

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

28 November 2021— 1st 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
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Phone: (02) 9724 5997
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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

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

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

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

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.



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.

First Sunday of Advent Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved

and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls During the month of November are available in the church.

The Book of Remembrance is located at the front of the Baptismal font.

“But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.”
Wisdom 3:1

**MASS DEDICATED FOR THE
DECEASED VOLUNTEERS
OF OUR PARISH**

**30 NOVEMBER 2021, TUESDAY
7PM**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

New Parish Appointments

Dear Friends, just a note to inform you that Archbishop Fisher has appointed **REV MR BEN SALIBA** as Deacon to our Parish. Ben was ordained to the Diaconate on November 27th and will be with us in preparation for his ordination to the Priesthood sometime in 2022. **JOSEPH LI** a 3rd Year student from Good Shepherd Seminary will be on pastoral placement at the Parish until December 25th. We extend a heartfelt welcome to both of these young men as they begin a new phase of their formation.

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



Our Lady of the Rosary Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick & housebound are invited to attend a meeting on Tues 7th 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.

Please be advised that work will be done in the ladies toilet (carpark) and the toilet will be close from on Sat 27th Nov 9.30am – 11am

Dear Friends,

Today, the First Sunday of Advent (Year 'C') we begin a new liturgical year. We are given the opportunity during the Advent Season – a short joyful and yet penitential period – in order for us to take stock of our lives as members of Christ's Kingdom and rectify any elements in our lives that prevent us from attaining the values of the Kingdom: **Truth, Life, Holiness, Grace, Peace, Justice and Love** in order for us to welcome the Prince of Peace at Christmas. We have a further reminder of the values central to our Christian faith in the **Advent wreath** candles. Each week we light candles that respectively ask us to focus on the values of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**.

Within all this we need to realise that Advent seems to come at a most inconvenient time. Most elements in our society are entering into a *shutdown mode*: major school exams are over; schools are looking at closing for the summer break. Workers are in anticipation of the Christmas holidays. There is a growing sense of urgency regarding the buying of gifts, food for Christmas lunch and the like. I often feel a little short-changed during Advent/Christmas period, as it seems to be over before I can get into it! This season has from its inception been presented as a period of reflection and preparation for Christmas. All of this can leave us with precious little time for reflection on the true meaning not only of Advent but also of the Christmas mystery. One aspect of the Advent season which can assist us in this reflection comes from the Scripture readings for the Sundays of Advent. The readings for this first Sunday of Advent [**Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25 -28.34-36**] speak to us of our redemption – our being saved from the effects of the Evil One. Jeremiah states that a *'virtuous Branch will grow for David...that Israel will dwell in confidence.'* The Gospel extract, which seems to dwell on the end times, as it speaks of the heavens being shaken, nations living in agony and bewilderment and people dying of fear, challenges us to live in the confidence; to stay awake and be alert – all because our liberation is near at hand.

Today's liturgy then challenges us to live an **'Advent way of life'**. It exhorts us to live in such a way as to wait joyfully and hopefully for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. It further challenges us to see that this waiting is not simply a passive period given to anticipation. An **Advent way of life** is rather one of living an active type of discipline. The elements of this Advent way of life are pointed out in our second reading from the **Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians: to be generous in increasing our love; to conform our hearts in holiness; to be blameless in the sight of God; to make progress in the kind of life we were meant to live; to not forget the instruction that has been given to us through the authority of Jesus Christ.** An **Advent way of life** challenges us to allow these aspects to grow strong in our lives. The early Christian writers would urge us to consider that if we wished to allow God to reign in our hearts then on no circumstances are we to allow sin to be present in our hearts.

Advent with its gentle but firm penitential feel allows us to look at ways in which we can live blameless (sinless) lives; to make progress in our spiritual lives, especially in the aspect of love and holiness. All this allows us to prepare deeply for the coming of Christ at Christmas and to be able to continue to live Christ like lives through the year.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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

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.

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

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



Position vacant

The Patrician Brothers' Community Fairfield is seeking the services 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 personally 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 invites you:

To celebrate the great work and efforts of ALL the Volunteers of the Parish!



5th December, SUNDAY
12 PM - 4PM

Volunteers Christmas Party



WHERE: OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

SIGNUP REQUIRED:

Must RSVP by the 24th Nov
Send an email to the Events Coordinator (email below)
Or Register at the Parish Office

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT **KATHRYN:**
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

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

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO:

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Let's all catch up, dance, and feast together as we draw near to Christmas.

10 DEC, FRIDAY • 12 PM - 3 PM
AT THE FR TERRY ROOM.
REGISTRATION FEE: \$15

Must RSVP by the 14th November.
Contact events@olrfairfield.org.au or come in the Parish Office during working hours to register.

If we don't have 20 people attending the event will be cancelled.

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