

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

19th December 2021— 4th 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 Tibebeselassie 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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 45:8**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

**First Reading**

**Mi 5:1-4**

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*  
The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his  
power  
to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4**

**(R.)** Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved

**Second Reading**

**Heb 10:5-10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Lk 1:39-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

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.'

**Communion Antiphon**

**Is 7:14**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**We Remember and Pray for:**

**Anniversary of Death:**

Antonia Konarski, Concetto & Annunziata D'Amico,  
Lorraine Thomson & Rosemarie Van Reyk

**In Loving Memory of:**

Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Gantai, Nancy Farrow Maddalena, Carmel Windred, Silvana Gruber & Giselle Piera, Leon, Irmgard Kacalak, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen & Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang

*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,

This Sunday's liturgy brings us to the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. The previous two Sundays focused on the person and ministry of John the Baptist [Luke 3:1-6 and 3:10-18]. Today's liturgy introduces the figure of Mary, as we see her making the trip to visit her cousin Elizabeth after she is told by the angel Gabriel that she, in her advanced years, is six months into her pregnancy. Mary rushes to her cousin's aid. Mary's presence brings Elizabeth joy, exultation, wonder and peace as she states: *'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'* [Luke 3:42-47]. This is indeed both an intimate and revealing moment, since up till now, Elizabeth was not aware of the fact that Mary was pregnant and blessed by God. In all this amazement and wonder there is a true sense of peace that can only come about when one realises that God has achieved great things through a person's acceptance of, and working with, God's will. Both Mary and Elizabeth have achieved this.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we celebrate the gift of peace. The fourth candle is the **PEACE candle**. The prophet Micah in our first reading states that the one born from Bethlehem, the least of the tribes of Judah *"will be peace"* [Micah 5:4]. This statement challenges us to realise that without the presence of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, our world **remains** a bleak, frightening and loveless entity.

As I ponder this theme of peace, I am reminded of an event that occurred on the first Christmas Eve during the First World War. In this early stage of the war, British and German troops were engaging each other in the trenches – the beginning of a long and deadly series of battles. On that first Christmas Eve, the British troops heard the German soldiers singing *'Silent Night'* in German. They responded with an English rendition of the carol: *'O Come All Ye Faithful'*, to which the Germans responded by singing the same carol in Latin. What followed on Christmas Day was even more incredible. Both sides had called a truce, with troops coming out of the trenches and wishes each other Christmas blessings and greetings – the day ending with the troops playing games of soccer. The birth of Christ had brought peace – albeit for a short period of time – into the lives of people who had been engaging in killing each other only 24 hours ago. Christ is indeed Peace – our peace.

We see Mary and Elizabeth reaching that same level of peace. This peace is achieved by the fact that they lived wholly within the will of God. It's a course that begins with faith; that is embellished in hope, lived out with joy and results in peace. Both Mary and Elizabeth not only believed in God's message but also acted on their faith and belief with joy. As we quickly approach the Birth of Christ next week, we can ask ourselves how deeply have the virtues of **FAITH, HOPE, JOY** and **PEACE** taken hold of my life? How have I acted on these virtues?

What else do I need to do in order for me to attain, deepen and live out these virtues. As we celebrate the Birth of Christ and light our fifth candle of the Advent wreath – the **Christ Candle**, we should remind ourselves that Jesus Christ can only be born in our hearts if we open up our lives to attaining, and living by the virtues of Faith, Hope, Joy and Peace.

**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)



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](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)  
0432 437 552

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MUST BE:

- IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
- BAPTISED



## 2021 Christmas Timetable

### FRIDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

<b>6:00PM</b> FRIDAY CHILDREN'S MASS	<b>8:00PM</b> (IN VIETNAMESE)	<b>11:15PM</b> CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND CAROLS	<b>12AM</b> MIDNIGHT MASS
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### SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

<b>7:30AM</b> MASS (IN POLISH)	<b>9:00AM</b> (IN ENGLISH)	<b>10:30AM</b> (IN ENGLISH)	<b>4:30PM</b> (IN VIETNAMESE)
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### SUNDAY: HOLY FAMILY 26 DECEMBER

<b>7:30AM</b> MASS (IN POLISH)	<b>9:00AM</b> (IN ENGLISH)	<b>10:30AM</b> (IN ENGLISH)	<b>4:30PM</b> (IN VIETNAMESE)
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### WEEKDAY MASS 27TH - 31ST OF DECEMBER

<b>8:15AM - 9:15AM</b> EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	<b>9:30AM</b> (IN ENGLISH)
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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**



### 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



It has been an honour and the biggest blessing to have both Abbel and Farah work for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office. We are grateful for the massive contributions they both have made in the parish and the relationships that was gained. Best wishes and good luck for the new ventures you have in the future. May God bless you. You both will certainly be missed here in the parish. □

Abbel will be taking on his new venture in videography and will also focus on his family. If anyone would like to contact Abbel regarding videography or live streaming services for events ie. weddings, baptisms, confirmations, first holy communion etc. Please reach out to the Parish Office and we'll direct you to him.

We welcome the new Parish Secretary Claudia El-Hage who commenced work during the lockdown. She is very excited about her role; please feel free to come and say hello to her in the Parish Office.

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

