

Responsorial Psalm Response The Lord is my light and my salvation.	Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
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WEEKEND MASSES							
Epping	5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm						
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am						
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	10:00am	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						
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							
BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT							
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Tammie Birch, Brian Walsh, Fr Leo Donnelly, Pat Tay, Francesco Nicita.

Anniversaries: Kay Lynette Moore,

Also for: Jesus Felipe Soria Jr., Roger & Jean Claude Nina,

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, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Ron Jenkins, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Walter Souhrada, Stephen Last, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonocorso, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Atanasia Lee, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave, Fara Vargas, Kathy Walsh, Theo Stevens.

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

<p>Our Parish Playgroup</p> <p>Carlingford: Gerry's Playgroup meets on a Monday (during school term) at 9:30am in the parish hall. For further information please contact Lisa Snow on 0413 666 007 or email lisasnow@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Epping: Little Engines Playgroup at Epping has not yet commenced for 2019. More information to come.</p>							<p>McFixit Handyman</p> <p>Free quotes.</p> <p>Ring Mike</p> <p>0434 878 160</p>		
Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford					
23/03/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez					
24/03/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez					
24/03/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	De Joey Frez					
24/03/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd							

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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 C	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	17-03-19
Genesis 15:5-12.17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 9:28-36

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

A reminder that we will again have a weekly Ecumenical Service each Tuesday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. Please note the dates in your diary and help to make the Lenten season of renewal a time of building the bridges of Christian unity.

The programme will be as follows: **Tuesdays @ 7:45pm**
Please note... If you are planning on coming along to the service at St Gerard's on Tuesday 19th March, **could we ask you to bring a plate to share for supper.**

Date **Church/Preacher/Address**

19 Mar.	St Gerard's Catholic Church 543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford Preacher: Rev G Woolnough
26 Mar.	Epping Baptist Church 1-5 Ray Road, Epping Preacher: Bishop Ross Nicholson
2 Apr.	West Epping Uniting Church 161 Carlingford Road, Epping Preacher: Rev Paul Weaver
9 Apr.	Epping Uniting Church Cnr Oxford & Chester Streets, Epping Preacher: From Epping Baptist Church

Dear Parishioners,

Once again this week has been a difficult and, for many Catholics, a distressing time with the news of the sentencing of Cardinal George Pell. Once again we continue to pray for him and all those involved.

One of our local Bishops, Bishop Vincent of Parramatta Diocese recently released a Pastoral letter which addresses what has been happening over the past two weeks and I believe, offers some challenging reflections on how we might learn to move forward as God's Church.

Fr Peter

2019 EASTER VIGIL CHOIR

We will once again celebrate the Easter Vigil 2019 as one parish at St Gerard's Church, Carlingford on Holy Saturday 20th April at 7:00pm.

We would like to invite parishioners from both churches to join our Parish Easter Vigil Choir to celebrate this most important Mass of the year.

Watch this space for rehearsal dates and times.

To indicate your interest, please email Elizabeth on dneausti@optusnet.com.au
Fran on francunneen@optus.com.au

Be part of this special music group to celebrate this pinnacle point of our liturgical calendar!



Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse Catholic community centred in the Eucharist. We gather for worship to serve and reach out to others as we grow in relationship with God and each other.

March 2019 Safeguarding Message

A culture of Safeguarding values SERVANT LEADERSHIP....."Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10

I would like to share his words with you in today's bulletin. Let us continue to pray for, and walk gently with, each other.

Pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta

Dear friends,

The news concerning Cardinal George Pell and his conviction and incarceration on historic child sexual abuse crimes has dominated local and international media this week. Such news has caused a wide range of emotions in the community.

Even among Catholics, there is a sense of shame and anger at the betrayal that the clerical sex abuse crimes represent, and the hypocrisy they reveal. It is wider than simply the case of Cardinal Pell. We must respect the processes of the law and await the outcome of the appeal.

In the meantime, our primary concern must continue to be the care of the victims of sexual abuse.

The revisiting of such grievous wounds has been difficult for many. As we approach Lent, may we, too, grieve with all those suffering intensely. Genuine hope begins whenever we listen to the story of another with an open heart.

Some, too, feel that in the marketplace the "brand Catholic" has suffered a grievous blow. Perhaps so. But we are not a market nor are we a popular cult.

We are first and always a community of disciples following our one master, Jesus Christ. We are not the Church of one particular leader, be it Pope Francis or Cardinal Pell or any other bishop.

We are the living Body of Christ made up of saints and sinners.

We are challenged by Our Lord to reach out to all who are hurting, and to all victims of every abuse and sinfulness. We are to be the "field hospital" for all the marginalised as Pope Francis has asked us to become. We are to be in the messiness of life, not to run away into some "idealised future or romantic past."

To be such, demands that we let go of our sense of superiority, privilege and power and embrace again our need for healing and forgiveness and to look again at the Suffering Servant leader who is our Lord Jesus.

Many people may say these are only words and they would be correct. However, for us they are the words of Jesus and we are called to put our faith in Him and demonstrate it in our actions by our care for all in need.

This would mean changing the way we think and act so that all may feel safe and welcome in our communities regardless of what they believe, look like, or have, and regardless of their sexuality, gender or marital status.

The season of Lent summons us to a discipleship of humility, weakness and vulnerability, of dying and rising in Christ. We are challenged to remove our heart of stone and to have a heart of flesh instead.

During this period of crisis and darkness, as the Church, let us pray that we have the courage to die to that which is contrary to the Gospel, and rise to be what Christ has called us to be.

Yours in Christ the Chief Shepherd,



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

Given at Parramatta on 1 March 2019.

Stations of the Cross—Fridays

Stations of the Cross will commence at 6:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping. The Stations of the Cross will continue each Friday during Lent.



'The Light is On for You' will begin at 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Epping. This is an exciting initiative for Lent, that seeks to welcome people to our churches in the Diocese for quiet time, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This initiative will continue each Friday night at Epping during Lent.



Our first Tuesday evening Lenten Ecumenical Service drew a great congregation. Please be part of next Tuesday's Service at St Gerard's Church, Carlingford (see front of bulletin)

We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the saving death and resurrection of Jesus

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.

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.

AFTER HOURS SICK CALLS— 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Joey 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

Accommodation Sought

Young, single man seeking accommodation in Epping. He works in Epping. If you can help please contact the Parish Office 9876 2853.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council

www.thecouncil.org.au Ph.: 6234 0900

Lenten Retreat—Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney on 30th March. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will begin at 10:00am with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more.
Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>
Location: St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala

Special Talk—Parenting Purity to Teens

Date: 20 March 2019 Wednesday **Time:** 7:00pm
Venue: St Monica's Parish Hall
8 Daking St, North Parramatta. PH: 9630 1951
Hosted by: Mr Simon Carrington (Fire Up Ministries)

This free-of-charge talk is especially relevant to parents who have teenage children. Catholic teachings on chastity, family and commitment to love will be presented, and how parents can communicate these Catholic values to their children.

All adults and parents are welcomed.

About the speaker, please go to the website: <http://fireupministries.com>
All enquiries please email to: tobstmonica@gmail.com

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *[all bow.]*

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

21 CHAPTERS OF JOHN IN 21 DAYS

CHALLENGE YOURSELF BY READING A CHAPTER A DAY, OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

A FEW MINUTES EACH DAY TO LISTEN OR READ USING YOUR SMARTPHONE OR BIBLE.



REFLECT ON THE READING



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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION Email Denis McNamara at denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au

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If you cannot join a Lenten Group, you can read and reflect on the Lenten Book **Compassion** in your own time. Search for the App Lent 2019 Compassion. (Cost \$1.99)

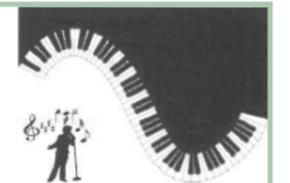
*Dennis McNamara
Missionary Discipleship
Coordinator*

Beyond Our Parish

Music of Faith, Hope and Love

A Concert of Music for Baritone and Piano with Lachlan Roots and Paul Weaver

**This Sunday 17 March
at 2.00pm
St Alban's Parish Hall**



The Holy City – Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring – Because – The Lord's Prayer – Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes – Liebestraum – I'll Walk with God – and more

Suggested Donation: \$15 – all donations welcome
Proceeds to the work of Christian Community Aid, Eastwood
Flyers are available to pass on to people who might be interested.

Readings

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 9: 28-36



They were speaking of the passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem

Light to the Nations (LTTN) 2019

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18-21 April 2019. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.org.au or ring 0432 228 250.

Disciples School of Mission 23-28 April

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? If so, then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live-in school calls young people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back into your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won't regret it – it's an adventure! For more info contact therese.mgl@gmail.com

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

Each year of the three-year cycle, the gospel of the second Sunday of Lent tells of the Transfiguration. This year we have Luke's account. Luke's presents this incident as Jesus instructs his disciples - preparing them for his journey to Jerusalem to meet his fate. The liturgical tradition echoes this outlook, inviting us to learn the lessons of this mysterious incident as we begin our journey of Lent. In Luke's account, in the verses immediately preceding, Jesus has warned the apostles of what lies ahead: 'The Son of Man will be rejected and put to death'; more than that, everyone who wants to be his follower 'must take up his cross every day and follow him' (9:22-23). Luke's account clearly has these warnings in mind. It is filled with reassurance for the chosen followers Jesus has brought up the mountain with him. Moses and Elijah (representing the Law and the Prophets, the great bearers of old Israel's hopes) are conversing with Jesus concerning 'his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem' (the destiny of Israel was established in the original Passover and Exodus; in what lies ahead, this great destiny is to reach its final moment - as the shadows of the old order give way to the reality they prefigure, the Paschal Mystery). From the 'cloud', so often a symbol of God's presence in the first Exodus, the voice of the Father confirms what Jesus has told them of this new Passover: 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

As he tells the story of Jesus, Luke often emphasises the place of prayer in our Christian life. The Transfiguration took place in a moment of prayer; Jesus had taken the chosen apostles 'up the mountain to pray'. There he communed with the eternal Father, readying himself for the mission he was soon to accomplish for the life of the world. As we make the journey of Lent, this example of his - making himself truly our brother and companion- should inspire us to make the journey with him, eager to give ourselves more fully to that personal mission to which the eternal Father has called us - in our families, our parish community and the broader world.

Paul's exhortation to the Philippians is along these lines. The Easter celebration we look forward to reminds us of our final 'homeland'; to share in all that lies in store for us, we will be transformed by the power through which our Saviour brought the whole universe into existence. The rationale of the Liturgy's choice of Old Testament passages during Lent is different from that of the Sundays of the year - chosen because they chime in with the theme of the gospel. The Paschal Mystery is the final climax of God's saving interventions. Each Sunday in Lent, therefore, a great event of God's saving history is recalled, reminding us of the one great story told in the Scriptures. Today it is the Lord's promise to Abraham, made according to a strange old ritual whereby earthly rulers confirmed their commitment to their subjects by oath.

John Thornhill sm

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PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to our first PRAISEFEST of the year and celebrate together our World Youth Day Panama Reunion! After a fruitful and exciting journey through Mexico and Panama for WYD, the night will be a chance to come together, share stories and catch up with old friends. The night includes our Festival with food and activities, leading into a night of vibrant praise and honest worship, and inspirational relevant Word, and time for reflection and intimacy with Jesus.

Date: Friday 29 March 2019 **Time:** 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Venue: The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Wai-tara **RSVP:** youth@bbcatholic.org.au

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	17/03/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	No Kidz Word—Children's Mass at OLHC Church
		2:00pm	Happy Family Chinese Lenten Group
		3:00pm	PH Epping First Reconciliation Session 4
		6:00pm	NO Antioch Group meeting this week.
Mon	18/03/19	9:00am	No Little Engines Playgroup at the moment
		9:30am	PH Carlingford Playgroup
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	PMR Carlingford Lenten Group
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP Conference Meeting
Tue.	19/03/19	7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:30pm	SVdP shop Epping Conference meeting
		7:45am	Ecumenical Lenten Service at St Gerard's Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Wed.	20/03/19	10:00am	Healing & Anointing Mass at OLHC Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford Lenten Group
		11:30am	St Gerard's School Reconciliation 6W
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford Lenten Group
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	21/03/19	10:15am	OLHC School—Class Mass Yr. 4
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	PMR Epping Lenten Group
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Lenten Group
		7:30pm	Room 2 Epping—RCIA Lenten Group
Fri.	22/03/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Lenten Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		6:30pm	CH Epping "The Light is On" Stations/Reconciliation
Sat.	23/03/19	7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA Youth Group
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		10:45am	CH Epping First Reconciliation Liturgy
		2:00pm	CH Epping Wedding
		3:30pm	CH Carlingford First Reconciliation Liturgy
		5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		5:00pm	CH Carlingford Reconciliation
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		6:00pm	PMR Epping Lenten Dinner

PH—Parish Hall, CH—Church, PMR— Parish Meeting Room

Blessing of Palms— Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, 14th April, we will gather together with the community from St Alban's Anglican Church and Epping Uniting Church for a common blessing of palms, before our principal Sunday morning celebration at Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping commencing at 10am. After the blessing, we will then move out into Cambridge Street, and then process up Oxford

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Carlingford Conference

VINNIES CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday 30 March 2019

from 8:30am

All clothing and bric-a-brac
 Collected from our parish

Collect bags and **PRINT**
 Your name, address & phone number
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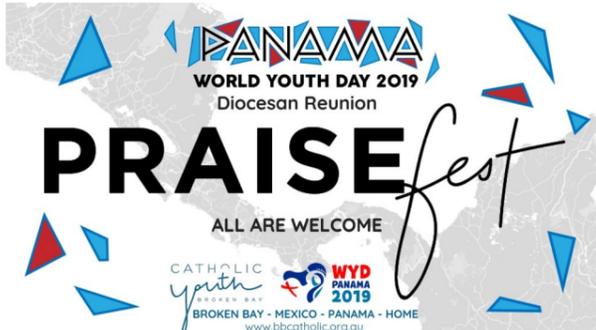
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Children's Sacramental Journey - First Reconciliation 2019

We move into our concluding session this week where we will talk about 'consequences'. We examine how our unloving words and actions hurt others, how we are all connected and why hurting others and ourselves hurts God.

We will also look at what happens during the Reconciliation Liturgy in the Second Rite, explain why we celebrate this Sacrament with a reading from the Gospel of John "The Peace of Christ" and that it is a source of healing and help which we can turn to throughout our lives.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they undergo their preparation for Reconciliation. May they fully understand this Sacrament ultimately as being a celebration of God's love and mercy for us!

First Eucharist 2019

Enrolment for First Eucharist will open on Saturday, 23rd March. 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.

Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. If you do know of anyone who may wish to enrol their children, please feel free to spread the word for us. Enrolment forms will be emailed to all who are currently enrolled in First Reconciliation and to all who have enquired online. Enrolment forms will also be available from the 23rd March at the back of both Churches and on the parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford>

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 feel free to send an email to kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au

Children's Mass - Epping

There will be a Children's Mass at 10:15am at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping on Sunday 17th March.

The children can be involved in hospitality, readings, prayers and processions. We invite your children to participate! Please email Therese for more information: olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com.



ROSARY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY The rosary for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be recited every Friday afternoon at 4:30pm in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. You are most welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Second Sunday of Lent

Children's Liturgy (Kidz Word) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered at the 9:30am Sunday Mass at Carlingford and the 10:15am Mass at Epping during school terms. The presiding Priest calls forward the authorised adult leaders and children just after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and the children are invited to go with the leaders to the parish meeting room.

During Kidz Word, the leaders lead the children through prayers, songs/mimes and readings. The children reflect on the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their family and friends after Mass.

This week, Kidz Word will explore the reasons for celebrating and singing at church: Our great and powerful God is also a loving and caring God, a God who is always there for us, always faithful. These are wonderful reasons to sing praises to God! They will also get a special activity page which they are encouraged to put on the fridge to remind them "I celebrate the story of my life and that God is always with me".

Adult volunteers are needed to lead Kidz Word each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle/high school youth to help these eager youngsters celebrate God's Word. A Working with Children's Check will be required, which we can assist you with.

If you would like to help bring this meaningful ministry to life so God's Word can reach the hearts of our young children, please contact the parish office on 9876 2853 or email me at lynn@eppcarl.org.au We look forward to hearing from you!

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EPHING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 20th March at 10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Carmel Avis, Marie Herd and team.

All are welcome to our monthly Healing Masses (on the 1st Thursday of the month at Carlingford and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Epping) as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know. Each third month (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) within these Masses.

CLASS MASS There will be a Class Mass for Yr. 4 on **Thursday 21st March at 10:15pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians' School. All class parents most welcome!

We Need Counters—Can You Help!!

The Collection Counter assists in the timely and accurate counting of weekly (Sunday morning) and special collections for the parish. The team must consist of at least three people. Confidentiality and discretion is imperative to the safety and security of the collection counters, staff and the parish.

To register, please contact Dennis Porteous, our Parish Secretary on 9876 2853 or email dennis@eppcarl.org.au

Youth Page

CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



Cana is on this Friday, 22nd March from 7:30-9pm in the St Gerard's Parish Hall.

Anyone between year 6 to 9 is welcome to come and bring a friend or two!

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Mak on

joanna@eppcarl.org.au or 0423 717 550.

DELAY TO THE OLHC SITE DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL RELOCATION

School Relocation to St Agatha's – December 2020 to the end of Term 1 2022

Dear parishioners and all parents of OLHC school Epping, as you would be aware, we originally anticipated the school would be temporarily relocated from December of this year (2019). However, due to delays in the planning approvals process, this date will be now be postponed for 12 months.

Since the development application (DA) was lodged last year, several factors have delayed the approvals process. These relate predominately to both the City of Parramatta Council and Transport for NSW requesting more information as well as some proposed amendments to the design.

Rather than disrupt the life of the school midway or throughout a school year, after very careful consideration it has been determined that we should allow a full 12 month delay to resolve the remaining issues.

This means the new temporary relocation dates to St Agatha's will now be from December 2020 until the end of Term 1 2022.

We appreciate your understanding and want you to know that together with Stockland, we are working hard to ensure the best outcome for our parish generally and in particular our parish school at Epping. We understand this could create uncertainty for parents, which is why we are telling you now - to give you as much notice as possible. We will continue to keep everyone informed throughout this process.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, we are holding an information evening for parents and all interested parishioners on:

Wednesday, 27th March at 7:30pm in the parish hall at Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping. We hope you can join us.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lenten Spirituality Morning CCD is offering a Lenten Spirituality Morning. **Location:** Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road Pymble (enter from Mona Vale Road) **Date:** Friday 29 March 2019 **Time:** 9:30am – 12:30pm **Register by:** Friday 22 March 2019 All catechists are invited to attend and bring a friend along. **Registration:** registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1643

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY This Sunday 17th March

This Sunday we are off to Engadine this Sunday There will be no meeting



For more information Joanne—0416 030 927

"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians." ~Acts 11:26

Now here is a Lenten Discipline. Have you ever read a Gospel?

'Yes we can', is the correct answer. Challenge yourself by reading a chapter a day of John's Gospel.

This challenge starts this coming Saturday 23rd March. Whenever you hear the word elections this week, think of voting and also commit to starting Chapter I this Saturday, which start with~

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God".

As we read, we watch and listen. We walk with Jesus. We go from the time John the Baptist called Jesus "The Lamb of God" to when doubting Thomas called him "My Lord and My God".

There are others already signed up to this challenge where you will receive support.

You read then reflect. You could comment on WhatsApp and could join a group conference call, where we pray together then listen to a few insights into that Chapter. You can then share your reflection and your questions with others. This all happens on your phone, in a virtual group!

This is the Lenten challenge. Give up some of your By fasting from a few things you usually do and Focus on reading 21 Chapters of John's Gospel. You will discover so much!

Please sign up by texting '21' to 0435 031 848, so you receive more information and can join this conversation.

Dennis McNamara—Supporting Learning Disciples during Lent

DROP INTO A BOX ON P.7

Lenten Dinner

A Lenten dinner will be held after the 5pm Vigil Mass commencing at 6pm in the Epping Parish Meeting Room. **Everyone is welcome!**

If you are coming along, you are invited to bring along a plate of meat, salad or vegetables. No desserts or finger food. For further information please ring Trish Harrison on 9869 2489 or 0490 912 747.