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 nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR B

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16-05-21

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 4:1-13

Mk 16:15-20

Dear Parishioners,

Getting involved: Next weekend we will be inviting you to join a new ministry. You can look up the list of ministries and download the volunteer form now at https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/groups-and-ministries/volunteering/volunteering . Here are three ideas:

Morning teas: For anyone who loves to bake, serve food, or just have a friendly chat after Mass, this is for you. Community is one of the most fundamental aspects of the life of the Church. Each Sunday, the two churches of Epping and Carlingford aim to create a more community feel by organising a small morning tea for their fellow parishioners. The morning teas usually consist of tea, coffee, biscuits, and homemade treats if possible.

Junior servers: So many of our junior altar servers have grown up that it is time to recruit and train some new junior servers. We know that children love to get involved in Mass, and serving on the altar is a great way to be engaged and to learn more about the liturgy. We invite children in Year 4 and up who are now receiving Communion to join up and receive some training from Fr Bogdan, Hien and Trish and Max Lucas. These, and all senior servers who work with children have a Working with Children Check and undertake annual safeguarding training.

The Circle of Friends was initiated during the covid lockdown to connect volunteers with people who were housebound or socially isolated. There are still people who cannot easily get out and so would love a friendly phone call from time to time. We're looking for new volunteers to help with this.

School Masses: St Gerard's School will join us for the 9.30am Mass on Mon May 24th to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. We will also have a special Mass at 11.15am at OLHC with OLHC school, which is coincidentally the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians.

The latest GRACE radio podcast is available on Spotify at https://open.spotify.com/

<u>show/1y2EWOFkWJMRN5tAWJN9am</u>. This week our much loved and missed Fr Peter Dowd features on the podcast. Listen in to hear his friendly voice again!

Reconciliation: How often should a person go to the sacrament of Reconciliation? The Church's basic expectation is that we each go at least once a year. Many people fulfill this by going during Lent or Advent, but there are often longer queues at this time. Another good time to go is around our birthday each year. Not only are there shorter queues, but it serves as a good reflection point to consider how we have been in the past year, and how we want to respond to God in the year ahead. We are continuing to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday nights at 6pm and Saturdays at 9.45am at OLHC, and Friday nights at 7.30pm and Saturdays at 5.30pm at St Gerard's.

Thank you to the many people who donated nappies and wipes for our Mothers' Day appeal for refugees. St Gerard's school staff also



contributed, and OLHC School will be contributing later in the year. A car load was taken to the House of Welcome. Contact Tricia Whealy on 0425 270 215 if you'd like to find other days to support refugees and asylum seekers.

Charitable Works Fund: Thank you to everyone who donated to our Charitable Works Fund collection last weekend. If you have brought back an envelope this weekend you can place it in either the blue or red collection boxes in the church. You can take an envelope this weekend, or give online at <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</u> (and get a tax deductible receipt straight away). Your contribution supports our catechists and Catholic hospital chaplains as part of our annual \$57k target.

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Are you enrolling your child in a Catholic School?

Catholic Schools Broken Bay have published new, interim enrolment principles <u>https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Enrolment-</u>

<u>Principles-v27.4-1.2.pdf</u>. They explain a new process whereby enrolment in a *dioce-san* Catholic school, including OLHC and St Gerard's no longer requires a priest reference. Catholic schools in other dioceses, and congregational Catholic schools such as



Mt St Benedict College, Marist College and St Aloysius may continue to request a parish reference. Fr Jim invites parents seeking a reference to attend a Parent Connect Gathering with him and some parish parents which will develop the partnership of parish, family and school in the project of sharing Catholic faith with both primary school and high school students. This gathering is also open to parents who are not seeking a reference but who are new to the parish or school and would like to support their children's growth in Catholic faith.

We will host gatherings on the first Saturday of each month at the meeting room at St Gerard's (behind the church), 543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford.

Dates for 2021: June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

We invite one or both parents to come, but without children where possible. Bring your school reference form with you if you have it. Contact <u>jim@eppcarl.org.au</u> to RSVP or for more information.

Deacons: This year Deacon Adrian Gomez has ministered in our parish at Sunday night Mass. He is one of 7 permanent deacons in our diocese. Many of you know Richard Houwing, one of four men in formation for diaconate in our diocese who is appointed to our parish this year as part of his formation.

In the Catholic Church, deacons perform a wide range of ministries, including preaching, teaching, chaplaincy, charitable works, administration and much more. A deacon represents the Church wherever he goes throughout his life. But in essence, he receives his authority to function in ministry from his bishop, and he serves wherever the bishop believes his talents can best be used in the diocese. This often means working alongside priests in parishes, in three main areas of ministry:

The Ministry of Charity. Deacons have a particular concern for social justice and are called to serve the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. They often coordinate the Church's response to such needs, and they are often involved in school, prison and hospital chaplaincy. They are also involved in a variety of other parish ministries depending on local needs.

The Ministry of the Word. Deacons proclaim the gospel and preach at Mass and at other religious services. They conduct blessings, lead the people in prayer and preside over church services outside the Mass, including weddings, baptisms, funerals and burial services.

The Ministry of the Altar. Deacons assist Bishops and priests when they preside at the Holy Eucharist. They distribute Holy Communion at Mass, and to the sick and housebound who cannot attend. They take viaticum to the dying; they prepare people for baptism and they prepare couples for Marriage.

In 2020, Pope Francis made the point that, 'deacons are not second-level priests. They are part of the clergy and live their vocation in and with their family. They are dedicated to the service of the poor, who carry within them the face of the suffering Christ. They are the guardians of service in the Church. Let us pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.'

If you'd like to know more about the permanent diaconate, contact Dcn Peter McCulloch, from our Diaconal Formation Team, on 0403 600 982.

Holy Land Collection: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Holy Land Appeal on Good Friday. We raised \$1,610 to support the churches of Holy Land.

No cash? You'll notice that we no longer pass around a collection bowl to receive donations during Mass. This is a covidprecaution to avoid many hands touching the same item. Our parish still relies on the generosity of your, our parishioners and visitors. Many of our regular parishioners now give either by credit card or direct debit, and we welcome you to join them by using the form at <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/giving</u>. You can also use this link to make a one off donation to the parish. If you'd like to donate cash there are two boxes (first collection to support clergy, second collection to support the parish) in the middle of OLHC Epping and at the back of St Gerard's for you to donate. If you don't have cash there is a paywave / tap and go device at each door, with each tap donating \$10 to our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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Sun.	16/05/21		SRE Recruitment for Catechists at					
			Epping this weekend. All Masses					
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford Baptism Preparation					
			Meeting.					
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting					
Mon.	17/05/21	6:00pm	CH Epping—Reconciliation & Adoration					
		6:30pm	St Gerard's Church—Rosary Group					
Tue.	18/05/21	7:00pm	PH Carlingford—Alpha Session					
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Emmaus Group					
Wed.	19/05/21	10:00am	Healing Mass at Epping followed					
			by morning tea in the PMR					
Thur.	20/05/21	7:30pm	PMR C'ford Men of St Joseph					
Fri.	21/05/21	10:00am	PMR C'ford Scripture Reflection					
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA					
		7:30pm	CH C'ford—Reconciliation & Adoration					

EPPING HEALING MASS

Our Healing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 19th May** at **10:00am** in the Church. At the conclusion of Mass er, morning tea will be served in the parish meeting room. Catering team for this month is Carmel Avis and Marie Heard.



WELCOME TO THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH



The group is dedicated to Catholic men, who together spend time, to pray and to discuss how Catholic men live in today's world, discuss and support Catholic family issues and choices we make. You are most welcome to join us on Thursday, 20th May at 7:30 pm, in the parish meeting room, Carlingford.

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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**





www.anchor.fm/grace2020

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Parish Information



'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....." Matt 28:19

Why do we need catechists?

In 2021 approximately 1000 students attend Catholic scripture in the 6 State Primary Schools and 3 High Schools in our Parish.

Who is a Catechist / Assistant SRE Helper?

We are Catholic people who volunteer in educating or assisting to educate the Catholic children attending State Schools. We teach Catholic faith and traditions. An Assistant SRE (State Religious Education) Helper assists the Catechist in the classroom.

What does a Catechist do?

- We listen to the children and encourage them in prayer to know Jesus' unconditional love for them.
- We share our stories and together grow in faith with the children.
- We teach from the curriculum approved by the Bishop of Broken Bay Diocese Most Rev Anthony Randazzo.

What gualifications do you need?

You need to be a Catholic person who enjoys and communicates well with children and who is willing to volunteer time each week/fortnight to go into the classroom to teach or assist.

The Parish and the Diocesan Offices of Broken Bay provide ongoing training support and wonderful teacher's resources.

How can you help?

Come and check it out! Yes! Come into the classroom as an assistant.

Join the ministry team and become a Catechist or an assistant.

Introducing our new catechists of 2021:

Ali Wright, Eunice Wood, Christina Kwak, Mercedes Soria, Lita Reyes, Margaret Wong, Nilukshi Thambimuttu, Luis de Lima, Hien Vu (Seminarian) and

Congratulations to Abigail Yu, Ovila D Souza, Eunice Wood and Maya Soeryanto for completing the CCDMI courses and receiving the Full Authorisation Green Card!

I am interested in being a Catechist!

Please call the Parish Office weekdays 9am-4pm on 9876 2853 or contact Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at katherine@eppcarl.org.au and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at mary@eppcarl.org.au

Primary Schools Epping Public School (Tuesday: 9:20, 9:50am) Epping North Public School (Thursday: 2:10, 2:40pm) Epping West Public School (Tuesday: 11:40am, 12:10pm, 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, 12:00pm, 12:30pm)

Secondary Schools Carlingford High School (Wednesday: Friday, am) Cheltenham Girls' High School (Thursday, am) James Ruse Agricultural High School (Wednesday, pm)

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Youth And Young Adults

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY



MEETING 16th MAY

Come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time, hear some awesome music, take time out for prayer and meet heaps of great young people from our parish! The meeting starts at **6pm** in the **parish meeting room** at **Carlingford**. So head on down and bring a friend, all 16-22 year old's are VERY WELCOME!

Joanne 0416 030 927, Karen 0421 506 577 (parent supporters) "It was at Antioch the believers were first called Christians"

Retreat in the school holidays for year 7-12s

When? 9:30am, Monday July 5 - 1:00pm, Thursday July 8, 2021

Where? Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale Get in with the earlybird rate of \$260 (full rate: \$280)

Register at https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=746555&

For more information contact <u>info@sydneycatholicyouth.org</u> or call *Sydney Catholic Youth* on 9307 8152 or the Parish Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588.



CANA: OUR 6-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP

Cana will be having a Pentecost themed meeting next week! On the **21st May**, **Friday 7:30-9pm**, we are meeting at St Gerard's and we will have a bon-

fire, marshmallows and hot chocolate! Don't miss out!



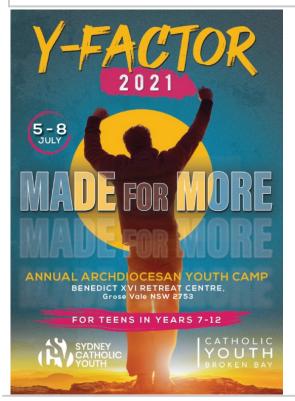


Emmaus Young Adults

(23-30years old) Our young adults group will next meet on Tuesday, 18th May in the parish meeting room from 7:00-8:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister Joanna on 0404 710 588. It will be a dinner and games night!







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and we intend to celebrate it well! Come and join us for an hour of praise and worship where we will call to the Holy Spirit on Saturday night, 7.30pm at OLHC Church. Contact Fr Bogdan for more information.

Statue of St Joseph proposal

A parishioner has proposed purchasing a statue of St Joseph for both our churches. The idea behind this is because 2021 is the Year of St Joseph, as declared by Pope Francis.

St Joseph is the patron Saint of the Universal Church as well as travellers, fathers and expectant mothers. St Joseph is a role model for everyone because of his great love for Mary and Jesus and for his faithfulness and trust in God.



The statue of St Joseph can be placed on the side or the back of the church and be a place for parishioners to pray and meditate.

If you have comments or suggestions, please email them to <u>parish@eppcarl.org.au</u> by Friday, May 29th.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND May 2021 Appeal —this weekend

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:-

- 1. Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our local hospitals.
- 2. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine—materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- 3. St Lucy's School—serving primary school students with disabilities.
- 4. St Edmund's College—serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- 5. Ephpheta Centre—serving the Catholic deaf community.



Donate to CWF by:

- CWF envelope in your pew
- Online at <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</u>
- Or scan the QR code.

All donations contribute to our parish target. Our annual target is \$57,774, and because of covid-enforced low numbers at Mass last year we still have \$40,529 to go. This equates to around \$50 for each of the 750 or so people who attend Mass each weekend. Some of us cannot afford to give this much, others of us can afford more. Please take a moment to watch our heart-warming `Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping – https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E

The Year's Shortfall \$22,824.70

Morning Tea Ministry

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Kate Falzon

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INVITATION TO A SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING 20TH May 2021

Father Paul Durkin, Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga and Diocesan Vocations Director will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 20th May 2021.

The evening commences with Mass at **<u>6.00 PM</u>** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Paul will be our guest speaker providing an overview of the highly successful activities being undertaken by the Vocations Office which has resulted in 11 young men in training for the Priesthood with many others completing the discernment process.

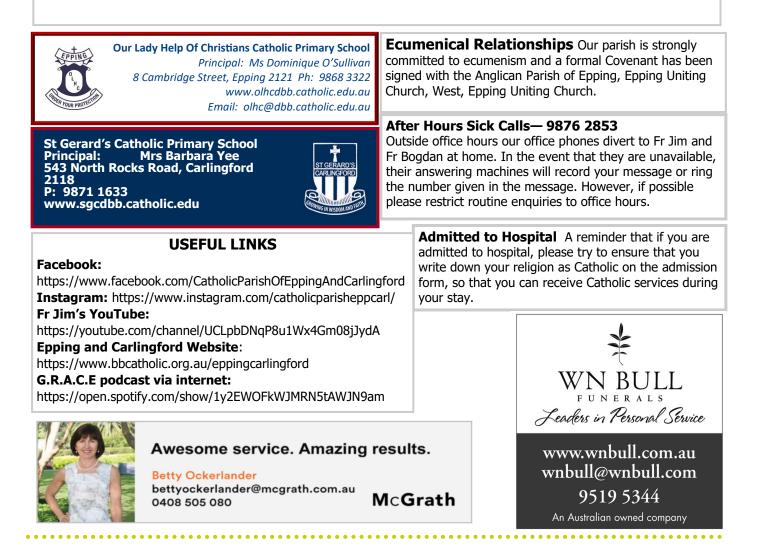
If you would like to know more about vocations activities in our Diocese and make a difference in encouraging new and supporting existing vocations please "come and see".

Bishop David Walker was once quoted as saying that "we all share the responsibility to provide ordained ministers for our community". Supporting the Diocesan efforts by being a Serra member can assist us all to fulfil our personal responsibilities.

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, for those completing the discernment process and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com by the <u>17th May 2021</u>if you would like to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th May.



Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps: 46:2-3.6-9 R. V. 6

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Gospel Acclamation

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

			WEEKENI	D MASSES					
Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm 6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am								
Carlingford									
	WEEKDAY MASSES								
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.			
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am			
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass			
HEALING MASS	Carlingford —1st Thursday, Epping — 3rd Wednesday (no Healing Mass in Jan.)								
EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am, Carlingford, 4th Thursday 10:00am									
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am Carlingford Saturday 5:00—5:30pm OR BY APPOINTMENT [Temporary dates for Reconciliation Monday 6pm at Epping and Friday 7:30pm at Carlingford until further notice]									
BAPTISMS AND WEDD	INGS: BY A	PPOINTME	NT						
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ST GERARD MAJELLA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9871 1633 Email: sqc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9868 3322 Email: 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: Nicola Calabrese, Alexander Tocher, Monica Lau, Haldane Andrews (mother of Chris Watts), Placido Mayhua, Hubert Tchibouk, Christopher Cross.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, 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, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly. John Goodwin, George Bell, Patrick Thornton, Michael & Susan Tuite, Benjamin Verco, Noelene Viset, Eileen Brownlow, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, 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, Mary Lou Pentony, Donald Wong, Joyce Heidke.

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

E-Bulletin

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send an email with e-bulletin as the subject title to: maree@eppcarl.org.au **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.

Date	Mass Time	Epping	Mass Time	Carlingford
22/05/21	5:00pm	Fr Jim McEwan	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
23/05/21	8:30am	Fr Jim McEwan	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
23/05/21	10:15am	Fr Jim McEwan	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
23/05/21	6:00pm	Fr Jim McEwan		

