

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

## Diocese of Broken Bay

**Our Lady Help of Christians' Church**  
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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

**YEAR A**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**15-11-20**

**Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31**

**Thessalonians 5:1-6**

**Matthew 25:14-30**



## November 2020 CWF Appeal

Next weekend is our second CWF collection for the financial year and as always we appreciate your support.

You can give by completing and returning the CWF envelope in the parish, visiting [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give), or scanning the QR code.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and allocated to our parish quota.

The November appeal highlights the spiritual needs of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of our Catechists, spiritually nourishing our children and young people and nurturing them to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parish-es. Take a moment to watch the short film of one of our own parishioners Christine Jap—former student and current Catechist—who shares what SRE means to her  
[https://youtu.be.qs3C\\_P0DxVA](https://youtu.be.qs3C_P0DxVA)

Thank you and God Bless

**Scan and Donate**



OR Complete your  
CWF Envelope

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend as well as those young people who will celebrate this Sacrament this weekend.

Your parish family shares your joy and is keeping you close in our prayers!

**From next weekend onwards, there is no need to register for Masses at either church until further notice.**

## Musicians and Singers Needed!

One of the essential elements of our Masses is the ministry of music. I am sure we all know how uplifting our Masses can be when this ministry is carried out well by talented and faith-filled parishioners lifting our minds and hearts to God.

Especially during this pandemic some of our regular participants in this ministry have been unavailable and many other generous members of this ministry have attempted to fill in where possible. I thank them sincerely for their generosity!

Regardless of the current situation, over the next twelve months, I want to have a particular focus on this essential aspect of our prayer together by asking **all** parishioners to consider whether they or people they know who are gifted either as singers or musicians could assist our parish in this most important ministry. Even if you are only able to fill in occasionally I would love to hear from you!

Could anyone who can assist please contact me directly by email at [peter@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:peter@eppcarl.org.au) or by phone via the parish office on 9876 2853.

Fr Peter





## Children's Sacramental Journey - First Eucharist 2020

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend at both our churches:



Harry Baines, Ashton Bressa, Lauren Callo, Felicia Choe, Frederick Cooksey, Alicia De Pontes, Alexa Garcia McCabe, Isla Gilchrist, Jessica Griffin, Thomas Manton, Zoe McGuire, David McGuire, Brooklyn Millard, Isabella Nolan, Cassandra Nolan, Spencer O'Neill, Chiara Ruiz, Julia Scarfe, Olivia Thomas and Mitchell Walsh.



The parish would like to thank both our parish school principals, teachers, parents and all volunteers in our various parish ministries for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families! A special mention and thank you to the Year 2 class parents of St Gerard's Primary School. COVID restrictions may have prevented our usual morning tea celebrations after the First Eucharist Mass, but the Year 2 class parents have worked hard to co-ordinate a special surprise for all First Communicants. What a wonderful community we have! Thank you Year 2 parents!

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as the children journey towards becoming fully initiated members of the church.

If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to send me an email.

Lynn Siau  
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### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES



All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Vigil Masses (5 pm and 7pm at St Gerard's and OLHC on Christmas Eve in both churches.)

We would like child volunteers for many roles. We also need parent volunteers to assist at the practices, during the Mass.

#### PRACTICES

**Parent helpers and children participating in the Mass will be required to attend the following practices:**

**Carlingford: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 10am- 11am—Parent run-through & Gospel mime dress rehearsal.  
 11am—11:30—Readers

**Epping: Saturday 19th December** 11:45am—12:30pm— Parent run-through & Gospel mime dress rehearsal.  
 12:30pm-1pm Readers

**Any questions?** Please email: **Lynn for Carlingford** [stgchildrensmass@gmail.com](mailto:stgchildrensmass@gmail.com)  
**Therese for Epping** [olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com](mailto:olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com)

- - - - - ✂ - - - - Please detach and return no later than 29th November - - - - ✂ - - - -

**Parent Contact**

Name:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

\* We will try to give everyone their first preference and will notify by email.

I am able to assist with Practices and during the Mass

**Church:**  Epping  Carlingford **Mass Time:**  5:00pm  7:00pm

Child's name	Age	Role (please number preferences 1 and 2) *	
		Reading	Gospel Mime <i>(Joseph/Mary/Angel/Shepherd)</i>

**PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	15/11/20	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.	16/11/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	17/11/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:15pm	PMR Epping—Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Wed.	18/11/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford—Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	19/11/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford Men of St Joseph
Fri.	20/11/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat.	21/11/20	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

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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)

**One way to make this “DAY ONE”**

Grow in your faith and bring your family together. Watch some wonderful resources on FORMED.org. The parish offers you access to Formed ~ A website for the Catholic Faith where you can watch, movies and programs or listen or read, whatever you find, whenever.

Formed supports an authentic, Catholic lifestyle and provides the very best Catholic content to our parish, families and individuals. You can explore your faith anywhere on your mobile or direct to your living room with Apple TV and others.

Check out the movies in *Saints of History*. Sign up then type 'Saints of History' in *Search*.

**Sign Up to FORMED ~ <https://formed.org/signup>**

**The opening screen says:** *Create a new account*  
**In** *Find your Parish or Organisation ~ Type*

**in:**  
**Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford**  
 Click on *Next*, then enter:  
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 Your **Email address**  
 Click on **Sign Up**

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**G·R·A·C·E**  
 Group Radio Association of Carlingford and Epping  
 Listen, Participate, Connect

**Episode 4**  
 “Always was, always will be.”

Tune in to our fourth episode looking at what influences our happiness, a continuation of our exploration of the Fratelli Tutti and discussion of this year's NAIDOC Week theme. We also have a chat with some of your favourite priests as well as some younger members of our parish from CANA.

www.anchor.fm/grace2020

CONTACT: Luis or Jack  
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Youth And Young Adults



**OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday, 15th November**

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 7-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP**

Caná is meeting again!

Caná will be on next Friday at St Gerard's parish meeting room from 7:30-9:00pm.

There will be a limit of 20 people per meeting. Please RSVP if you are coming to Joanna at 0404 710 588.

**Bible Reading**

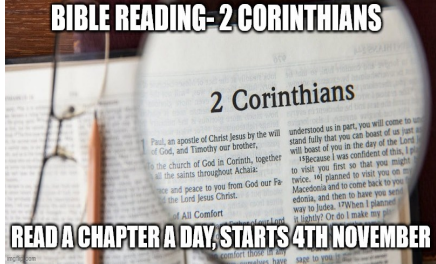
We are reading 2 Corinthians from the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Join via our Facebook group : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or join our Whatsapp group by texting 2Corinthians13 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

**Emmaus Young Adults Group**

The Emmaus Group is meeting again next Tuesday, 24th November in the parish meeting room at Carlingford. We will then meet on a fortnightly basis

**COVID-19 Safety Plan**

- We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (80 people at Epping and 100 at Carlingford).
- Coloured 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 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 then those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).



Hi everyone, we will be starting to read Galatians on the 17<sup>th</sup> November! Invite your friends and family as we continue to read the New Testament.


Join via our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or join our Whatsapp group by texting Galatians6 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

**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.



**Piety Store at St Gerard's**

The 2021 Daily Mass Books are now Available from the Piety Store at St Gerard's.



**Office Accommodation for Lease**  
 Caroline Chisholm Centre—Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay  
 Pennant Hills.

Commercial business precinct. Level 7 office accommodation Modern air conditioned premises with good natural light. 214 m<sup>2</sup> fitted out with offices and meeting rooms. Secure under cover parking available. Competitive lease terms.

Contact Phil Greenwood on 8379 1671 for immediate inspection  
 Philip.greenwood@bbcatholic.org.au





## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is very popular

Those involved in Unlocking the Mystery continue their journey through the story in the Bible. They are following the ancestors of Jesus to understand God's plan to save humanity. Our human history is full of selfishness and violence. We learnt that the first sin was lack of trust in their loving creator. The following generations failed in their trust. However, some did trust and God worked through them. His love was revealed to them, so they could show God's love for all.

When this current group of over 50 parishioners finish *Unlocking the Mystery*, we want to make the videos and the books available for more people to find the keys to unlock the mystery.

The parish has over 7 copies of the DVDs for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. People who did Unlock the Mystery last year were able to borrow the set for their personal use or to share with family and friends. We want to make that possible again this year.

If you find a DVD of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible in your home, or a set of the DVDs, would you please drop them off at the parish office. (No questions will be asked!) We will then be able to give other groups the books and DVDs to journey through the Bible and unlock the mystery!

To find out more [Watch the Trailer](https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery) ~ <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery>

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## Adore—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2020

A pocket-size book of **Daily Reflections for Advent Christmas and new year.**

**Adore** takes us out of our daily lives to focus on Jesus Our Lord in adoration.

*Without adoration, there can be no transformation of the world. The life of the creature must be one of adoration.*

***My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.... The almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name.*** Lk 1:46-49



Email Maree to put one aside for you and your family. Receive your copy on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## One Day or Day One

"One day" we say "I'll get around to it. I'll find out more about my faith, my church or ask the questions I've been putting off" or I'll do something about some issue crying out for attention.

Our parish invites you to decide that **this day, today, is "Day One"** of your search. Where to begin? How to begin? We can only begin because the Spirit of God is moving within us. This mystery is God calling in whatever is happening in your life. We begin with a prayer.

**God, if you are real, reveal yourself to me.** Say it daily. Say it when you wake up at night.

**Jesus, if you are real, reveal yourself to me.** Jesus will lead you to read the Bible. Jesus will reveal who he is in the Gospel.

**Holy Spirit, if you are real, reveal yourself to me.**

Let the Holy Spirit pray in you. Whatever is happening in your life the Lord God declares ~ *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* Jeremiah 29:11

God's plan is in Matthew 25, where Jesus tells us **The Kingdom of Heaven is like** . . . the Master who entrusted money to three servants and went away.

"Each servant is well aware that the master is trusting that he has the ability to make a profit. They are equally aware that to achieve success they need to step out and make their gift work. The first two servants took to the task with energy and spirit, make careful choices and undertaking reasonable risks. The third man lacked planning, courage and enterprise. He buried the money. The master accuses him of being wicked and lazy. His fear or personal inadequacy has driven him to avoid his responsibility and devalue the trust his master has placed in him. He doesn't take any risks or make changes that might lead to growth. Jesus is saying we are not all the same, but we are capable of striving to become what we can be. The third servant could have done precisely that. Overcome inertia with confidence and gained just one more talent to produce a hundredfold!" (Laurie Woods)

Our choices have consequences. The Master said *Take the talent from him. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.* Matthew 24:14-30

Let us make this **Day One** for whatever is crying out for attention in our life.

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**Can You Help?** We are looking for parishioners that could help out in the following ways:

### Altar Society at Carlingford & Epping

The Altar Society is a volunteer group responsible for: The arrangement of the flowers for the Mass, No prior experience is required for anyone willing to assist in this ministry.

The commitment is for just three times in five months on a roster basis and volunteers work in pairs.

We also need a couple of people to assist with the polishing of brassware when required.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in supporting this work in either of the groups above.

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Pope Francis' Reflection on the Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30

The Gospel this is the Parable of the Talents. The passage from St Matthew (25:14-30) tells of a man who, before setting off on a journey, calls his servants and entrusts his assets to them in talents, extremely valuable ancient coins. That master entrusts five talents to the first servant, two to the second, and one to the third. During the master's absence, the three servants must earn a profit from this patrimony. The first and second servants each double the initial value of the capital. The third, however, for fear of losing it all, buries the talent he received in a hole. Upon the master's return, the first two receive praise and rewards, while the third, who returned only the coin he had received, is reproached and punished.

The meaning of this is clear. **The man in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. What is the inheritance? His Word, the Eucharist, faith in the Heavenly Father, his forgiveness..., in other words, so many things, his most precious treasures. This is the inheritance that He entrusts to us, not only to safeguard, but to make fruitful!** While in common usage the term "talent" indicates a pronounced individual quality, for example talent in music, in sport, and so on, in the parable, **talent represents the riches of the Lord, which He entrusts to us so that we make them bear fruit.** The hole dug into the soil by the **"wicked and slothful servant"** (v. 26) points to the **fear of risk which blocks creativity and the fruitfulness of love**, because the fear of the risks of love stop us. Jesus does not ask us to store his grace in a safe! **Jesus does not ask us for this, but He wants us to use it to benefit others. All the goods that we have received are to give to others, and thus they increase**, as if He were to tell us: *"Here is my mercy, my tenderness, my forgiveness: take them and make ample use of them"*. **And what have we done with them? Whom have we "infected" with our faith? How many people have we encouraged with our hope? How much love have we shared with our neighbour? These are questions that will do us good to ask ourselves.** Any environment, even the furthest and most impractical, can become a place where our talents can bear fruit. There are no situations or places precluded from the Christian presence and witness. The witness which Jesus asks of us is not closed, but is open, it is in our hands.

**This parable urges us not to conceal our faith and our belonging to Christ, not to bury the Word of the Gospel, but to let it circulate in our life, in our relationships, in concrete situations, as a strength which galvanizes, which purifies, which renews.** Similarly, the forgiveness, which the Lord grants us particularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: let us not keep it closed within ourselves, but let us allow it to emit its power, which brings down the walls that our egoism has raised, which enables us to take the first step in strained relationships, to resume the dialogue where there is no longer communication.... And so forth. **Allow these talents, these gifts, these presents that the Lord has given us, to be, to grow, to bear fruit for others, with our witness.**

I think it would be a fine gesture for each of you to pick up the Gospel at home today, the Gospel of St Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 14 to 30, Matthew 25:14-30, and read this, and meditate a bit: *"The talents, the treasures, all that God has given me, all things spiritual, all goodness, the Word of God, how do I make this grow in others? Or do I merely store it in a safe?"*

Moreover, the Lord does not give the same things to everyone in the same way: **He knows us personally and entrusts us with what is right for us; but in everyone, in all, there is something equal: the same, immense trust. God trusts us, God has hope in us! And this is the same for everyone. Let us not disappoint Him! Let us not be misled by fear, but let us reciprocate trust with trust!** The Virgin Mary embodied this attitude in the fullest and most beautiful way. She received and welcomed the most sublime gift, Jesus himself, and in turn she offered Him to mankind with a generous heart. Let us ask Her to help us to be *"good and faithful servants"* in order to participate *"in the joy of our Lord"*.

SOURCE: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2014/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20141116.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2014/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20141116.html)  
EMPHASIS MINE.

### Position Vacant - Nurse

We are seeking a casual registered level 2 nurse to assist at Arrupe House in Pymble, which is a community home for a number of Jesuits, priests and brothers who are committed to the service of Christ and his people. The nurse will also need to assist in the COVID cleaning of the community house.

The primary responsibility of the nurse is to provide nursing assistance to the men in the community. Flexibility is paramount in this role. Nursing qualifications and experience in an aged care setting is essential.

For a position description or to apply please email enquiries to [recruitment@sjasl.org.au](mailto:recruitment@sjasl.org.au)  
Applications close 23 November.

### Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: New positions vacant

Are you keen to part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to [www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs)

**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 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.**

**Can You Help?**

**We are looking for parishioners that could help out in the following ways:**

**Seeking Greeters for both Churches**

During this time of COVID-19 the Greeters:  
Offer a sincere welcome to everyone.  
Ensure the parishioners sign in, and sanitise their hands.  
They may also need to help the parishioners find a seat if necessary.  
Ensure that only a certain number of parishioners access the church.  
Hand out the bulletins, ensuring that the parishioners do not go to the bulletin boxes and take the bulletin themselves.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in supporting this work.

**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.

**St Gerard's Catholic Primary School**  
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**Responsorial Psalm Response**

Ps 127:1-5. R. v. 1

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation!****Alleluia, alleluia!**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord,  
my branches bear much fruit.**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**

No Healing Masses at the moment.

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

4th Thursday of the month

**WEEKDAY MASSES****Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches.****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—9:30 am**Sacrament of Reconciliation**Epping  
Sat. 9:45am—10:15am**Carlingford**

Sat. 5:00pm—5:30pm

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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:** Irene De Nardi, Leena Mendonsa, Ching Hon, Hilton Paes, Deborah nee White,**Anniversaries:** Bert Saul,**Also for:** Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Evelyn, Cyril, Brian Dias Raymono, Sandra Bayross,**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, 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, 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.****Come and Celebrate!****Saturday, 26th December at St Gerard's  
Majella at 7:00 pm****Families and friends to celebrate Jesus' birthday with  
songs and music****Let us sing to the New Born King in many different lan-  
guages.****Prepare with your family and friends and share with us  
the beauty of your native Christmas songs.****Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will apply. More  
information to come.**

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
21/11/20	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
22/11/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
22/11/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
22/11/20	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		