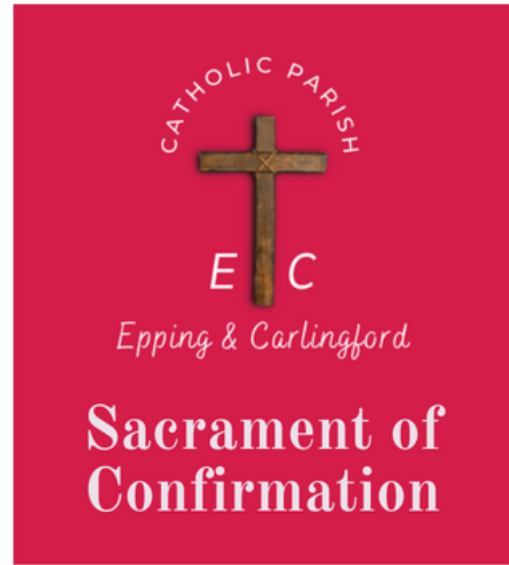
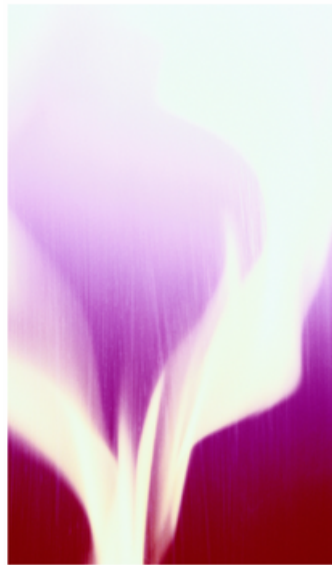


WELCOME!

2021 PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION



This issue, we're covering:

ENROLMENT AND SOME
IMPORTANT EVENTS



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Catholic community of Epping and Carlingford invites you to enrol your child in this year's Confirmation programme. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above, are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This second Sacrament of Initiation confirms your child's Baptism through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is signified by the oil of Chrism and will lead your child to full initiation in the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of First Eucharist. There are important dates contained in this newsletter for you to enter into your diary.

Enrolling in the Sacramental programme is a commitment for you and your child. Your commitment to all aspects of the Confirmation programme is essential. If you experience any problems, please contact us at once to discuss.

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 think that your question is trivial or unimportant. Supporting you in nurturing you and your child's faith journey is always important to us.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you at one of the Parent Gathering sessions!

Fr Jim McKeon
Parish Priest

Important Dates

THURSDAY 1 JULY to SUNDAY 25 JULY	Enrolment Period
TUESDAY 20 JULY OR TUESDAY 27 JULY	*Parent Gathering at Carlingford Please be seated by 9:30am Parish Meeting Room Carlingford <i>Children are not required to attend.</i>
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY OR WEDNESDAY 28 JULY	*Parent Gathering at Epping Please be seated by 7:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall (enter onsite parking via Cambridge Street) <i>Children are not required to attend.</i>
SUNDAY 1 AUGUST <i>(Includes Saturday 31 JULY 6pm Vigil)</i>	Rite of Enrolment Select Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 15 AUGUST <i>(Includes Saturday 14 AUG 6pm Vigil)</i>	Presentation of Candidates Select Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 22 AUGUST <i>(Includes Saturday 21 AUG 6pm Vigil)</i>	Presentation of the Creed Select Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 29 AUGUST <i>(Includes Saturday 28 AUG 6pm Vigil)</i>	Renewal of Baptismal Promises Select Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians
SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	Practice Rehearsal for Carlingford 11am to 12pm at St Gerard's
MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	Practice Rehearsal for Epping 7pm to 8pm at Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER	Confirmation Mass 12pm St Gerard's 3pm Our Lady Help of Christians
SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER <i>(Includes Saturday 18 SEP 6pm Vigil)</i>	Presentation of Confirmation Certificate Select Masses at St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians

*You only need to attend one

Preparation Sessions



Highlight the column you have chosen for your session time: eg.



SESSION	SATURDAYS 3:30 TO 4:30PM ST GERARD'S CHURCH	SUNDAYS 3:30 TO 4:30PM OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' CHURCH	WEDNESDAYS 7 TO 8PM ST GERARD'S CHURCH
ONE	7 August	8 August	11 August
TWO	14 August	15 August	18 August
THREE	21 August	22 August	25 August
FOUR	28 August	29 August	1 September

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