especially those who were sick, was prohibited in Jesus' time. Again we see Jesus going beyond the traditions and regulations of the day when the health of a person was concerned. Her healing allowed her to be of service to Jesus and to others [v. 31]. This becomes a foreshadowing of Jesus' words: *'I have come not to be served but to serve'* [Mk 10: 45] and of the loving service of the unnamed woman, who just before Jesus' passion, will lovingly and appropriately anoint Jesus for his burial [Mk 14:3-9].

Mark goes to great lengths to tell us how, through these actions, Jesus' reputation among the people has grown. By the end of this first day, people are bringing their sick and possessed to Jesus for healing, so much so that they were *'crowding around the door'* [1:33]. In all this Mark tells us that Jesus needed to find time to go to a *'lonely place and pray'* [v. 35]. Prayer can sometimes be the casualty whenever we find ourselves busy and occupied with the demands of life. How frequently we can state that we are too busy to pray. Today's Gospel challenges us to see that the busier we are then the more need there is for us to pray.

If not then our work and ministry can simply be reduced to social work or good works and even become drudgery, as Job points out in the first reading.

If we have recourse to a continual and habitual prayer life, then our work and ministry can be part of that prayer: we can find the strength to see God at work through our work, and in that our works allow for the growth and strengthening of the Kingdom of God. We need to ask ourselves whether our prayer and work are indeed assimilated. We need to ask ourselves also: do I make room to go regularly to this *'lonely place'* in order to be with God in prayer? Our prayer and our ministry need to go hand in hand.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
**Parish Administrator**

## OLR Hospital Visits

Any Parishioners who are Housebound and sick or know of anyone who is sick and would like a priest to visit them, please contact the parish office to make a request for a priest to visit.

Please remove your mask before receiving

Holy communion during Mass



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GO MAKE DISCIPLES

An Invitation

Everyone is warmly invited to a Session night on our new Mission Plan, **Go Make Disciples**

**Parish Hall, 7pm, Tuesday 9th February 2021**

Limited seats only. Register at the door.  
Please arrive early

SHRILL CENTRE EVANGELISATION

All Parishioners are invited to a Talk by Elizabeth Arblaster who is the Parish Renewal Manager from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

**7.15pm- 8.15pm.**

We are opening the hall from 7pm (for coffee and tea)



# Encounter

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## Join our Youth Mission team!

Calling all **Young Adults** 18-23 years old who are interested to do a **YEAR OF MISSION** in Youth Ministry

An opportunity to go deeper and encounter Christ through:

- Prayer
- Community
- Faith formation



Contact [sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au) to receive an application form and hand it in through the email or the parish office. If you have any questions contact **Katelyn 0432 437 552**.

Must hand in all applications by

Feb  
**22**  
Monday

## YOUNG ADULT LEADERS

The Parish is recruiting young adults aged 18-23 to be a part of the 2021 Youth Mission Team; devoted to serving the youth of the parish. This is an amazing opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with God alongside other young adults who desire to know, love and serve God through this ministry. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested in getting involved, please contact Katelyn 9724 5997.

## Lenten Schedule 2021

NEW

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 17 APRIL

7:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	9:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	6:00PM (IN ENGLISH)	7:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)
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## Friday Devotions during Lent

FRIDAYS OF LENT: 19TH & 26TH FEBRUARY

6PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDECTION
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FRIDAYS OF LENT: 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH MARCH

6PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7PM - 8PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDECTION
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# Open Day

TUESDAY  
23 MARCH 2021  
3.00pm-6.30pm

P 9728 4488  
[pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

A SERIES OF PARISH FAITH FORMATION TALKS THAT WILL RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

# Renewal

STARTS 24TH FEB 2021  
7PM-8PM AT PARISH HALL

## 2021 PARISH GATHERING

An opportunity for parishioners to grow in their faith through human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral foundations.

"BUT IN YOUR HEARTS REVERENCE CHRIST AS LORD. ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO CALLS YOU TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU, YET DO IT WITH GENTLENESS AND REVERENCE"  
1 PETER 3:15

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

125 people are now allowed inside the church. Everyone must bring their own masks as the parish won't be providing them.



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We are having a  
**MOVIE NIGHT**

12th February, Friday  
Parish Hall, 6:30 PM

(Food and drinks will be provided)



RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332 OR  
[EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU](mailto:EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU)