

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

## Diocese of Broken Bay

**Our Lady Help of Christians' Church**

31 Oxford Street, Epping and

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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 celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

**YEAR A**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**13-09-20**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

**Romans 14:7-9**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Monday 14th September we celebrate the feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On that day in 326 A.D., according to tradition, St. Helene found the Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

From the 4th century, when the Roman emperor Constantine the Great gave freedom of religion, the cross became the symbol of Christianity. That symbol can be seen in churches, schools, and hospitals around the world.

The symbol of a cross was very important from the beginning of Christianity. On the one hand, it is sign of pain and inhuman torture but on the other one, the cross has reminded people of their salvation. The Cross is a sign of God's love to us; from love, Jesus accepted suffering on the Cross an agony.

The Cross is important to all of us. We start every day and every prayer from the sign of the cross, we bless our children and our meals. This sign accompanies us from birth to the day of death.

Many times we see the Cross as a sign of pain and suffering, especially when we are ill or struggling with the obstacles. But at the same time the Cross of Jesus is an instrument of our salvation, it a sign of our hope and victory.

Let the feast day of the Exaltation of the Cross reminds us of God's love to us and gives us the courage to our own cross.

*Fr Bogdan*



### **Blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes . . .**

As you know we try to tap into our Church's tradition of punctuating the rhythm of the year with feasts and festivals by observing some of those feasts in a special way so that they might help to relate our faith to the living of our lives.

One of those feast days will soon be upon us. The **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, Monday 14th September**, celebrates the victory over sin and death that comes through the Cross of Jesus. It is an especially appropriate day each year to bless the cross or crucifix in our sacred space at home.

**Please bring along your cross or crucifix from your sacred space at home – these will be blessed at the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's.**

**There is no Mass at Epping on a Monday.**

**The Parish Website address is: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford)**

## Spring has arrived. Time to move.

See the things in life that matter and the things that last forever.

It's might be time to let go of fantasy on Netflix or STAN or TV

It must be time to see what really matters and talk with real people.

Coming soon ~ your invitation. Join us for  
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible  
SEARCH

What interests you have about your family, your personal destiny and your questions about God.

Spread the word so your friends know too.

So much can happen in the coming months.

So much will happen when you and others **ask the Father** for what is good for us and our parish.

So much more to life when we **meet together in His Name** and realise Jesus is with us.

Please pray, **Holy Spirit to guide us. Give us joy from being together and being with Jesus.**

Denis McNamara *Supporting disciples and supporting disciples to become missionary.*

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION - Sunday 13 September 2020



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally **takes place on Good Friday**. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday 13 September** to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Monday, 14 September.

If you are able to contribute to this collection, we thank you for your generosity.



## The Charitable Works Fund

The first CWF Appeal for this Financial Year last weekend in both our Churches.

The Charitable Works Fund is working every day to support faith-based services for the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Supporting the CWF puts your gift to work in our local faith community.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Programme—where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospitals staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**—creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

**St Lucy's School**—for primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College**—for secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre**—serving the Catholic deaf community.

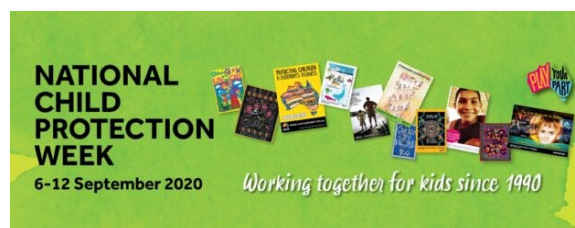
Thank you for your kindness, your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

**Envelopes will be available when collecting your copy of the bulletin.**

**or make a donation online to:**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Please give generously as any shortfall from this appeal will have to be made up from normal parish funds – please support the appeal so that we can avoid this happening.



## Child Protection Sunday—13th September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommend to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministers the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and [www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding).

### PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	13/09/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon.	14/09/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	15/09/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed.	16/09/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	17/09/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		8:00pm	PMR Epping Men of St Joseph
Fri.	18/09/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat.	19/09/20	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

### Keep in Touch (KIT)

Keep informed, keep exploring, keep on thinking about the things that matter the most and move us.

If you would like to receive Keep in Touch please forward your email address to the parish office, contact number: 9876 2853 email: maree@eppcarl.org.au



**Keep  
In  
Touch**

### Celebrations this Week Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

**14/9 Monday:** Feast, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**15/9 Tuesday:** Memoria, Our Lady of Sorrows.

**16/9 Wednesday:** Memoria, Sts Cornelius

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

### Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request - especially during the difficult times each of us is facing.

Do You Have  
A Prayer Request?  
Please Let Us Know



If you would like to pray for any special intention

Send your request to:

[Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au)

or Facebook link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201323501410837>

We are more than happy to pray for you!

### Men of St. Joseph

Men of St Joseph is a group of Catholic men who want to pray together, grow spiritually, share their experiences and support one another. The group discusses our spiritual and daily issues and helps us to be the better people, members of the Church and of our families.

Meeting every Thursday at 8pm in the PMR at Epping.



Enquiries to Fr Bogdan by emailing: [Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au)

Fr Bogdan

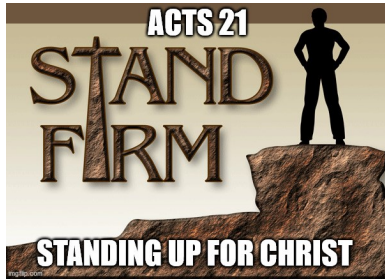
## Parish Bible Reading Group

This Sunday we read chapter 21 of Acts.

Some questions you can consider:

- Was Paul willing to die for the name of Jesus Christ?
- How did the crowd treat Paul and what did they want to happen to him?

You can join our Parish Bible Reading Group via our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or Whatsapp group by texting Acts28 on 0404 710 588.



## PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme 'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!!

So make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream!

Date: Friday 18 September 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667>



## OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

### Meeting this Sunday 13th September

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 **6pm** 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 Yr. 7-9 YOUTH GROUP

Cana is going on zoom! We have a meeting this Friday 7:30-9pm, via this link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88684811582?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88684811582?pwd=Nkk4U3A2OGRHR3NwRnhkVmFqWDhLUT09)

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Please contact Joanna (phone: 0404 710 588 or email [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au)) for the zoom password to join.

## Australia and Oceania prays with the Divine Mercy Chaplet

This prayer initiative is based at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Keysborough, Melbourne.

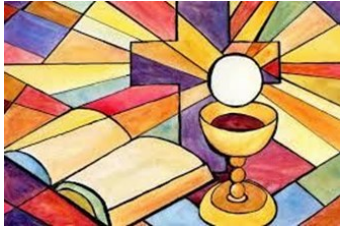
Twice a year, on the 18th of May (the birthday of St John Paul II) and on the 13th of September (the anniversary of when our Merciful Jesus gave St Faustina the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy), all are invited join in prayer at 3pm in your own time zone for particular intentions.

You may wish to participate this **Sunday, 13 September**. Please visit <https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html>

## WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

- We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (60 people at Epping and 100 at Carlingford).
- Blue cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.
- All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and sign in the book.
- We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass
- There is no congregational singing and no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand first and those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).
- The use of facemasks during Mass.





### Children's Sacramental Journey - First Eucharist 2020

Enrolment for First Eucharist will close this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, undergone preparation for Reconciliation and who are currently in Year 3 or above are invited to enrol.

If you know of anyone who may wish to enrol their children, please feel free to spread the word for us. Alternatively, they can email us and we will forward them an information pack and link to enrol.

As of Monday next week, parents will pick up their children's preparation pack from the parish office at appointed times so they have all the resources ready to attend an online Parent Information Session before Term 3 finishes.

We always like to hear from you and look forward to building a fruitful relationship. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please get in touch!

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### 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.



### Listen to God's Word ~ Respond in prayer

Wrong things happen. We just know who to blame. The readings at Mass show what happens next. We have two options:

One is ~ *get angry, resent, revenge, punish.*

The other is ~ *stop hating, have compassion, forgive your neighbour the hurt.*

The first reading puts the options. **Resentment and anger are foul things.** *Exact vengeance then experience the vengeance of the Lord. Your sins will be forgiven when you pray, if you forgive your neighbour the hurt, he or she does to you. Can anyone demand compassion from the Lord if the same one nurses anger against another? Who will forgive him his sins if he cherishes resentment? Remember the last things, (your death, your day of reckoning, your life forever in heaven or hell) and stop hating!*

This wisdom figure in Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9 show us our relationship with the one who did us wrong, is not as important as our relationship with **the one who forgives us by giving us mercy!**

In the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35 we hear ~ *The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. The reckoning began!* Then the conclusion. **I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant your brother, sister, friend or neighbour, just as I had pity on you?** We also hear Peter ask, *Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or my sister if they wrong me?*

**How often?** is the wrong question! The parable reframes the question.

**Lord, how can I become a forgiving person?** Focus on Jesus and ask. Make me **the person who forgives my brother**, my sister, my friend, my neighbour, in fact everyone who does wrong, **from my heart.**

Focus on the God of love and praise God (Psalm 102 (103):1-4,9-12) ~ *It is You God who forgives all our guilt, you heal every one of our ills. You redeem our life from the grave. You crown us with love and compassion. YES, you Lord, are kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

Let the word of St Paul (Rm 14:7-9), become our prayer ~ *May what we live for and what we die to influence others to see we belong to the Lord.*

We pray at Mass ~ *Our Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Give us your Holy Spirit so we can forgive from our heart.*

Denis McNamara  
*Supporting disciples to become Missionary Disciples*

### International Day of Peace

In sending his disciples forth on mission Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' and if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him, but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history/ It is first and foremost each individual person, without distraction or discrimination. But it is also our 'common home'; the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

*Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2019.*  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20181208\\_messaggio-52giornatamondiale-pace2019.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20181208_messaggio-52giornatamondiale-pace2019.html)

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel...

### Breaking the Chain of Causality

This Sunday is about forgiveness, and most of us have something to learn about this important act.

Our First Reading tells how awful wrath and anger are, and how the sinner "hugs them tight," a wonderful image. Release them and let them go, it says.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others.

The Psalm speaks beautifully about God's absolving love: God is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in compassion. The Second Reading says we ought to live not for ourselves but for

others. We should imitate God. When we live for the Lord, it says, we will also be graced to die for the Lord.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others. People do not always do right, and we need to forgive them as God does. Forgiveness is the gift and the goal.

But what does it consist of?

Our culture has some pretty diverse ideas about this. For some it is a condescending act performed only by a person who is higher than another—a King or Queen or a judge or a boss or a media star—someone who leans down to grant pardon. For others it means "I can forgive but I can never forget." Perhaps this means, I will remain angry forever but I will never act upon it. Such a stance can include an uncomfortable attitude: "I will choke back my hurt and anger by a sheer act of the will. I may have been savaged by someone, but I will not display it in my reaction."

On Easter Sunday of 1960, that seer of truth and lover of God, Dag Hammarskjöld, wrote an interpretation that moved me:

Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who "forgives" you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what you have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice.

There is a price you must pay for your own liberation. Since it has come through another's sacrifice, you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, in spite of the consequences to yourself. You absorb them, if doing so truly flows out of love. (from Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, p. 197)

Let us apply these insights to the Gospel.

There, Jesus tells a long and involved parable about a servant who is pardoned by the master but then goes out and refuses, viciously, to forgive his own fellow servants.

At about six lines from the end the owner of the vineyard calls him a "wicked servant" and says, "should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

What is the lesson? That the deepest motivation for forgiveness is loving gratitude.

If someone has forgiven me out of love, then my authentic reaction will be deep appreciation. I will want spontaneously to pass the gift on. It follows that if God has forgiven me, I will want to give to anyone else the same liberation I have received.

By doing so you or I halt the chain of causality and pass along love instead of hate.

As we dwell in Christ's presence this Sunday, especially if we are able to receive communion, let us sense his forgiving love, signified so deeply in the sacrament. Let us allow our gratitude to flow to others.

John Foley, SJ

Father Foley can be reached at:

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## Founder's words inspire Vincentians on feast day

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society celebrated the feast day of founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam yesterday, highlighting his call to "walk with companions" during difficult times.

"This year as we reflect on his extraordinary work and legacy, we are especially mindful of the call to walk even more closely with companions in the face of historic drought, bushfires, floods and the COVID pandemic," said Claire Victory, National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia.

"Some are asking for a hand up for the first time in their lives. It is something many find challenging.

"The writings of Frederic Ozanam provide us with the inspiration to respond creatively to anyone affected by difficult times."

In correspondence with other members of the Society, Blessed Frederic wrote:

*The knowledge of social wellbeing is learned, not from books, nor from public debate, but in climbing the stairs to the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the same cold that pierces him, sharing the secret of his lonely heart and troubled mind.*

*When we know first-hand the conditions of the poor in school, at work, in hospital, in the city, in the country, everywhere that God has placed them, then and only then can we begin to grasp the elements of poverty and hope we may resolve it.*

Ms Victory said Blessed Frederic's words were a reminder of the importance of the need to "remain in communion" with people suffering from hardships.

**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.**

**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 men 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.**

**ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS** Our parish is strongly committed to ecumenism and a formal Covenant has been signed with the Anglican Parish of Epping, Epping Uniting Church, West, Epping Uniting Church and Epping Baptist Church.

**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.

**Have You Told Us?**

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For parishioners who give by credit card, does your credit card expire in the near future? Please give the parish office a call on 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

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**Responsorial Psalm Response**

Ps 102:1-4.9-12 R. v. 8

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
Slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new Commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
**Alleluia!**

<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	<b>Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches.</b>						
<b>EPPING</b>	<b>5:00PM VIGIL, 8:30AM, 10:15AM, 6:00PM</b>						
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	<b>6:00PM VIGIL, 7:45AM, 9:30AM</b>						
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	
<b>EPPING</b>	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	
<b>HEALING MASSES</b>	<b>TBA</b>						
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping</b> Saturday 12:30pm -1:00pm, <b>Carlingford</b> , 4th Thursday 10:00am							
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping</b> Saturday 9:45—10:15am <b>Carlingford</b> Saturday 5:00pm—5:30pm <b>OR BY APPOINTMENT</b>							
<b>BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT</b>							
<b>PARISH OFFICE:</b> 29 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121 <b>PH:</b> 9876 2853 <b>Email:</b> parish@eppcarl.org.au							
<b>ST GERARD MAJELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL:</b> <b>PH:</b> 9871 1633 <b>Email:</b> sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au							
<b>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTANS PRIMARY SCHOOL:</b> <b>PH:</b> 9868 3322 <b>Email:</b> olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au							

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

**Recently deceased:** Bill Saul, Alex D'Costa, Catherine Lee, Helen Lee, Paul Wilkinson,

**Anniversaries:** Isabel Melo, John & David Spargo, Roger & Jean-Claude Nina,

**Also for:** Ibrahim Gergis, Maryanne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan,

**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, 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, Agnes Wong, Irene De Nadi, Alf Sharpe, Fidela Frez, Alex Benjamin Zara-goa.

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

**Supporting our Parish Financially**

A number of people have enquired as to how they can continue their financial support for the parish during this difficult time. We realise that this may not be possible in the light of growing unemployment and reductions in superannuation returns at the moment and **there is absolutely no pressure on anyone to contribute!**

**The First Collection** Supports the needs of the priests of the parish, the retired priests of the diocese and the Bishop.

**The Second Collection** Money from the Second Collection supports the running costs of the parish including the payment of staff. If you are able to contribute, the Church account details are shown below:

**Epping and Carlingford Parish Accounts for Internet Banking with the Commonwealth Bank**

**First Collection BSB 062 784 A/C No 858 8002**

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In order to record planned giving in the parish office, we would suggest the reference be planned giving number where applicable and surname.

**Thank you to all those who have made financial contributions. Your support is very much appreciated.**

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
19/09/20	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
20/09/20	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
20/09/20	10:15am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
20/09/20	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		