

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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**Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford** consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebration of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

## YEAR A

**Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Acts 10:34-38**

**12-01-20**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Dear sisters and brothers,

As this is the first 'new' bulletin following on from Christmas, on behalf of Fr Bogdan and myself, I would like to wish you all a blessed and peace-filled New Year! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your greetings and gifts over the Christmas season. As always I apologise if I haven't had the opportunity to thank you personally but please know your thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers have been greatly appreciated by both Fr Bogdan and myself.

The New Year also provided an opportunity to review all aspects of parish life and where there are needs for bolstering our various ministries. There are three in particular where we have an urgent need for your assistance.

For various reasons a number of people have needed to step down from supporting our Kidz Word liturgy. Kidz Word provides an opportunity for our young children to experience the first part of Mass in words and activities which are adapted to a child's level of understanding and experience. The children then return to the church and re-join their families and the larger worshipping community as the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. Anyone interested in finding out more about this ministry are asked to leave their name and contact details at the on the list on the tables near the entrances to the church, or contact Lynn Siau via the parish office on 9876 2853 or email [lynn@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:lynn@eppcarl.org.au).

Secondly, hospitality is a key ingredient to building up any parish community. All of us are called to offer welcome to those we worship with but some do this in a particular way as greeters at the church door and assisting with providing morning tea after the 9.30 and 10.15am Masses. Once again any assistance here will be much appreciated and all necessary training will be provided. Please leave your contact details on the sheets provided near the entrances to the church or with Maree at the parish office.

Finally, of course all our ministries including music, catechists, money counters, altar servers, etc. are always in need of new people so please consider how best you might be able to serve your parish family during 2020.

As always, my deep thanks goes out to everyone for all the way you contribute to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in our part of God's world.

Fr Peter

### Our Parish Antioch Community

The Antioch Community is having its

**Annual Outreach Weekend from  
Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd Feb.2020**

The Antioch weekend is run for youth  
by youth and is filled with  
**TALKS, DISCUSSIONS, MUSIC,  
FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN!**

It's a great chance to find out more about yourself,  
meet heaps of great young people from  
the parish, and grow closer to Jesus!

Venue: Parish Site at St Gerard's,  
543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

**Registration Forms are available at the  
back of the church**

**For more information ring Joanne 0416 030 927**

### Altar Servers Training

Anyone interested in training to be an altar server at either of our two churches whether junior (up to 16 years old) or senior are asked to attend training sessions on **Saturday 25th January and 1st February at 3:30 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church Epping.**

Please register with Maree at the parish office 9876 2853 or via email [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

### Our next special feast day: Candlemas

The next feast day we will celebrate in a special way is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) : on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: everyone is invited to bring along a candle to be blessed** (please note that no candles will be provided – please bring along your own candle so that once blessed it can be part of your home prayer space).

Candlemas, coming 40 days after Christmas, celebrates the child Jesus being presented in the Temple and being recognised by Simeon as 'the light of all peoples'.



**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:**

**Recently deceased:** Patricia Frear, Kathleen Prust (sister of Alan Ryan), Helen McKeon (mother of Fr Jim McKeon), Colin Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's father), Alan Hartman, Fr Martin Lam (brother of Bernadine Jamieson), Bob Harmer, Marie Breen Cousew, Geoffrey Ranson, Rod Michie, Peter Balint, Soon Sik Choi,

**Anniversaries:** Judy Wright, Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Eden Sarelius.

**Also for:** Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, Dorothea Arnaldo, Tomo & Katarina Medved, Vjekoslav & Juliana Medved, Karlo & Draga Puskaric.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Peter Baker, Bev Aliprandi, Barbara Madafiglio, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella, Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Sr Pauline Wicks rsj,

*Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.*

**National Drought Prayer**

Eternal God, in wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour on our  
drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought:  
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people:  
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop-Pray for us.

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**Cana Communities**

On the weekend of **18/19th January**, Cana Communities will hold its annual appeal by seeking our help. Cana Communities provides family type support for people from the streets and is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. Cana does not receive government funding, instead relies on donations from individuals and groups who support and believe in Cana's work. Cana needs your help to ensure the work can continue. All donations over \$2.- are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
**Alleluia!**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 28:1-4.9-4 R v.11 Response:  
The Lord will bless his people with peace

The following Parish Groups are on a break:  
**Gerry's Playgroup**, Carlingford—until school resumes.  
**CANA** Youth Group resumes Friday 31st January  
**ANTIOCH** resumes this Sunday, 19th January in the PMR Carlingford at 6:00pm.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
18/01/20	5:00pm	Fr M Loke svd	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
19/01/20	8:30am	Fr M Loke svd	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
19/01/20	10:15am	Fr M Loke svd	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
19/01/20	6:00pm	Mgr K Bayada		

**BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH THIS SUNDAY**

Welcome to: Matilda Rose Hastings  
Benjamin Scolastico.  
Please hold these children and their families  
in your prayers.

