### 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 Church at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians' Church 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

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#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13-12-20

Is 61:1-2.10-11

1 Thess 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8.10-28

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping

24/12	5pm Vigil and 7pm Family Masses
24/12	Midnight Mass (Carols at 11:30pm)
25/12	8:30am and 10:15am Masses

#### St Gerard Majella's Church, Carlingford

24/12	5:00pm Vigil and 7:00pm Masses
24/12	Night Mass 10:00pm (Carols at 9:30pm)

25/12 7:45am and 9:30am Masses

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas day.

Please note it is ESSENTIAL that everyone register for the Christmas Mass of their choice.

We are currently using the website TryBooking.

For St Gerard's Carlingford Bookings use: https://www.trybooking.com/BMZIT

For OLHC at Epping use:

https://www.trybooking.com/BMZGO

You can also book via the parish office.

If you have booked a ticket and are unable to attend that Mass, could you please let the parish office know As soon as possible.



#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated for both our communities **this Wednesday**, **16th December** at **7:30pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping.

Visiting priests will be joining us on this occasion. Please make this a priority as we prepare for the coming feast of Christmas



#### **ADVENT HEALING MASS**

All are welcome to our Advent Healing Mass as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know.

# Our Lady Help of Christians' Church 23rd December at 10am

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FRON WEDNESDAY 16th DEC.



#### News from our Missionary Disciple Supporter

At the end of every year, there is a time for letting go and a time for getting ready for what is to come. The year 2020 is going and our hopes for freedom from COVID-19 hiding are coming. Fr Peter is going and Fr Jim is coming. We are praying we can let go of what holds us back and praying to be ready for where the Holy Spirit is guiding us.

After careful consideration, Fr Peter has given his guiding insights for what will be offered to parishioners to grow in their faith in the first half of 2021.

**January:** All are invited, wherever your family is, or what families you are with, to check out what is available on **FORMED.org**—It is like a *Catholic Netflix*, one parishioner said. You can find entertaining or life-enriching movies, videos your family can watch together. This recreation will re-create your spirit for the coming year. A number of parishioners already watch shows and they are advising us on what they found to be the best.

**February**: you are invited to join **THE SEARCH**. This is for those who are curious about the basic questions, life asks of us. We reconnect with our deeper selves and discover how deeply connected we are to one another. THE SEARCH will be offered in the parish meeting rooms at Epping and Carlingford.

**Ash Wednesday**: 17th February, leads us into the **Lenten discipline**—a time of grace to grow as a disciple. Bishop Anthony invites us to reflect on the Sunday Gospels and discern whether the Holy Spirit is calling us to be a community who follows Jesus as a parish and as a Diocese. You can join a Lenten Group in homes, in the parish meeting rooms, or online.

**Holy Week** is when we journey with Jesus, remembering the Passover at the Last Supper, and follow the way of the Lamb of God to Calvary to be with Jesus at his death. We then wait for the resurrection. On Easter Sunday, 4th April, we celebrate our belief, **Jesus is Risen!** We have hope that we too, with all our loved ones, will be raised up to be with him forever.

After Easter and two weeks of holy-days, you have a choice. You can join as we offer Alpha for guests who have questions or want to connect with others in our parish. We consider questions such as, Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How do I read the Bible? We learn to pray, then pray "Come Holy Spirit." You can also join us to discover how Peter and Paul took the knowledge and power of their Risen Lord to the Roman world. We go with them through the Acts of the Apostles to learn—"What does it mean for us to be missionary disciples?"

Every year we draw life from Jesus coming into our world to heal and to raise us up. Every year we are a year closer to when Jesus comes again. Every year we are a year closer to meeting Him when we pass over from this life into His embrace and the embrace of His Mother Mary, who prays for us now and at the hour of our death. Our life has direction and a destiny. We will be alive to God forever.

Denis McNamara—Supporting Missionary Disciples

### Catechists (SRE) News:

Thanks to our wonderful speakers and Catechists providing the information and invitations to our Ministry after each Mass in the Parish over the past two weekends, we have at least nine people who have volunteered to join the SRE Ministry (become Catechists).

However, we would be delighted to received more offers to assist with the following:

#### **Primary Schools**

- Epping Public School (Tuesday 9:20am, 9:50am)
- Epping North Public School (Thursday 9:10am, 9:40am)
- Epping West Public Schools (Tuesday 11:40am, 12:10, 12:40pm)
- Epping Heights Public School (Friday 9:10am)
- Murray Farm Public School (Tuesday 9:00am, 9:40am, 10:20am)
- Roselea Public School (Wednesday 11:30am, 12:00 midday, 12:30pm)

#### **Secondary Schools**

- James Ruse High on Wednesday afternoon weekly.
- Carlingford High Friday mornings weekly July/August only.

Please contact **Katherine or Mary** (see below) to discover more about this wonderful ministry.

Contact details: **Mary O'Byrne** (Secondary School) on 9871 2120 or email mfobyrne@gmail.com **Katherine Tam** (Primary Schools) on katherine@eppcarl.org.au or via the **Parish Office** 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au

#### PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event			
Sun.	13/12/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's Church			
Juni	13/12/20	8:30am				
			Mass at St Gerard's Church			
		10:15am				
		6:00pm				
	4.4/4.2/20	· ·	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting			
Mon.	14/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church			
Tue.	15/12/20	12:15pm				
Wed.	16/12/20	9:15am	m Mass at OLHC Church			
		9:30am	Mass at OLHC Church			
		7:30pm	Second Rite of Reconciliation at			
			OLHC Church Epping			
Thur.	17/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church			
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church			
Fri.	18/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church			
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church			
Sat.	19/12/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church			
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation			
		10:20am	Benediction			
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's			
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC Church			
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church			
PH—Parish Hall, CH—Church, PMR— Parish Meeting Room						



#### **2020 CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December

#### Vinnies changes lives every day

Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be placed in the second collection box. Also Receipts can be provided immediately if the donation is made to one of our members who will attend the 'Vinnies Table' after Mass.

St. Gerard Majella Carlingford: Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and can be placed in the second collection box. Also Receipts can be provided immediately if the donation is made to one of our members at the Piety Store.

#### Your gift could change a life this Christmas

#### Parish Staff

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**Parish Pastoral Council** 

If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

#### ANGEL TREE 2020

We still have a few cards left on the Angel Tree.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this year, we are unable to buy a present, instead we would like to invite you to take a card from the tree located near the organ in the Epping Church and if possible place a \$30 cash donation with the card in an envelope and place in the box under the tree.

Once we have the cards and the money, we will buy "Gift Cards" for each child. We do not know how these gifts will be received, or the material circumstances of the family, but these families are suffering. The gift is from an incarcerated parent who cannot personally buy or deliver the gift to their child.

Please continue to pray for the children, parents and carers this Christmas.

Margaret Wiseman

#### For wonderful resources on Catholic Faith and life:

Sign Up to FORWARD.ORG: https://formed.org/

signup

The opening screen says: "Create a new account" "Find your Parish or Organisation" type in: In: Catholic Parish of Epping and Carling-

ford

Click on **Next**, then enter:

Your name,

Your email address and then Click on—Sign Up

#### Youth And Young Adults



## OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday, 13 December

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Why not come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time get into some awesome music,

take time out for prayer and meet people.

The meeting starts at 6 pm in the parish meeting room at Carlingford.

So head on down and bring a friend.

For more information call

Joanne 0416 030 927, Karen (parent support) 0421 506 577

"It was at Antioch the believers were first called Christians"

#### CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP

Cana is on holidays!

It will resume on the 29th January 2021.





Antioch Christmas Party Dec. 2020

Emmaus gathering Dec. 2020

#### Bible Reading Group

Our parish is reading 1 Thessalonians on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. After finishing 1 and 2 Thessalonians, we will have a break until January to finish reading the New Testament. You can join via Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/</a> or join our Whatsapp group by texting 0404 710 588.

☐ We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (160 people at Epping and 290 at Carlingford).

 $\hfill \Box$  Coloured cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.

 $\hfill \square$  All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and sign in the book.

 $\hfill \square$  We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass

 $\square$  There is no physical exchange of the sign of peace.

☐ All are asked to maintain approx. one arm length of spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand first and then those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).

### Emmaus Young Adults (23-30 years of age)

It will resume on the

19th January, 2021!



#### Covid-19 Plan

#### FACE MASKS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those that have been wearing masks to mass.

If you have forgotten your mask there is a supply available.

Check with the Greeter or with the Sacristan in the Sacristy.

We strongly encourage our parishioners to continue to care for each other and wear a face mask when attending Mass.



From Lynn's desk ...

#### **Preparation for Christmas – Advent 2020!**

How are your preparations for Christmas getting along? I was organised this year... I actually bought Christmas presents at the start of the year so I am all sorted! That worked out really well for me because my children are already on school holidays. Instead of ditching them at my friend's place whilst I run around madly at crowded shopping centres for a couple of hours, I have been able to enjoy some time with them.

Have you had a chance to look at my Advent folder? We are loving a few things in our household.

We have a pair of Advent owls (instead of elves on the shelf). They are called Love and Joy. Sometimes they get up to no good and do crazy things such as tipping my children's bins over (in their rooms) as if to remind them it's time to empty the bins, or they sit on the folded laundry with a note in their beaks saying, "Yoohoo! Where do these go?"... to which my children would groan and get moving to do the tasks! Haha... love that they actually obey a pair of owls and play along.



At other times, these owls might sit in an empty mixer bowl with a note that says, "Elderly Mr. X would really like some of your homebaked cookies."

If you have a look at my Advent folder, you will find a resource called "Mary on the Mantle". It looks like this and like my Advent owls, Mary on the mantel is an alternative to elves on the shelf. Each day Mary is moved around the house as she prepares for her new baby. Mary is busy "nesting" and doing simple, ordinary tasks. When the children find her in the

morning, Mary delivers a small act of kindness that they can perform that day. A wonderful idea to get the younger children more attuned to the Advent season by giving! You can easily achieve this using what you have at home. The idea is that we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the manger by loving others. I know of a family who is using the 3 Wise Men who move closer to the nativity set each day, starting from them knocking at the front door on the first day of Advent!

Please scan this QR code to access my folder for other Ideas for various age groups:

If you require assistance accessing the folder, I can email you the link directly. Please feel free to contact me for it.

Till next week, Lynn Siau Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries 0407 255 593 lynn@eppcarl.org.au



Walk with Mary this Advent as a sweet alternative to "Elf on





#### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The second CWF Appeal for this Financial Year is currently being held in both our churches.

Envelopes can be found at the back of the churches near the bulletin boxes. Our parish quota for the Appeal is \$19,258. Please give generously, as any shortfall needs to be made up from parish funds.

#### SHORTFALL AFTER 2nd WEEK \$10,833

To give online please go to: www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund,

or use the QR code shown on this page.



### Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—Fear Not, You Are Inadequate

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." (John 1:20)

Over twenty years ago, while on a retreat, an elderly nun was assigned to me as director. She proved to be a woman of rare maturity, providing the guidance that I needed at the time. Being young and intense, I too easily made a cosmic drama and tragedy out of every ordinary desolation or setback and she challenged me with a wisdom, an earthiness, and a sense of humor that continually helped deflate my pompousness.

At one stage of the retreat, sensing my Hamlet type propensities, she gave me a little proverb: Fear not, you are inadequate!

It is both healthily humbling and uplifting to accept the fact that we are not God. Through the years, that little adage has come back to me, off and on, mostly at times when I have been a bit overwhelmed by my own inadequacy or have been, usually without a lot of success, trying to console somebody else. There is a deceptive depth in that little saying.

On the one hand, there is a certain consolation in it. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a minister, a priest, an advocate for justice, or simply a friend to someone in need, there are countless times when you come face to face with your own inadequacy, when you are helpless in the face of all that you should be doing. At times like that, it is important to remember that God alone is adequate, that

you are not God, and that God is more parent, teacher, minister, priest, advocate for justice, and friend than you are. Obvious as this is, it is not always evident to us, as our history of needless worry, being angry, feeling self-important, living with ulcers, and being chronically overextended give ample testimony to.

Great spiritual writers have always said this. For example, John of the Cross, in a treatise on spiritual direction, reminds directors that God is the real spiritual director and that they are only secondary instruments. That is also true for every parent, teacher, minister, priest, justice advocate, and friend. God is the real parent, the real teacher, the real minister, the real advocate for justice, and the real friend and alone is adequate for that task. We are instruments, mere instruments, albeit important ones, and, unlike God, we are not adequate to the task.

Knowing this should give us some consolation at those times when it seems that, somehow, we should be doing better than we are. However, that consolation, expressed so well in the proverb, should never give us an excuse to slacken our efforts, be lazy, or to shirk responsibility. God may be the real parent or the real teacher or the real friend, but God, in the incarnation, has tied divine power to human hands and human effort. Hence the fact that nobody, except Jesus, is adequate to give expression to God must not however deter us from trying.

Be that as it may, this adage, the common sense faith of a very good nun, is itself a prayer. How so?

Healthy prayer functions paradoxically: on the one hand, it connects us to God and links us to divine energy. Conversely, at the same time, it dissociates us from God by making it clear to us that we are not God. Hence, a good prayer life is paradoxical too in its effect, namely, it connects us to God and thus saves us from depression even as it dissociates us from God and thereby saves us from inflation and self-righteousness. Simply put, if someone does not pray, in some way, he or she is forever falling either into depression or into infantile grandiosity, either there is a lack of connection to God or there is an over identification with God. Both have negative effects.

Thus, for example, when looks at someone like David Koresh—the Cult Davidian leader who burned to death in Waco, Texas—one sees precisely an over identification with God. There was plenty of energy, plenty of fire, but too little in the way of dissociation. He might well have meditated that little proverb on inadequacy and come to understand that he was not God.

Conversely, when we are chronically depressed (as opposed to being clinically depressed) we are too out of touch with divine energy and stand in need of more connection. Accepting our inadequacy can help bring us to prayer.

Fear not, you are inadequate! To accept the truth of that is to be make a little prayer. It is both healthily humbling and uplifting to accept the fact that we are not God and that we are not asked to try to be. When we are overly discouraged it is because we have forgotten that truth. When are overly inflated, it is for the same reason.

#### Ron Rolheiser

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#### **Elvira Lyons Award for Innovation to Margarét Wiseman**

It gives me great pleasure to be able to recognise two of our colleagues and collaborators from the most recent CatholicCare Award nominations. The entire collation is filled with great faith, vision, commitment, conviction, and competence. We are blessed as an organisation to have so many quality individuals and teams serving as they and we do, delivering and displaying the Good News in large ways and small.

In particular, congratulations to: **Margaret Wiseman** - Elvira Lyons Award for Innovation: Recognising an individual or team whose innovative practices have supported excellence in client centred care.

Fr Peter Carroll - Eileen Davidson Award for Community Impact: Recognising the work of an individual or team who passionately and consistently makes a significant impact in the community.

Margaret is respected in the Epping And Carlingford Parish where she and Brian, her husband and family have lived for over forty years. Margaret is energetic, engaged and respected as a prison chaplain and associated peer activities locally and nationally. Margaret maximizes the care of the inmates by attending in a sustained way to their emotional and spiritual needs through a ministry of presence, companionship and support in the programs she facilitates creatively within the discipline of a maximum security prison along with the cooperation of prison program directors and includes the participation of Catholic parish community. Margaret's affable management style facilitates the opening of doors by correctional officers, the hearts of the inmates, peers and associates in prison and extended community. Margaret has developed an effective pastoral program with the inmates that has recognised social and disciplinary outcomes along with spiritual outcomes for prisoners and parishioners. Elements of the program include: Engaging inmates in the R.C.I.A. with adult leaders and sponsors from parish. Prison hospitality ministry with volunteer teams from Parish. Spiritual Direction of inmates supported by Josephite Spiritual Direction Network with volunteer directors providing direction. Retreat Program informed by the First Spiritual Exercises developed by Michael Hansen SJ. Meditation Program for the inmates informed and supported by Australian Christian Meditation Community. Facilitating Seasons for Growth Program and Positive Lifestyle program with a non-Catholic co-presenter. Facilitating programs in Chaplaincy that enhance the inmate's sense of belonging to Church, including visitation to inmates of local, national and international Catholic Community leaders. Crisis support for inmates by facilitating bridging strategies from the parish and the St Vincent de Paul Conference and beyond which includes: court support; sponsoring family visitation to inmates; sponsoring welfare support to pregnant inmates; facilitating foster care of inmate infants.

Pat from Catholic Care

#### Congratulations Margaret!

The whole parish family offers their sincere congratulations to you on receiving the Eileen Davidson Award for Innovation. You not only give your time but also yourself so wholeheartedly to the job.

Fr Peter Dowd

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan at home. In the event that they are unavailable, their answering machines will record your message or ring the number given in the message. However, if possible please restrict routine enquiries to office hours.

**Admitted to Hospital** A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital, please try to ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.



#### Responsorial Psalm Response

Lk 1:46-50.53-54 R. Is 61:10

My soul rejoices in my God.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches.

#### **EPPING:**

5:00 pm Vigil Mas 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 6:00 pm Mass

#### CARLINGFORD:

6:00 pm Vigil Mass 7:45 am Mass 9:30 am Mass

## Healing Masses 23rd December at OLHC Church, Epping at 10am

#### **Exposition of the Eucharist Epping** Sat. 9:45am-10:15am

Carlingford 4th Thursday of the month

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Please note, we must here to social distancing within the churches.

#### **EPPING:**

EPPING:

Monday—No Mass
Tuesday—12:15 pm
Wednesday—9:15 am
Thursday—12:15 pm
Friday—12:15 pm
Saturday—9:15 am

CARLINGFORD:
Monday—9:30 am
Tuesday—No Mass
Wednesday—9:30 am
Thursday—9:30 am
Friday—9:30 am
Saturday—No Mass Saturday—No Mass

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation **Epping** Sat. 9:45am—10:15am

#### Carlingford Sat. 5:00pm—5:30pm

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

Recently deceased: Lynn Sweeney, Jenny Roberts, Anthony Fernandes, Mick Atkins, Margaret McShane, May May Wong, Clara Ni Wayaan Kurniati, Evelyn Joseph,

#### Anniversaries:

#### Also for:

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, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Alison Deane, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Pauline Wicks rsj, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly. John Goodwin, 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, Dalma Soria 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, Agnes Wong, Alex Benjamin Zaragoza, Amarech Zewolde, Janice Lemon.

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

#### Christmas Carols Service Saturday, 26th December at St Gerard's Majella at 7:00 pm

We would like to invite anyone interested in taking part in singing carols in various languages, to contact Fr Bogdan or the parish office by 6th December. Contact number for the parish office is 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will apply. More information to come.



	Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
	19/12/20	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
	20/12/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
	20/12/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
ſ	20/12/20	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

#### **Parish Website Address**

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ eppingcarlingford