

WEEKLY PREPARATION GROUPS

All candidates for First Eucharist will participate in one prep session once a week over four weeks with one or both parents. Please understand that only limited numbers can be catered for in each of the venues. Places will be allocated based on the order of completed enrolment forms received and availability of group facilitators.

SESSION	SATURDAYS 3 TO 4PM CARLINGFORD PARISH HALL	SATURDAYS 4:30 TO 5:30PM CARLINGFORD PARISH HALL	SUNDAYS 3 TO 4PM EPPING PARISH HALL	SUNDAYS 4:30 TO 5:30PM EPPING PARISH HALL	THURSDAYS 7 TO 8PM CARLINGFORD PARISH MEETING ROOM
ONE	4 May	4 May	5 May	5 May	9 May
TWO	11 May	11 May	12 May	12 May	16 May
THREE	18 May	18 May	19 May	19 May	23 May
FOUR	25 May	25 May	26 May	26 May	30 May

WEEKEND PARISH MASS TIMES

CARLINGFORD

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 7:45am
9:30am

EPPING

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
10:15am
6:00pm

KIDZ WORD *(During school terms)*

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday during school terms at the
9:30am Mass at St Gerard's and 10:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians

CHILDREN'S MASS *(During school terms)*

First Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's
Third Sunday of the month at the 10:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians

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2019 PREPARATION PROGRAMME FOR

First Eucharist

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Thank you for enquiring about the process for the celebration of First Eucharist here at the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford. We hope this brochure will assist you in appreciating the commitment we have, to provide the best possible preparation for you and your child as he/she prepares to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Celebrating a sacrament for the first time is an important step in living the Christian life as a Catholic. In so many ways, you have been preparing your child for First Eucharist since the day he/she was born. The Eucharist is God's gift of love to us. The way you have loved, cared for and modelled forgiveness for your child speaks of the unconditional love of God revealed in the Eucharist.

The Catholic community of Epping and Carlingford now invites you to assist your child to complete his/her sacramental initiation by enrolling in the First Eucharist programme. We look forward to supporting you in the preparation of your child for this sacrament.

The 2019 First Eucharist programme is open to children who have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and undergone preparation for Reconciliation and who are currently in Year 3 or above. To enrol your child, please complete the attached enrolment form and return it to the parish office by 31 March. Your attendance at one Information Evening and one Rite of Enrolment Mass completes the enrolment process. The Information Evening will offer you the opportunity to hear about the Eucharist at an adult level, to ask questions and to pray with other parents.

Please enter the dates in this brochure in your diary. Enrolling in the First Eucharist programme is a large commitment for your whole family and may at times mean giving less priority to other activities for this period of preparation. Commitment to all parts of the First Eucharist programme is essential. If there is a serious reason that you cannot make this commitment, please let us know.

We would like to draw your attention to our "Special Masses" on 5 May at St Gerard's and on 19 May at Our Lady Help of Christians. These are wonderful ways for your child to gain an understanding of the Mass where Fr Peter explains what happens where.

We appreciate that each family has its own unique story on their journey together. We receive all kinds of questions from parents, so please don't ever think that your question is trivial or unimportant. Supporting you in nurturing your child's faith journey is always important to us.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Information Evenings for parents.

Fr Peter Dowd

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IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY 23 MARCH to WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH	Enrolment Period
TUESDAY 2 APRIL OR THURSDAY 4 APRIL	Parent Information Evening Please be seated by 7:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall (Enter onsite parking from Cambridge St) <i>At least one parent required to attend one of these evenings. Children are required not to attend on these evenings.</i>
SUNDAY 7 APRIL <i>(Includes Saturday 6 April Vigil Masses)</i>	Rite of Enrolment All Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians <i>Required to complete and confirm enrolment</i>
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
TUESDAY 30 APRIL	Group Facilitator Briefing 7:30 to 8:30pm Parish Meeting Room Carlingford
SUNDAY 5 MAY	Commentated Children's Mass 9:30am at St Gerard's
SUNDAY 19 MAY	Commentated Children's Mass 10:15am at Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 19 MAY <i>(Includes Saturday 18 May Vigil Masses)</i>	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer All Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians
TO BE ADVISED	Gathering for Parents
SATURDAY 1 JUNE	RECONCILIATION LITURGY 3pm at St Gerard's Church
SUNDAY 2 JUNE	Rehearsals St Gerard's Church <i>For First Eucharist Celebration on 9 June - 11am to 12pm For First Eucharist Celebration on 15 June - 12pm to 1pm For First Eucharist Celebration on 16 June - 4pm to 5pm</i>
SUNDAY 16 JUNE	Rehearsals Our Lady Help of Christians' Church <i>For First Eucharist Celebration on 22 June - 3pm to 4pm For First Eucharist Celebration on 23 June - 4pm to 5pm</i>
SUNDAY 9 JUNE SATURDAY 15 JUNE SUNDAY 16 JUNE	FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES AT ST GERARD'S 9:30am in the church, followed by morning tea in the parish hall 6:00pm, families are invited to the morning tea held next morning 9:30am in the church, followed by morning tea in the parish hall
SATURDAY 22 JUNE SUNDAY 23 JUNE	FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 5:00pm, families are invited to the morning tea held next morning 10:15am in the church, followed by morning tea in the parish hall