

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

15 August 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## 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 Andrew Fu

**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**Presbytery:** 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Emergency Phone:** 0412 206 225

### Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

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

Parish Website: [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://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](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.

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath  
her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

### First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark  
of the covenant could be seen inside it.  
Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman,  
adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with  
the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was  
pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of  
childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a  
huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten  
horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a  
coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the  
sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon  
stopped in front of the woman as she was having the  
child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born  
from its mother. The woman brought a male child in-  
to the world, the son who was to rule all the nations  
with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight  
up to God and to his throne, while the woman es-  
caped into the desert, where God had made a place of  
safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven,  
'Victory and power and empire for ever have been  
won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in  
gold.

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits  
of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through  
one man and in the same way the resurrection of the  
dead has come through one man. Just as all men die  
in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ;  
but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first  
-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who  
belong to him. After that will come the end, when he  
hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having  
done away with every sovereignty, authority and  
power. For he must be king until he has put all his  
enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to  
be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put un-  
der his feet.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Lk 1:39-56

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a  
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into  
Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as  
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child  
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the  
Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all  
women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured  
with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the  
moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in  
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who  
believed that the promise made her by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call  
me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those  
who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and  
exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich  
sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant,  
mindful of his mercy  
– according to the promise he made to our ances-  
tors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants  
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months  
and then went back home.

## Communion Antiphon Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. It is a solemnity that can speak to us about our earthly pilgrimage and our heavenly destination. I would like to place before you the homily of Pope Francis which he delivered for this Solemnity in 2013. It is based on the readings for the day (Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-16.10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56):

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

At the end of its Constitution on the Church, the Second Vatican Council left us a very beautiful meditation on Mary Most Holy. Let me just recall the words referring to the mystery we celebrate today: “the immaculate Virgin preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things” (no. 59). Then towards the end, there is: “the Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and the beginning of the church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come” (no. 68). In the light of this most beautiful image of our Mother, we are able to see the message of the biblical readings that we have just heard. We can focus on three key words: struggle, resurrection, hope. The passage from Revelation presents the vision of the struggle between the woman and the dragon. The figure of the woman, representing the Church, is, on the one hand, glorious and triumphant and yet, on the other, still in travail. And the Church is like that: if in heaven she is already associated in some way with the glory of her Lord, in history she continually lives through the trials and challenges which the conflict between God and the evil one, the perennial enemy, brings. And in the struggle which the disciples must confront – all of us, all the disciples of Jesus, we must face this struggle - Mary does not leave them alone: the Mother of Christ and of the Church is always with us. She walks with us always, she is with us. And in a way, Mary shares this dual condition. She has of course already entered, once and for all, into heavenly glory. But this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us; rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil. Prayer with Mary, especially the rosary – but listen carefully: the Rosary. Do you pray the Rosary every day? But I’m not sure you do [the people shout “Yes!”]... Really? Well, prayer with Mary, especially the Rosary, has this “suffering” dimension, that is of struggle, a sustaining prayer in the battle against the evil one and his accomplices. The Rosary also sustains us in the battle.

The second reading speaks to us of resurrection. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, insists that being Christian means believing that Christ is truly risen from the dead. Our whole faith is based upon this fundamental truth which is not an idea but an event. Even the mystery of Mary’s Assumption body and soul is fully inscribed in the resurrection of Christ. The Mother’s humanity is “attracted” by the Son in his own passage from death to life. Once and for all, Jesus entered into eternal life with all the humanity he had drawn from Mary; and she, the Mother,

who followed him faithfully throughout her life, followed him with her heart, and entered with him into eternal life which we also call heaven, paradise, the Father’s house. Mary also experienced the martyrdom of the Cross: the martyrdom of her heart, the martyrdom of her soul. She lived her Son’s Passion to the depths of her soul. She was fully united to him in his death, and so she was given the gift of resurrection. Christ is the first fruits from the dead and Mary is the first of the redeemed, the first of “those who are in Christ”. She is our Mother, but we can also say that she is our representative, our sister, our eldest sister, she is the first of the redeemed, who has arrived in heaven. The Gospel suggests to us the third word: hope. Hope is the virtue of those who, experiencing conflict – the struggle between life and death, good and evil – believe in the resurrection of Christ, in the victory of love. We heard the Song of Mary, the Magnificat: it is the song of hope, it is the song of the People of God walking through history. It is the song many saints, men and women, some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: mums, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents: these have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble. Mary says: “My souls glorifies the Lord” – today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world. This song is particularly strong in places where the Body of Christ is suffering the Passion. For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope, always. If there is no hope, we are not Christian. That is why I like to say: do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope. May we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven. And Mary is always there, near those communities, our brothers and sisters, she accompanies them, suffers with them, and sings the Magnificat of hope with them. Dear Brothers and Sisters, with all our heart let us too unite ourselves to this song of patience and victory, of struggle and joy, that unites the triumphant Church with the pilgrim one, earth with heaven, and that joins our lives to the eternity towards which we journey. Amen.

Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven, Pray for us.  
Fr Robert Bossini, Administrator

### **We Remember and Pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Carmel Windred, Leonie Norton, and Pham Kim Chuc

**Anniversary of Death:** Andrew Wilson, Lope. C. Mapagu, Jimmy R. Butacan, Joseph Hien, Joseph Hy, Genoveva Da Costa

**In Loving Memory of:** Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph and Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar, Eddy and Ninna Zammit.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Grahame Windred, brother of recently deceased Carmel Windred, may she rest in peace.

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# MASS LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS AT 9:30AM  
SUNDAY MASS AT 9:30AM



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BE WON!



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# Trivia Game Night!

20TH AUGUST, FRIDAY 7-8PM

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ATTEND! EMAIL HER ON:  
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# Puzzle Trivia

NEW SUBMISSION DATE: 16TH AUGUST

ALL AGES CAN  
PARTICIPATE!  
WIN A PRIZE!



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](mailto:Juliette.kirkwood@catholiccare.org)

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

# Renewal

Session 3

## MARY AND JOSEPH

Bearers and  
Protectors of the  
Divine Mystery.

Talk will be posted on  
Facebook and the Parish  
website

For any questions or remarks feel  
free to email Fr Bob:  
[robert.bossini@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:robert.bossini@sydneycatholic.org)

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# BUT WE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU.

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someone to talk to, the Parish Office is available.  
Contact: (02) 9724 5997  
Opening hours: Monday- Friday 10am-4pm