

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST. GERARD MAJELLA CARLINGFORD		OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' EPPING	
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil	5.00pm
Sunday	7.45am	Sunday	8.30am
	9.30am		10.15am
			6.00pm

### Kidz Word

Children's Liturgy is celebrated each Sunday during school terms in both our churches (9:30am at Carlingford and 10:15am at Epping), except on the first Sunday of the month at Carlingford and on the third Sunday of the month at Epping when we have our Children's Mass. Held in the Parish Meeting Room, it is not a Sunday School, but a liturgical celebration of the Word parallel to that same celebration in the church with the adult community. It is presented in an activity-filled way that helps the children understand the Scripture readings. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word the children return to the church to be with their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### Children's Mass

During school terms on every first Sunday of the month at Carlingford (9:30am) and every third Sunday of the month at Epping (10:15am), the children of two communities are actively involved in the Mass. They look after the Procession of the Gifts, the choir and the Readings. They also have an opportunity to show their creativity and talents in their worship. It is an enjoyable and fun time for our children, without being hard or onerous. It also gives all children of the Parish community an opportunity to meet, regardless of which school they attend. The children also take part in the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass which is our Christmas Children's Mass. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office at 9876 2853.



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CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY & MINISTRIES 2020



*Confirmation*



*First Reconciliation*



*First Eucharist*

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# CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING AND CARLINGFORD CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS & MINISTRIES 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are important grace-filled steps on your child's faith journey and their welcome into the Church community. Thank you for your interest in supporting your child as he/she journeys towards full initiation within our Catholic faith community.

This brochure sets out the dates and requirements for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments during 2020. For more information on any of these Sacraments, please contact Lynn at 0407 255 593 or via email at [lynn@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:lynn@eppcarl.org.au)

In our Diocese of Broken Bay the order of the Sacraments of Initiation is Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. First Reconciliation is usually celebrated before First Eucharist.

Families are encouraged to attend and participate in weekend Masses. There will be special celebrations for the children particularly during the preparation period for each of the Sacraments at weekend Masses as part of their preparation for each Sacrament. Children are also always welcome to participate in Children's Masses and Kidz Word during school terms.

If your child is not baptised and you would like to enquire about Baptism, please contact Maree Balzalat at the Parish Office on 9876 2853 or email [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

We look forward to supporting you for the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments with your child!

*Fr Peter Dowd*

Parish Priest

*Fr Bogdan Skypien*

Assistant Priest



## *First Reconciliation*

**Eligibility** Children who are baptised and confirmed

**Enrolment Period** Wednesday 20 Jan to Sunday 2 Feb 2020

### **Parent Information Session (Choose one)**

**Thursday 30 January**

1:15pm Parish Meeting Room, St. Gerard's Carlingford

**Tuesday 4 February OR Thursday 6 February 2020**

7:30pm Parish Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

### **Preparation Period**

Saturday 15 February to Sunday 15 March 2020

### **Celebration of First Reconciliation**

**Saturday 21 March 2020**

11am Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

3:30pm St Gerard's Carlingford



## *First Eucharist*

**Eligibility** Children who are baptised, confirmed and have usually celebrated First Reconciliation

**Enrolment period** Saturday 21 March to Sunday 29 March 2020

### **Parent Information Session (Choose one)**

**Tuesday 31 March OR Thursday 2 April 2020**

Please be seated by 7:30pm

Parish Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

### **Gathering with Parents**

To be advised

### **Preparation Period**

Saturday 2 May to Saturday 31 May 2020

### **Reconciliation Liturgy**

Saturday 6 June 3pm St Gerard's Carlingford

### **Rehearsals**

Tuesday 9 June, Sunday 14 June St Gerard's Carlingford

Sunday 21 June Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

### **Celebration of First Eucharist**

14, 20, 21 June 2020 St Gerard's Carlingford

27, 28 June 2020 Our Lady Help of Christians Epping



## *Confirmation*

**Eligibility** Children who are baptised and are in Year 2 or above

**Enrolment Period** Saturday 26 June to Sunday 26 July 2020

### **Parent Information Session (Choose one)**

**Wednesday 22 July 1:15pm OR Thursday 23 July 7:30pm**

Parish Meeting Room, St. Gerard's Carlingford

**Tuesday 28 July OR Thursday 30 July 2020**

7:30pm Parish Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

### **Gathering with Parents**

To be advised

### **Preparation Period**

To be advised

### **Rehearsals**

To be advised

### **Celebration of Confirmation**

To be advised