



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

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Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield



## 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 Josh Miechels  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Andrew Fu

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

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)  
**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Office Hours:**  
Monday: 1pm - 4pm  
Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm  
*The Parish Office will be closed from the 23 Dec 2020 - 10 Jan 2021*

Sign up to the OLR  
**Mailchimp Mailing List:** Re. Parish Events  
Go to <https://www.olrfairfield.org.au/sign-up/>

**Catechist Coordinator**  
Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

**Liturgical Coordinator**  
Contact Parish Office

**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  
Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month  
6:30pm

**Saturday:** 8:30am

**NOVENA PRAYER**  
Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

## SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Confession

Before or after Mass or by appointment. Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

### 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.

## 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.

# Baptism of the Lord

- Year B  
(10 January, 2021)

## Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Mt 3:16-17*

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## First Reading *Is 42:1-4. 6-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light  
of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11*

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## Second Reading *Acts 10:34-38*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

## Gospel Acclamation *See Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Anna Chuong, Anna Hoa, Peter Splari, Peter Chadwick, Ante Kapitanovich, Le Van Bac, Sister Valda Finlay, Edwin Maula, Hugo Sanchez, Irmgard Kacalak, Dorothy Vella, Nina Zammit, Milka Lucic, Rosario Pagano, Rosemarie Van Reyk

**Anniversary of Death:** Joanna Ty, Joseph Hy, Joseph Hien, Lorraine Thomson, Antonia Konarski, Aurea M. De Guzman, Drina Diaz, Lazarus De Souza, Maria De Souza, Antonio Zaccardi, Tadeusz Konarski

**In Loving Memory of:** Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenica Maria Cagliostro, Giacomo Uglietta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Stefano Cagliostro, Antonio Fava, Mariag Domenica Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, D'Agostino Carmela, Francesco Antonio Toscano, Harold Aviet, Raffaele Uglietta, Giacomo Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro

**Sick:** Ted & Denise Cramsie, Marija Barclay, Carmel Windred, Adam Ciantar, Domenico Giuliano



CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN PERIOD

**Parish Office will be closed from  
23rd Dec 2020 to 10th Jan 2021.  
The office will reopen on  
11th Jan 2021. (Monday)**

Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
Have a blessed holiday break!

## Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

Today as we celebrate the **Baptism of Jesus**, we begin the Church's **Ordinary Season of Sundays**, until we begin the Lenten/Easter season on Ash Wednesday (February 18<sup>th</sup>). We are presented with **six Sundays** in Ordinary Time before our Lenten sojourn. These Sundays will bring us into contact with the theme of **discipleship** – what is required for us to follow faithfully in the ways of Christ. This is quite appropriate since we have recently begun the Diocesan Formation program: *Go Make Disciples*

In today's Gospel we move from the infant to the adult Jesus as he begins his ministry amongst us [**Mark 1:7-11**]. Since Mark does not have an Infancy Narrative (as do Matthew and Luke), we encounter **Jesus as an adult** ready to begin his public ministry by first being baptised by John the Baptist. One can ask here: why does Jesus need to be baptised at all, since baptism was for the remission of sin and the conversion of one's life to God? The reason for this is in order for Jesus to truly be associated with our human condition.

Today's gospel passage of Jesus' baptism is divided into **two** parts: the **ministry of John** which points always to the person of Jesus; and the **account of Jesus' baptism** in the Jordan with God's acclamation of Him as the Beloved, on whom the favour of God rests. There is also a **fourfold** characteristic to the baptism of Jesus.

**Firstly**, Jesus' baptism was a moment of **decision**. His baptism occurs after his upbringing in Nazareth, waiting for the right time to begin his ministry. John's ministry was the sign that allowed him to make such a decision. Jesus left the safety of Nazareth for the uncertainty of following God's will. **Secondly**, his baptism is a moment of **identification**. Jesus identifies himself with the movement back to God. Jesus becomes the means by which the people, having been prepared by John's baptism with water, are now immersed in Jesus' Spirit-filled baptism of reconciliation with God. **Thirdly**, his baptism is a moment of **approval**. Upon emerging from the waters of the Jordan, God acclaims Jesus as his Beloved Son, upon whom God's favour rests. **Fourthly**, Jesus' baptism is also a moment of **equipment**. At his baptism, the Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove, the symbol of gentleness. Unlike the ministry of John, which proclaimed a message of taking the axe to the root of the tree – of a consuming fire; we see that with the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove, it signals the very fibre of Jesus' ministry: he will conquer the hearts of his listeners through love.

Today's feast, although recalling Jesus' baptism, challenges us **to consider the significance of our own baptism**. Our baptism too is a time of decision, identification, approval and equipment. Through Baptism we become **children of God** – in whom is pleased. It becomes the means through which we are immersed into the life of the **Trinity** – the Communion of love. As such the Trinity gives us, through Baptism the **grace** for us to **believe in, hope in and to love God**. It allows us the power to **live and act** under the **promptings** of the Holy Spirit, open to the **Spirit's gifts**. It allows us to **grow in goodness and holiness** [see *the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1266*]. May the power of our Baptism allow us a greater appreciation of our being children of God and thereby receiving God's favour and approval through our living Spirit-filled lives.

**Fr. Bob Bossini,**  
*Parish Administrator*

## **Note to All Parishioners** **Regarding Our Lady of the** **Rosary Primary School** **Building Project**

Dear Friends,

On **Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020** work will begin on Our Lady of the Rosary Parish School Administration block. This work will continue until the end of **Term One, 2021**. During construction there will **no vehicle access from the Parish Car park to the Primary School Car park**. This is due to safety reasons. There will be pedestrian accessibility between the two car parks. The Parish will still be able to use the School Car park on Sundays, with access, both entrance and exist, from Vine Street. Normal entrance and exit for the Parish car park will operate. I ask for your patience and co-operation during this time, and to keep in mind the safety of all people using the car parks. If you have any questions, please feel free to approach me.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
*Parish Administrator*





### Meet & Greet with Fr Josh to bid Farewell

Due to the uncertainty and precautionary measures of the restrictions, the Morning Tea on Sunday 10 Jan has been CANCELLED.

Fr Josh will “meet and greet” everyone after each Sunday Mass ( 9am, 10.30am and 4.30pm).

Please keep him in your prayers.

### COVID-19 update

In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a face mask. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable.

NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

Up to 100 people can attend Masses as well as other ceremonies including funerals, baptisms and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed. Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes.

You'll find more information here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently->

### Mass marking the Centenary of the Death of Eileen O'Connor

Attachment: Eileen O'Connor Mass Social Tile.jpg

Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 10 January, marking the centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

The Mass will be held at 11am at St Brigid's church in Coogee.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass is by invitation only. However, it will be livestreamed on the new Eileen O'Connor website: [www.eileenconnor.com.au](http://www.eileenconnor.com.au) Please share the attached social tile on your parish social media platforms.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has also launched new Facebook and Instagram pages, aimed at promoting the pathway to sainthood for Eileen, who was Co-Founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen's great courage in serving the sick poor, despite enduring great personal illness herself is a truly remarkable example to us all.

### Go Make Disciples

Thank you to all our parishes and Eucharistic communities for your support following the successful launch of our new Archdiocesan Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples.

The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the 'Parish 2020' process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes are true centres of the new evangelisation so they can nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics.

Visit the Go Make Disciples website (<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au>) where you'll find a downloadable copy of the full plan and a summary version.