OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Catholic Parish Greater Springfield

Preparing for Baptism 2027

Welcome! We are excited you have made this decision to prepare for Baptism and welcome you and your family to our parish. We understand that Baptism is an important time for you, and we want to be part of that journey.

Faith is one of the most beautiful gifts we can give our children, yet many parents don't feel equipped to take on the responsibility of helping their children come to know Jesus. Our programme is designed to help parents reconnect with their faith, connect with other families, and connect with our community so they are supported as they embark on this journey. It is an opportunity to explore aspects of our Catholic faith through a combination of facilitated discussion and coming to weekend mass over a 7-week period as follows:

Week 1	**Session 1**: "Sacrament of Baptism, Sacrament of Confirmation" (Sunday 10:20am – 12:00 noon)
Week 2	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat; 7am, 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 3	**Session 2**: "Holy Orders and Sacrament of Reconciliation" (Sunday 10:20am – 12 noon)
Week 4	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat; 7am, 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 5	**Session 3**: "Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick" (Sunday 10:20am – 12 noon)
Week 6	Attendance at weekend mass (either 5pm Sat; 7am, 9am or 11:00am Sun)
Week 7	**Session 4**: "Sacrament of Marriage and Practice of Baptism Liturgy" Sunday 10:20am – 12:00 noon)

We run 4 baptism preparation sessions per year during school term:

Term 1	Sunday 31 January to 14 March 2027
Term 2	Sunday 9 May to 20 June 2027
Term 3	Sunday 18 July to 29 August 2027
Term 4	Sunday 10 October to 21 November 2027

Baptism brings your child into a relationship with Jesus as they become a member of the family of God and become part of our community. This is why we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during our weekend masses (Saturday vigil, 5pm, or Sunday mornings, 9am or 11:00am) rather than private occasions.

Baptism for children 8 years to 16 years
To support children between 8-16 years as they take these first steps into the Catholic faith, we have lessons to help them understand what Baptism means and what to expect on Baptism Day. These interactive lessons are in addition to and separate from the parental preparation outlined above.

For more information on baptism and to register your interest, please visit https://olscparish.org.au/sacraments-for-children/baptism/ and a member of our baptism team will be in contact with you.

If you have previously completed Baptism preparation with our parish, please connect with us via our baptism enquiry form.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I that I have commanded you."
– Matthew 28:19-20

