



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

9th January, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord - 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

Deacon: Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
Fairfield NSW 2165

Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

Email: 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

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



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

SACRAMENTS

Confession

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

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

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 & 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.

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

The Baptism of the Lord—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

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.

1st Reading

Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying,
the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

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.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. 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:

Anniversary of Death:

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

In Loving Memory of:

Frank Treccase, Salvatore Bartone, Caterina Bartone,
Maria Morabito, Mateo Treccase, Salvator D’Amico,
Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Charlie
Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Win-
dred, Karmenu & Vincenza Gantai, Nancy Farrow
Maddalena, Carmel Windred., Cecila Nguyen & Isabel
Thi Dang.

May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.

Sick:

Baby Grace, 8 Year old Archer & Charles Penza

Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of the Christmas Season with the celebration last week of the Epiphany of the Lord. We begin now the Ordinary cycle of the Liturgical year. It is fitting to begin this ordinary cycle with the **Baptism of the Lord** (the First Sunday in Ordinary Time) since for us Baptism – our Baptism – is the beginning of our Christian life.

We can ask – why did Jesus present himself for baptism under John the Baptist? Was it to please his mother Mary, or the religious people of the time? Considering that John's baptism was for the repentance of sin, it becomes even more unusual to think that Jesus, the sinless one, makes himself available for this ritual that cleanses from sin. Here we need to consider the theological and the symbolic significance of Jesus' Baptism.

In Jesus' life, as in any person's life, there are certain episodes that in many ways dictate the passage and direction that a person's life will take. One such event in the life of Jesus was the time he spent with the doctors of the law in the Temple – the time in which he was separated from his parents and they spent three days looking for him [Luke 2:41-50]. At this time he came to an awareness of his special, unique and intimate relationship with God. When his parents finally 'found' him in the Temple his answer to Mary's anxious question concerning his actions was simply to remind her that he must be about his Father's business. And indeed, it is the Father's business that directs and drives Jesus' life and mission. This is highlighted when we hear him state quite openly at the Garden of Gethsemane: 'Nevertheless, let Your will be done, not mine' [Luke 22:42].

During the next eighteen or so years – what is traditionally called the 'hidden years' – is the time Jesus spent maturing under the parentage and guidance of Joseph and Mary. During this period he looked for signs that would indicate that the time had arrived for him to move on from his home in Nazareth and to begin his mission among the people.

The arrival of John baptising people and calling them to repentance – a process that initiated a movement among the people towards God – would have been an indication to Jesus that this time had come. Jesus then comes to John for baptism, not for the repentance for sin, but as a means for him to be associated with the people to whom he was called to minister. One might say that his baptism was further deepening of his Incarnation – his taking on our human condition. There is no account of the actual baptism of Jesus in today's Gospel [Luke 3:15-16.21-22] just the mention that Jesus had a personal and intimate experience of God: the descent of the Holy Spirit and God's affirmation of Jesus as God's Son, the beloved on whom God's favour rests after his baptism and while he was at prayer.

Jesus' baptism then becomes a time for approval and recognition by the Father of Jesus and his commissioning into public ministry. What follows this incident is the genealogy of Jesus [Luke 3:23-38] and his preparation time in the desert [Luke 4:1-13].

Jesus' baptism becomes a reminder to us of our own Baptismal call. This is the time when we are claimed by God as His children and are commissioned to live a life of faith and grace. It is a time when the person being baptised will with the assistance of the practicing community choose the ways of grace, truth and faith and not the ways of sin. Today's feast is a good opportunity for us all to not only renew our baptismal commitment but also to consider the elements and challenge of that commitment. What am I doing to deepen and strengthen my baptismal call and commitment?

Very Rev Robert Bossini
Administrator.

Children's 'Feeling Safe' activity books, compiled by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney for children between 5—12 years of age; have been placed on the table in the church foyer; feel free to take a book or ask the staff in the parish office, if you are unable to get hold of a copy.



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



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



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



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

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena



The regular novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help will **resume** on **12 January 2022, Wednesday 6:30pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Please join us every Wednesday night in celebrating this devotion to Our Mother Mary.

