

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

5th December 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Advent - Year C



## 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Tibebelessie Abza

**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

**Friday Mass:** 7.15pm

**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 356 - 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on 0426 847213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

**St Vincent de Paul**—Meeting 1st Thursday of month: Marcel D Abrera 0418 231 368

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

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

**Please note—Confessions will be held on Fridays during the Advent reflection sessions between 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

### 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.

*For all church or room bookings, please contact Priscilla!*

## 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)

## 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 & 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.



Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

## Second Sunday of Advent Year C

### 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

Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch  
*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*  
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation un-  
der heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has re-  
membered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with  
joy.

### Second Reading

Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of  
Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering  
how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day  
you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that  
the One who began this good work in you will see that it is  
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how  
much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My  
prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and  
more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening  
your perception so that you can always recognise what is  
best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and  
prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the  
perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the  
glory and praise of God.

### 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

Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.  
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius  
Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his  
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis,  
Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas  
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechari-  
ah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan dis-  
trict proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness  
of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the  
prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### Communion Antiphon

Bar 5:5; 4:36

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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FAIRFIELD** will be  
holding a variety stall on the weekend of 4th and 5th Decem-  
ber.

Lots of home made goodies, cakes, biscuits and slices, jam,  
marmalade, chutney and pickles and sauces.  
Soft goods and plants. Come along and find a bargain for  
yourself or as a Christmas gift.

### Position vacant

The Patrician Brothers' Community Fairfield is seeking the ser-  
vices of a Cook commencing in February 2022.

The position is 4 afternoons P/W: - Mons/ Tues / Weds & Thurs.

Commencing 3.30pm Finishing 6.30pm.

If interested, please submit a resume stating all your particulars  
and cooking experience to:

Brother Thomas Rice (Community Leader)

Patrician Brothers' Monastery, P.O. Box 980, Fairfield NSW  
1860, or email: - thomasricefsp@gmail.com or contact him per-  
sonally on 0432 751 384 to arrange an appointment/interview.

All applications close on Friday December 10th, 2021.

***Covid requirements are mandatory for this position***



Our Lady of the Rosary Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers, Min-  
isters of Holy Communion for the sick & housebound are  
invited to attend a meeting on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021 at 5.30pm-  
6.30pm at Fr.Terry's room. To discuss important matters  
together with Rev; Fr Bob Bossini, Fr Andrew Fu & Fr Tibbe  
Abza.F or more information please call: Antoinette Bala-  
moan, Coordinator of H.C. Ministry for the sick & house-  
bound Mb. 0412 015 469 - Ph. 9892 3683.

***Voting cards have been placed outside on the table  
for the 6PM Sunday Mass to be reintroduced in 2022.***

Dear Friends,

On May 21<sup>st</sup> 1972, in St Peter's Basilica there was a large crowd admiring the statute of the *Pieta* sculptured some five hundred years ago [1498] by **Michelangelo** [1475-1564], portraying Mary holding the dead body of Jesus on her lap. Suddenly, there was a commotion in the crowd, and a man leapt over the railing and attacked the statue with a mallet, severely damaging the image. Before he was overpowered he had hit the statue about fifteen times, leaving 50 large pieces of marble and some 150 smaller pieces strewn over the floor. The damage indeed was very serious – Mary's left arm was broken off at the elbow and the fingers destroyed. Part of the nose was smashed. Her veil and cheek were scarred in several places and her left eye was badly damaged. The damage was thought to have left the statue in an irreparable state. The media even reported that the statue was ruined and beyond repair. A great work of art that had lasted five hundred years was damaged within a matter of moments. The head of the Vatican museum thought differently. He gathered a group of seven scientists and restorers who spent some ten months, gathering, labelling and numbering the various pieces. After some gruelling and painstaking work, the *Pieta* was finally restored and on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1973 – the Solemnity of the Annunciation – it was again placed on public display, only this time behind bullet-proof glass. A seemingly hopeless situation was, through patience and goodwill restored.

The liturgical readings for this Second Sunday of Advent [**Baruch 5:1-9** and **Luke 3:1-6**] challenge us to recognise the place that hope has within our fractured world. The prophet Baruch, who was the secretary of Jeremiah, preached during one of the most hopeless and despairing periods of Israel's existence – the Exile to Babylon. Yet in the midst of this period of desolation and dejection, Baruch was able to preach to the people a message of hope. He says to them: *'take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God forever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put on the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head.'*

Faith is the predominant virtue that is asked of us on this, the Second Sunday of Advent. In fact, the second purple candle which is lit in the Advent Wreath represents peace which stems from faith. Faith, together with hope, the meanings of the first candle, are the virtues that allow us to continue to live by and believe in God's goodness and presence amid the uncertainties of life. Like Baruch's community we too are facing a troubled world – one which seems to shun the very presence of God through violence, injustice, abuse of all kind, a general lack of respect for people and the never ending demands of this so called pandemic. Amid this world we are called to a supernatural faith and hope, one which allows us to *'prepare a way for the Lord'* as Luke's gospel reminds us today. It is a faith and hope that leads to a peace of the heart – an internal or spiritual peace. John the Baptist's message of straightening the paths, filling in the valleys, laying low all mountains, straightening and smoothing

over the rough and windings roads, becomes the metaphorical way of challenging us to prepare a way for the Lord, so that his salvation may be seen and experienced by all people.

Our second reading today [**Philippians 1:3-6.8-11**] suggests that for us to accomplish this, we need to ensure that all the obstacles in our life stopping us from responding to the grace of God are removed. We need to make straight the path of the Lord to us. Paul, in speaking to the Philippians gives us an idea of what we have to do: ensure *'that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best...to become pure and blameless.'* Our hope is based on our belief that God is present and working in our world for the good of all. The extent of our belief in this will determine how we are to understand the coming of God at Christmas. Our liturgy today opens up for is the possibility of a newness of life based on God. It challenges us to discard the elements of misery and mourning and to vest ourselves in the splendour of God's glory. This possibility of newness is obtained through our preparedness to seek repentance for the forgiveness of our sins, as John the Baptist reminds us in today's Gospel. Sin is dispelled only through love and hope. As we light our second candle of a faith-filled peace on our Advent Wreath, may we allow our lives to be guided and strengthened by belief in God's love and goodness.

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

We are excited to share with you these beautiful handmade watercolour designs exclusive for **Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield**. ✨✦

Packets of 10 for \$15 - Postage will be additional

Order forms can be picked up at the front of the church or in the Parish Office.

Complete these forms & send to [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)

Place orders by 28th November to ensure you receive them in the first week of December in time for Christmas.



The advertisement features two Christmas cards. The first card, titled "OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH", shows a modern church building with a red roof and a white steeple, surrounded by greenery and a large red rose. The second card, titled "MARY AND BABY JESUS", depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe sitting on a wooden stool, holding the infant Jesus. The cards are displayed on a white background with gold and silver Christmas ornaments and a blue cross.

**OLR Christmas Cards!**  
PACKET OF 10 FOR \$15



# ADVENT 2021 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:30-7:30PM



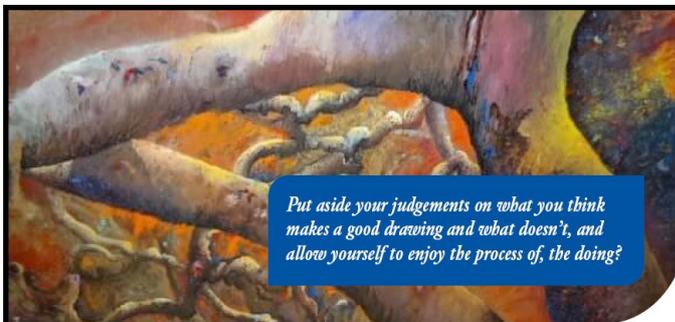
A NIGHT OF PRAYER, ADORATION AND REFLECTION

NOV 26, DEC 3, 10, 17

LOCATION: INSIDE THE CHURCH

NO NEED TO BOOK ONLINE. MUST REGISTER UPON ENTRY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH DOORS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE  
WWW.OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OLRFAIRFIELD



Put aside your judgements on what you think makes a good drawing and what doesn't, and allow yourself to enjoy the process of, the doing?

## The Art of Wellness Project

The Art of wellness project is an 8 week program and aims to reduce feelings associated with mental illness and offers a space for participants to experience healing through creative processes, with the guidance of Art Therapist and Facilitator Debra Cowan.

### About Debra Cowan

Well known in her field of complementary medicine and counselling, Debra is a group facilitator educator, and Transpersonal Art Therapist.

### What is Art Therapy?

Art Therapy is a form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

### Who is the Art Therapy Program for?

The program is for adults over 18 living in Fairfield living with a mental health condition.



Wednesdays from 2nd  
February to 23rd  
March 2022 (8 weeks)  
10am-12pm



Our Lady of the  
Rosary Church  
2 Weston Street,  
Fairfield, 2165

Bookings essential - please contact **Juliette Kirkwood** - 0409 987 294




# YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY



**WHEN: Sunday, 19th December**  
**TIME: 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**WHERE: Fr Terry Room**  
**(2 Weston St, Fairfield)**

Interested in joining  
our Kris Kringle?  
Contact Katelyn by  
FRI 26TH NOV  
0432 437 552  
sacramental@  
olrfairfield.org.au



Verso L'Alto!

# OLR YOUTH OUTING

Calling all youth in Yrs 7-12!  
Join us on a little adventure before the  
school summer break finishes!

### WHEN?

Saturday, 15th Jan 2022

### WHERE ARE WE HIKING?

Wentworth Falls,  
Blue Mountains

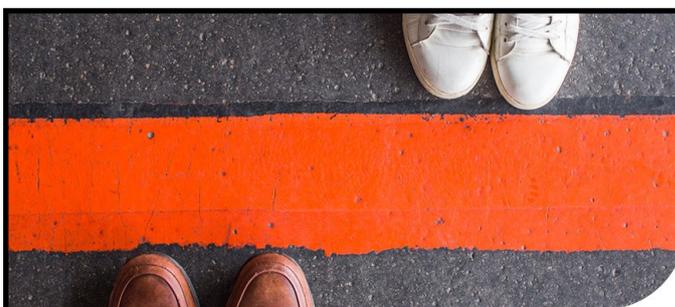
### WHERE DO WE MEET UP?

OLR Fairfield @ 8am

**MUST register**  
for transportation  
purposes

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

Contact Katelyn for  
a permission slip!  
Hand back ASAP!  
0432 437 552  
sacramental@  
olrfairfield.org.au



## Boundaries Workshop

Do you have trouble saying no without feeling rude or aggressive?

If so then this workshop is for you. Setting healthy boundaries is essential for self care and healthy relationships.

In this workshop you will learn:

- The difference between aggressive, passive and assertive communication.
- How to use your breath, your voice and your body language to set boundaries. (boundaries are deeply embodied).

### About your facilitator

Juliette is a Community Care Worker in the CatholicCare Parish Program and Dance Movement Therapist who specialises in the mind body connection. Juliette has over 15 years' experience working in the community assisting adults find their power, their voice and their happiness. She is a professional member and clinical supervisor with the Dance Movement Therapy Association of Australasia (DTAA).

Registration is essential and numbers are limited. Please call Juliette on **0409 987 296** for more information.



10am to 12.00pm Wednesday  
26th January 2022  
(light refreshments included)



Our Lady of the Rosary  
Church (Fr Terry Room)  
18 Vine St Fairfield

