



# Parish Matters

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 9TH / 10TH JANUARY 2021

*The Catholic Community of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.*

Saturday 5.00pm  **LIVE** Sunday 9.30am

**No Weekday Mass from 4 January to 25 January. Communion Service at Rosebery resumes Monday 11 January 7.00am.**

Procedure for attending Mass:

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1. A new COVID Safe plan has been completed and submitted to the NSW Government.
  2. The new guidelines allow for 1 person per 4 sq/metres, funerals and weddings are now also governed by this rule.
  3. You must register by phone or email and check in by QR code when entering the church.
  4. On arrival at the church sanitize your hands, get your name marked off and sit in pews with a green 'sit here' sign. Physical distancing is still required unless you live in the same house.
  5. At the end of Mass before you leave you will need to wipe down the pew you were sitting in with the special hospital grade wipes provided.
  6. If you are sick, have even mild flu/cold symptoms DO NOT ATTEND MASS.
  7. Printed bulletins are for single use only. Take the *Parish Matters* with you.
  8. Holy water removed from stoups.
  9. Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice confectioned at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.
  10. Wearing a mask during Mass is mandatory, in line with health advice from NSW Government.
  11. Sign of peace means a bow, wave or nod. Do not move around the church. Maintain physical distance at all times.
  12. Mt Carmel Church will be open for person prayer (via code). You must sign in via QR code or paper.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Geoffrey Robinson (Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney Emeritus died 29.12.20); Joseph Gambin; Vlatko Cepus.

**Anniversary:** Joe Farrugia (14 Jan).

**Deceased:** Teresa & Joseph Galea; Joseph Mizzi; Tim Mitchell; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

**Those who are sick:** Carlos Chua; Mary Borg; Vicenzio Lovatti; Anna Siciliano; Mariazinha Quintal; Lee Frost; John Gavan; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

**Birthdays:** David Matheson (9 Jan); Eva Torrisi, Alexander Kennedy (10 Jan); Reyabel Villanueva (12 Jan); Armando Paredes (13 Jan); Nadia Leal, Alfredo Fernandes Xavier (14 Jan); Nancy Paredes, Conor Downs (15 Jan).

**Wedding Anniversary:** Glenn & Josette Merchant (9 Jan); Ross & Pam Di Cristo (13 Jan).

**We cannot leave Mass Offering envelopes in the Church, therefore either place your intention in the collection plate or contact the Parish Office.**

**IN KEEPING WITH REGULATIONS, IF YOU HAVE A SMART PHONE, PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SERVICE NSW APP AND USE THE QR CODE TO CHECK IN. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SMART PHONE THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY TO CHECK YOU IN. WEARING A MASK IS MANDATORY.**

**Fr Paul Smithers**

Parish Priest

& Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
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Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

# Liturgy of the Word



## 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.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

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

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.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:  
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

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

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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**Rosebery Maintenance** We are in the process of obtaining quotes to prune the large tree in the carpark. However, due to the holiday period many contractors are on leave.

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If you are able to, please find ways of supporting the parish:

- \* *Direct deposit into Church Accounts. Please contact the Parish Office for details.*
- \* *Visit the parish website and click the Support Us tab.*
- \* *Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*
- \* *Planned Giving Envelopes - please contact Parish Office for more details.*
- \* *In person - leave in Office letterbox or visit Parish Office.*

## Parish Collections - December 2020

**Rosebery** - Envelopes \$490, 2nd loose \$1,954.05, Tap N Go \$1,033, Direct Deposit \$230 Total \$3,707.05.

**Redfern** - \$861.

**Waterloo** - Envelopes \$924, 2nd loose \$822, Tap N Go \$230, Direct Deposit \$7,200 Total \$9,176.

*On behalf of Sydney Catholic Priests, thank you for supporting them through the Christmas Offerings. Total donated \$1,892.*

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Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 10 Jan, 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.eileenocannon.com.au](http://www.eileenocannon.com.au) Fr Paul will be in attendance.