

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

08 August 2021— Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin



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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Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Parish Website: www.olrfairfield.org.au

SATURDAY: 8:30am

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

Monday, Tuesday: 7pm

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

Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Catholic Women's League: Sandra Skarsky
9724 3561 and 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on
0426 847213

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SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Confession

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

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.

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field

which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,

and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Dear Friends,

Today we interrupt the normal readings for Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary of the Cross. MacKillop (1842-1909), one of the principal Patrons of our country. It becomes a more worthwhile celebration this year as we give thanks to God for 200 hundred years of Catholic education in Australia. Mary MacKillop was pivotal in providing solid Catholic education to the poorer families. Our parish connection with the Josephites who contributed so much to the education of our young people over the years at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and its continuation at Mary MacKillop College in Wakely makes this day even more special for our community.

Mary lived in difficult times. Not only facing hostility within the local areas in which she established her communities and works, but also within the Church, with some priests denouncing her and her sisters to the Bishop of Adelaide. They suggested strongly that the sisters were not suitable for teaching and that they failed to provide education for boys. This led to Mary being excommunicated by Bishop Sheil in 1871. Although distraught by this action, Mary was at peace with her God and with her accusers. She never spoke badly of them and trusted in the providence of God. Her attitude gave courage to her sisters and their communities.

Mary faced difficulties in other parts of the country as well. In Queensland, Mary was trying to resolve an impasse between herself and Bishop Quinn, the first bishop of Brisbane. She needed a congregation of sisters which could work across borders of colonies and dioceses. Bishop Quinn and most other Australian Bishops wanted to control the work of education in each Diocese. They wanted her to make the Congregation a diocesan institute instead of one which had direct supervision from Rome. In those days Bishops were much more independent than they appear today. Rome gave tentative approval to Marys' constitution for the sisters but amid the turmoil of events in the Vatican and Europe they did not clearly indicate this to Bishop Quinn. He himself lobbied Rome to rule in his favour. The net result of the uncertainty was that Bishop Quinn expelled Mary and her Sisters from his diocese in 1879 except for those willing to stay under his rule. It was in 1888 that Rome finally gave full approval to the Congregation and that would be based in Sydney.

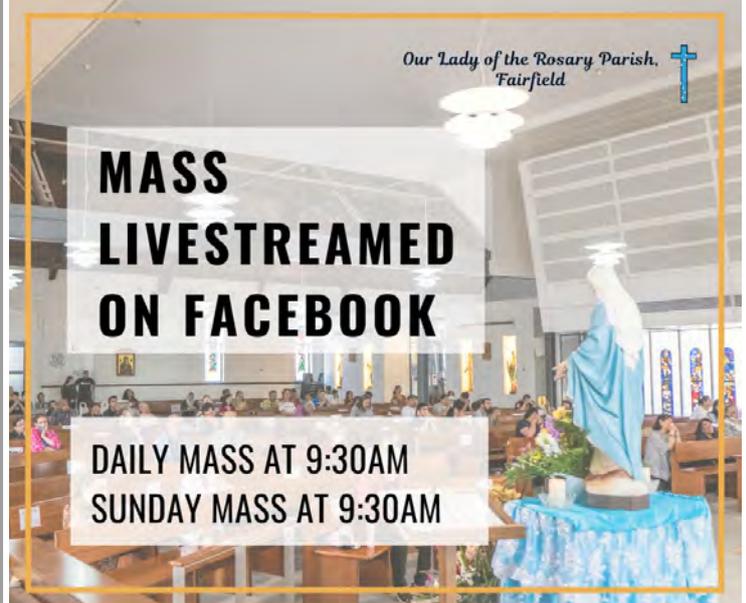
It is no wonder that Mary allowed herself to be associated with the Cross of Christ, even taking its title and inserting it into her name. She is placed before us as a model of genuine spirituality and an example of how to continue to carry out God's will even within a hostile and dangerous environment. Her commitment to serve the needs of the impoverished Catholic population by providing education and spiritual, pastoral and material support to all in need of it. She carried this out with commitment and obedience to both the Bishops in Australia and to Rome.

She was determined to bring about an educational and pastoral revolution in Australia, and we are the beneficiaries of her commitment and hard work. It is ironic that she is now the Patron of the very Diocese -Brisbane- that expelled her and her sisters, with her image now prominent in many of its Parishes and work centres. Bishop Quinn of Brisbane refused to acknowledge the 1875 Constitutions of the Josephite. God works in mysterious ways. In January 1909, the year of her death, Mary wrote the following message to her sisters:

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide you in all your life.

She had been visited by the then archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Moran in the months leading to her death. Mary died on Sunday August 8th, 1909. She had received Holy Communion two days prior – on the first Friday of the month. Mary was Beatified by Pope John Paul II in Sydney in 1995. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010 in Rome. She was a truly great Australian and faithful disciple of the way of the Cross. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, pray for us.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Leonie Norton Pham Kim Chuc ,Dorothy Sloane, Edward Zammit, Joe Bugeja, Yanina Plaza, Mollie Traynor

Anniversary of Death: Andrew Wilson ,Norm & Annie Coe, Lope C. Mapagu, Jimmy R. Butacan, Joseph Hy, Joseph Hien, Genoveva Da Costa,George Tsom, Rijina Yousif

In Loving Memory of: Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar Joseph and Carmen Camilleri Raffaele Uglietta GiacomoUglietta Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Iola Mota, Fernando Leong, Leong Ten Liung, Jose Augusto, Charlie Camilleri,

Lectio Divina

8TH OF AUGUST, SUNDAY
AFTER 9:30AM MASS

Lectio Divina will be led by the Immaculata Lay Community.



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PRIZES TO BE WON!

TEAM UP WITH YOUR FAMILY

DOMINATE ON YOUR OWN!

HAVE A GOOD TIME!



COME JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE

Trivia Game Night!

20TH AUGUST, FRIDAY 7-8PM

LET KATHRYN KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND! EMAIL HER ON: EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

Puzzle Trivia

MUST SUBMIT BY 9TH AUGUST

LEARNING ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT

2 TYPES OF PUZZLES WILL BE GIVEN OUT. ONE FOR AGES 5-12 AND ONE FOR 13 OVER (ADULTS CAN JOIN!)

Mary Mackillop

ALL ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT
MARY MACKILLOP



CatholicCare

1. Juliette is still available during the lockdown period if anyone needs support and she can be contacted on 0409 987 296 or Juliette.kirkwood@catholiccare.org

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish




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Donation

Please note that all 2020-2021 Tax Receipts can only be collected from the Parish Office after the restrictions have eased.

OLR YOUTH INVITES YOU

PART TWO + THREE: PRAYER AND LOVE

Youth Group: The Art of Christian Living

AUG 13 AND AUG 27, 2021 | 5 PM TO 7 PM,
CONTACT KATELYN FOR ZOOM LINK!

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD



PARISH IS CLOSED

BUT WE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU.

If you are feeling anxious and in need of someone to talk to, the Parish Office is available.
Contact: (02) 9724 5997
Opening hours: Monday- Friday 10am-4pm

