

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

12th December 2021— 3rd 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.

### Third Sunday of Advent Year C

#### Entrance Antiphon

**Phil 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

#### First Reading

**Zep 3:14-18**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Is 12:2-6 R. v.6**

**(R.)** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great  
and Holy One of Israel.

#### Second Reading

**Phil 4:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat,  
what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to  
everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but  
if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it  
with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is  
so much greater than we can understand, will guard your  
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Lk 3:10-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

#### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Is 35:4**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### We Remember and Pray for:

#### Anniversary of Death:

Antonia Konarski, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico

#### In Loving Memory of:

Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel  
Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Gantai

May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.

#### Sick:

Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer

## You're invited for lunch on Christmas Day.



Please consider joining us for a  
lovely meal, great company, kids craft table,  
entertainment, singing and much more.

No cost - book using QR code below,  
required by 20th Dec.

**11:30am- December 25th**  
**St Luke's Parish Hall,**  
**1 Beaconsfield St Revesby**



Want to know more -  
Call 9773 9065



**Please Note - Bookings Essential**

Dear Friends,

John Lennon wrote a song some time back which began with the following lines: *'And so this is Christmas, and what have you done, another year over and a new one just begun.'* These words bring to mind that Christmas and the time preceding it challenge us to see what we have to do in order to fully prepare for the Christ Child. It is a reminder that this change in ourselves needs to go beyond the time of Christmas and indeed to affect our entire lives.

In today's Gospel [*Luke 3:10-18*] we see **three** different groups of people – the **multitude**, the **tax collectors** and the **soldiers** - approaching John the Baptist and asking him the same question: **'What must we do?'** It is to be noted that these are the groups of people who had very little status in John's world, and were in fact looked down upon if not despised because for their social status and their occupation. It is also worthwhile to note that there are no groups from the governing or religious sector approaching John. This is Luke's way of saying that the message of repentance – the Good News – has affected only those who are 'poor' in the eyes of society. It is these people who have rejoiced in realising God in their midst. This was highlighted in last week's Gospel when Luke made a point of stating that the word of God came to John, after having listed the prominent political and religious leaders of the time [*Luke 3:10-18*].

The answers that John gives to each of these groups forms a three pronged message that we ourselves need to take on board in our attempt to repent and be renewed by the message of the Good News. To the **multitude**, John says: ***those who have in abundance need to give to those who lack material substance.*** To the **tax collectors** he says: ***collect only what is the amount people have to give in taxes, do not collect more and keep the extra amount for yourselves.*** To the soldiers he says: ***do not use force in the carrying out of your duty and be content with your earnings.***

What are we to make of this message? It is significant that John asks none of the groups to leave their occupation or their social standing, no matter how difficult that status is or how despised that occupation is. He is simply telling them to do what is expected of them in a fair, just and honest manner. This message challenges us to recognise those people in our community who are poor and to see how we can assist in alleviating their condition. Here in our parish we certainly do this well – through the generous response to the St Vincent de Paul appeals, both at the level of Parish and school community, Project Compassion and the level of pastoral care given to those in need. But I believe that this message asks us to go a little further: to be in search of those in our community who are not only materially poor but also spiritually poor – those who are struggling with their spirituality and with their sense of God; those who perhaps do not share my spiritual beliefs or my lifestyle. What can I give them in order to assist them? Words like consideration, dialogue and acceptance are a few that come to mind. Can I name people in my world who are in need of spiritual comfort and reassurance?

Secondly, John's message is challenging me to look for salvation within the vocation and life that God has given and

It challenges me to recognise what my call is in life and to ensure that I live it out as best and as fully as I can. So if I am married to do everything in my life to live out the sacrament of marriage in fidelity and love towards my spouse. If I am a parent to recognise the gift that God has given me in my children and to love, support and nurture them as best as I can. If I am a child to recognise not only the right that I have with my family but also the responsibilities that I have to bring about a harmonious and loving Christian community, based on the Holy Family. If I am employed to ensure that I work as best as possible in my profession or vocation, making sure that I put in the effort that allows me to receive a just wage: to be honest, just and hard working.

Our readings remind us of the joy that we should be experiencing because our God is in our midst. Today is called ***Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of Joy!*** May we experience and live by that joy.

**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 watercolor illustrations. The left illustration shows a church with a red facade and a white steeple, surrounded by greenery and a large red poinsettia flower. Below it is the text "OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH". The right illustration depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe sitting on a wooden stool, with the infant Jesus in a manger. Above this scene is the text "MARY AND BABY JESUS". The background is white with scattered gold and silver confetti and small gold bells. At the top right, there is a small blue cross icon.

**OLR Christmas Cards!**

PACKET OF 10 FOR \$15



# ADVENT 2021 REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:30-7:30PM



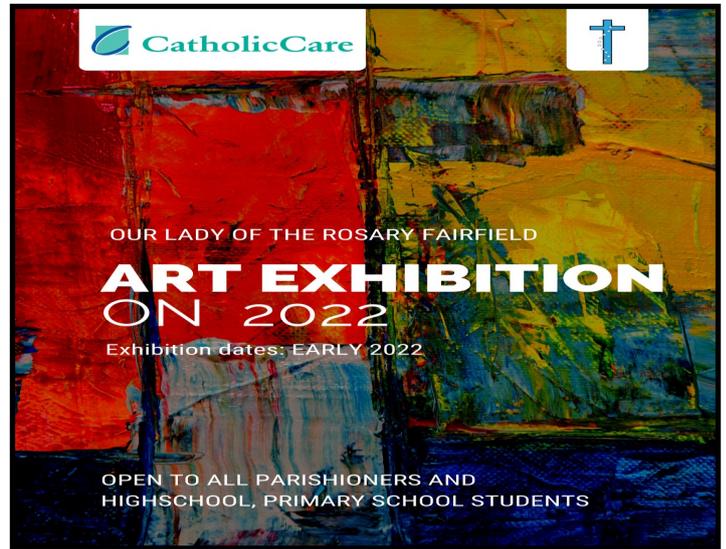
A NIGHT OF PRAYER, ADORATION AND REFLECTION

**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

CatholicCare 

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

## ART EXHIBITION ON 2022

Exhibition dates: EARLY 2022

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND  
HIGHSCHOOL, PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

"In collaboration with Catholic Care, we wanted to set up an Art Exhibition in early 2022 to showcase OLR parishioners and also young people in the schools what they have created during Lockdown.

To illustrate people's ideas in relation to COVID-19, what impact it's had on the individual and how each person has overcome or has struggled through this time. ENTRIES BEGIN SOON! OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND HIGHSCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS"

# 2021 BYE BYE

**LAST YOUTH GROUP  
FOR THE YEAR!**

**New Year  
Resolutions**

FRIDAY, 17TH DEC  
5PM -7PM  
FR TERRY ROOM



## 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**

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### 2021 Christmas Timetable

FRIDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER				
	6:00PM FRIDAY CHILDREN'S MASS	8:00PM (IN VIETNAMESE)	11:15PM CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND CAROLS	12AM MIDNIGHT MASS
SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER				
	7:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)	9:00AM (IN ENGLISH)	10:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	4:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)
SUNDAY: HOLY FAMILY 26 DECEMBER				
	7:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)	9:00AM (IN ENGLISH)	10:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	4:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)
WEEKDAY MASS 27TH - 31ST OF DECEMBER				
	8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		9:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD INTO THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION), PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN  
sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au  
0432 437 552

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MUST BE:

- IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
- BAPTISED