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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18-04-21

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48

Dear Parishioners,

Landscaping at St Gerard's: A parishioner has proposed to landscape the recently cleared area on the south side of the church. The area will include a statue of Our Lady and seating to make this area conducive to prayer, retaining the memorial wall and statue of St Gerard. This will be at no cost to the parish. Max Lucas will be available to walk people through the proposal at 8.45am on Sunday, April 25th. Comments can be made to <u>parish@eppcarl.org.au</u> by Friday, April 30th.

Reconciliation: We are again offering the sacrament of Penance on Monday nights at OLHC at 6pm and Friday nights at 7.30pm at St Gerard's.

Annual Leave: Fr Jim is on holidays this weekend. We welcome Fr David Orr who will celebrate the vigil Mass at St Gerard's and Fr Geoff Bugden who will celebrate the 7.45am and 9.30am Masses at St Gerard's. Fr Jim will return in time to celebrate 6pm at OLHC.

Anzac Day is Sunday, April 25th. The Church has readings and prayers for the celebration of Anzac Day, however, the Sunday Mass takes precedence. We will instead pray the Mass of Anzac Day on Saturday, April 24th at 9.15am. If there is a returned service person who would like to read the Ode at this Mass, or someone who would like to play the Last Post, please contact the parish office.

Fr Jim McKeon



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Anzac Day will be celebrated at the 9:15am Mass on Saturday 24th April



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Open minds understand ~

After Easter, we hear what took place and watch the reactions of those who saw Jesus. Cleophas with the other disciple told their story, to the group in Jerusalem, of what had happened to them on the road to Em-maus. *They recognised Jesus* when he "*broke the bread"*. Jesus is alive!

Can you imagine the comments, the questions that expressed the craziness of this thought that the one they saw executed by crucifixion was now out walking the road to Emmaus? This larger group of men and women would have been on their feet.

Then Jesus stood among them. This blew their mind. They heard him say "*Peace",* be calm. *Why are you so agitated? Why these doubts?* Look. Touch. See for yourself! They were conflicted and overcome. Their joy was so great, but they stood there dumbfounded, astonished, amazed.



Then Jesus **opened their minds**. He explained the Scriptures. Jesus said to them. **See how it is written that the** *Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.* Luke 24:45-48

Everything written about Jesus in the Old Testament has been fulfilled. Everything written about us in the New Testament, can be fulfilled in our lives. This is our faith. Everything written will be fulfilled in our rising from death to eternal life in Christ. This is our hope.

If you are not sure, **come to Alpha**. Bring your questions, bring you doubts. If you are sure, grow in your faith and your hope at Alpha. The Spirit who inspired everything that was written can inspire us with insight and understanding.

Open our minds to understand.

We pray to Jesus. Reveal to us how everything written in the Old Testament was inspired to tell us about you in the New Testament. Come with an open mind. Come to be surprised.

This Tuesday at Alpha, we ask

Who is Jesus? We look at the evidence. We listen to witnesses. Our minds can be opened to understand. Tell others, Alpha is this opportunity.

Come to Alpha at **7 pm on Tuesday 20 April**. Join us in the parish hall at St Gerard's, **543 North Rocks Road**, Carlingford. Drive in beside the church and the school notice board. Let Maree know you and your guests are coming. Call the office on **9876 2853**

Or you can let us know on the parish website. Sign Up for Alpha!

Denis McNamara

Supporting people to become disciples

I was preparing my shopping trolley to be Covid free when I was approached by a St Gerard's Parishioner. He said he and his family were not going to Mass due to Covid. I confirmed that mass was open again with minimal restrictions. Masks were not longer necessary.

He mentioned he knew very few within the parish. What an opportunity. I couldn't resist, I mentioned to him that Alpha was starting up and he and his family would be warmly welcomed.

"Where do I obtain more information?" he asked. He had not been receiving the parish bulletin. We agreed that the parish website would be a good option. This is a fabulous example of the Holy Spirit in action What led me to Alpha? I had most of todays materialistic must haves, however I was missing something inside. I came to Alpha to meet fellow Epping Carlingford parishioners. I came to learn about faith. I was hopeful. By allowing the Holy Spirit to be among us, the group developed a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and why it is important to have belief and faith. I invite each of you. Join us for Alpha.

Geoff

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PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

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Day	Date	Time	Event					
Sun.	18/04/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC					
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford Baptism Meeting					
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC					
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting					
Mon.	19/04/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		7:30pm	St Gerard's Church Rosary Group					
Tue.	20/04/21	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC					
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Emmaus Group					
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford—Alpha commencing					
			with a meal, then watch the video					
Wed.	21/04/21	9:30am	Mass at OLHC					
		10:00am	Healing Mass at OLHC Epping					
Thur.	22/04/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		12:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		7:00pm	OLHC Church First Eucharist practice					
		7:30pm	PMR C'ford Men of St Joseph					
Fri.	23/04/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		10:00am	PMR C'ford Scripture Reflection					
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC					
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA resumes					
Sat.	24/04/21	9:15am	Mass at OLHC—Australia Day					
		9:45am	Exposition & Reconciliation					
		10:15am	Benediction					
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC					
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's					
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's					

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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



Group Radio Association of Carlingford & Epping



Episode 13

Tune in to our Easter Special where we have a chat with Nathan & Luca and hear more about this important time of year from Father Jim!

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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, 22th April at 7.30 pm, Carlingford

Parish Information

EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday**, **21**st **April** at **10:00am** in the Church. However, morning tea will not be served at the conclusion of Mass due to COVID restrictions.

All are welcome to our monthly Healing Masses (on the 1^{st} Thursday of the month at Carlingford and the 3^{rd} 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.

MEMORIAL MASS

For the repose of the soul of Bev Aliprandi on the occasion of the first Anniversary of her death, will be celebrated by Fr Bogdan on Wednesday, 28th April at 9:30 am.

As Bev died during COVID-19 pandemic, many of us could not attend her funeral.

Bev touched the lives of so many people here at St Gerard's with her prayerful acceptance of her lot in life and always willing to help anyone in need.

OUR LOCAL PENTECOST ECUMENICAL LITURGY

The next gathering of the local Churches in our Covenant will be to celebrate Pentecost: Thursday 3 rd. June at 7:45pm at St Alban's Anglican Church Please note the date in your diary

REFLECTION ON NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

A reminder that our weekly time of reflection on the coming Sunday's Scriptures will take place this coming Friday, 23rd April at Epping and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room at Carlingford. All welcome!



For God so loved the world that He gave his Only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not Perish but have Everlasting Life

OCEANIA WEBINAR - PARISHES AND SCHOOLS: ONE COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Join with others at this online gathering, where we will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ.

Date: Tuesday 20 April 2021, 11:00am – 12:15pm Register at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20</u>



DIVINE RENOVATION WEBINAR: INCREASING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR PARISH

Join in this Australian conversation on increasing the experience of the Holy Spirit in parishes to allow the power of the Spirit to animate our lives and impact our ministries. Presented by Deacon Peter Pellicaan, Executive Director Evangelisation Brisbane, and Kevin Bailey AM, Regional Coordinator Divine Renovation Australasia. Wednesday 21 April 2021, 7:00pm – 8:00pm Register at <u>https://divinerenovation.org/australasia</u>



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Youth And Young Adults

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY



MEETING 18th APRIL 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"



CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP

If you're in Years 7-9 come along for a night Jam-packed with FUN & FAITH! EVERY FRIDAY night of the School Term, 7:30-9pm in the Parish Hall at St Gerard's. It's a great place to catch up with old friends, and meet some new ones!

CANA will meet this Friday 23rd April





Our young adults group will meet on Tuesday, 20th April, in the parish meeting room from 7:00-8:30pm.

If you would like to come, please contact the Youth Minister Joanna on 0404 710 588 if you have any questions.

'Interparish Sports Day'

Thankyou to everyone for coming to our sports day last Saturday!

We had 34 people come including youth from Chatswood, Waitara, Lindfield-Killara and Catholic Youth Broken Bay.

Joanna Mak



"And the Word became flesh and lived among us."

Jesus performed at Cana.'

JOHN 1:14

BUY A BIBLE

Purchase a Bible after Mass on the 24-25 April.

Catholic Bible: **\$15** Children's Bible: **\$25**

BIBLE READING GOSPEL OF JOHN

Join us as we read 12 chapters from the Gospel of John.

2 May | 10.30-11.30am

St. Gerard's Church Carlingford

BIBLE IN A YEAR

Join us on the journey via Facebook or WhatsApp as we read 'The Bible in a Year' with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Starts 10 May 2021



Organised by the Bible Reading Group CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING AND CARLINGFORD

Reflection - The Jesus Code— Unravelling the Secret

We all love to unearth hidden things, to crack some puzzle or code. We need only to look at the hoopla that surrounded *The Da Vinci Code* to see how true this is. Like children, we all still believe there's a buried treasure somewhere, a secret wisdom, just waiting to be found.

Interestingly, Jesus speaks of just such a hidden secret. The gospels tell us he spoke in parables and that these were only understood by those who were inside a certain circle, but they remained riddles to everyone outside that circle.

Love is the deepest mystery within the universe. That, of course, begs the question: what is the hidden secret, and who is inside and who is outside the circle of understanding? In the message of Jesus, what's the secret to be discovered, the code be cracked? Mark's gospel takes this up explicitly. His Jesus makes it very clear that there is a hidden, secret wisdom that needs to be grasped if one is to understand the deep design of things. What is it?

In short, it's the cross of Christ and the wisdom that's contained within it. The hidden secret is that love is most truly revealed in the brokenness of Jesus on the cross. What's hidden in the cross of Christ is the code that we have to break open if we are to learn the deep secrets of life. The cross contains a wisdom, the wisdom of the crucified, which is a prism through which all else is to be viewed.

More specifically, what is this wisdom?

Unlike false, gnostic teachers who are forever playing games and giving the impression that learning the deep secrets is a question of luck, brilliant intelligence, or of becoming their disciples, Jesus tries everywhere to reveal the secret in public and in a language open to everyone. His whole life and mission are an attempt to lay open for everyone the deepest secret of all and to make that secret accessible to everyone, as accessible as the nearest water tap or the village well. Since Jesus, the deepest secret is an open secret. What is it?

One entry into it is through the words Jesus speaks to his uncomprehending disciples on the road to Emmaus. In trying to explain this secret, he asks them: "Wasn't it necessary?" Wasn't what necessary?

That there is a necessary connection between certain things: isn't a certain prior suffering and humiliation always the condition for glory? Don't we all, like Cinderella, first have to sit in the ashes before the glass slipper will fit our feet? Isn't sublimation always the means to the sublime? Isn't it precisely when we are vulnerable and unable to impress or overpower others that we are finally open to intimacy, love, and family? Aren't self-sacrifice and self-denial, in the end, the way real love manifests itself? Isn't the crucifixion of the private ego the route to empathy and community? Isn't the forgiveness of those who hurt us the final manifestation of human maturity?

And, most graphic of all, isn't the way Jesus died—innocent, trusting, unwilling out of love to protect himself against suffering, absorbing hatred and sin, understanding and forgiving those who were murdering him, refusing to resort to any kind of superior physical power to overwhelm his adversaries, refusing to give back in kind, and refusing to give himself over to bitterness and cynicism—the paragon of mature human love?

Love is the deepest mystery within the universe. It lies at the base of everything, the cosmic, the biological, the emotional, the psychological, the sexual, the spiritual. There is a level of reality inside of all things where one sees the relentless deep pull towards a unity, community, fusion, and oneness beyond self. Love stirs all things, speaking to every element in the language it can understand. Deep inside of us, we know too that this alone can bring us home.

And there is an inner code, a certain DNA, within love itself. It too has inner secrets, an inner structure, and a code that needs to be cracked if we are to properly understand its dynamics. And we don't crack that code all at once, at a weekend retreat or at religious rally. We crack it slowly, painfully, with many setbacks, over the course of a lifetime. But Jesus gave us the keys to crack it. They can be named: vulnerability, the refusal out of love to protect ourselves, self -sacrifice, putting others before ourselves, refusing to give back in kind when someone hurts us, a willingness to die for others, the refusal to give ourselves over to cynicism and bitterness when things beset us, continued trust in God and goodness even when things look the opposite, and especially forgiveness, having our hearts remain warm and hospitable, even when we have just cause for hatred.

These are the keys to the wisdom that Jesus revealed and the gospels tells that we are "inside" or "outside" the true circle of love, depending upon whether or not we grasp this wisdom.

Ron Rolheiser

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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.	Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.					
Ecumenical Relationships Our parish is strongly com- mitted 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.	Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the persever- ance of existing vocations.					
Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim 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.	 by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father William will be our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". 					
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	Father William Stevens, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 22 nd April 2021. The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.00 PM</u> followed					
E-Bulletin If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send an email with e-bulletin as the subject title to: mree@eppcarl.org.au	SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING					

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Fr Jim's YouTube: https://youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gm08jJydA

Epping and Carlingford Website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford

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Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps: 4:2.4.7.9 R. V. 7

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

			WEEKENI	D MASSES				
Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm							
Carlingford	6:00pm V	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am						
			WEEKDA	Y 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	Carlingfor	Carlingford —1st Thursday, Epping — 3rd Wednesday (no Healing Mass in Jan.)						
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BAPTISMS AND WED	DINGS: BY A	PPOINTME	Т					
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Recently deceased: Marie Lawson, Thomas Magee,

Please pray for Nicola Calabrese who died last week. The funeral Mass was held at OLHC, Epping last Friday.

Anniversaries: Tomo Medved., Kate Medved, Hubert Pedemont, George Byrnes,

Also For: Elizabeth Pedemont, John Noakes, Norma Barlow, Tomo Medved, Vjekoslav Medved, Juliana Medved, Karlo & Draga Puskaric, Nikola & Anastazija Matijasic,

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, 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, 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, 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.

Date	Mass Time	Epping	Mass Time	Carlingford
24/04/21	5:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/04/21	8:30am	Fr Jim McKeon	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/04/21	10:15am	Fr Jim McKeon	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/04/21	6:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon		

