

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MASSES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: BY APPOINTMENT**

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: 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:** Doo Hwan Ji, Lizeth Albornoz Gonzales, Joan Rideout, Margaret Beagle, Joe Younis, Ray & Irene Ruiz, Laurence O'Rourke (brother of John Rourke), Michael Wondracz.

*Please pray for Michael O'Keeffe who died last Wednesday, 15th April  
His funeral service will be held at Macquarie Park on Tuesday 21st April.*

**Anniversaries:** Hubert Pedemont

**Also For:** John Noakes, Elizabeth Pedemont, Norma Barlow.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsys, 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, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Bev Aliprandi, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Howard, Carey, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Marcia Power, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella, Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Agnes Wong, Irene Winardi.

### Supporting our Parish Financially

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

#### The First Collection

Supports the needs of the priests of the parish, the retired priests of the diocese and the Bishop.

#### The Second Collection

Money from the Second Collection supports the running costs of the parish including the payment of staff.

If you are able to contribute, the Church account details are shown below:

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

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

**Second Collection BSB 062 784 A/C No 858 8001**

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

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

### The Charitable Works Fund –2/3 May Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

**The CWF works** every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.



Keep in touch with us on Facebook by "liking" our page so you can be kept updated with our latest news and be involved with some Facebook activities as a parish community:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford/>



Follow us on Instagram We have just hopped on to Instagram! Follow us and together let's be inspired and reach out to others: <https://www.instagram.com/catholicparisheppcarl/>

## 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 at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

**YEAR A SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 19-04-20**

**Acts 2:42-47**

**Peter 1:3-9**

**John 20:19-31**

Dear parishioners,

**Christ is risen!!** Once again on behalf of Fr Bogdan, our seminarian Martino and myself, I hope you have experienced, even in the midst of this Covid-19 crisis, a peaceful and blessed Easter! During this Easter season, as I said last week, we celebrate the very heart of what it means to be 'Christian'.....that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, truly conquered death in His Resurrection from the dead and as a result, we too are 'risen' in Him! To put it mildly it has been a Holy Week "like no other" but fortunately through the possibilities of technology we have been able to still connect and celebrate with each other through the provision of our Holy Week and Easter Masses and ceremonies via our YouTube channel. Many of you have commented that this connection brought about much comfort and spiritual nourishment during the most important week in our Christian year especially given the health crisis that we are currently facing here in Australia and beyond.

Most importantly I wish to offer my sincere thanks to ALL who assisted in the preparation and celebration of our Holy Week liturgies 'online', but in particular, those who provided their much-needed technological skills!...your generous service, time and gifts were greatly appreciated!

Speaking of the 'technology' aspect of being able to provide for our Masses on Demand, some of our parishioners have offered to assist other parishioners who may be finding connecting to our parish Masses via the internet "challenging".

If you would like assistance with this new aspect of our parish life, please contact the parish office and we will pass on your best contact details to one of our volunteers who will be in touch with you ASAP.

Over coming weeks, we will provide more information concerning parish activities and resources to assist you during these days. One new resource we are now providing is our new KIT (Keeping In Touch) newsletter. My sincere thanks to our Missionary Discipleship Coordinator Denis McNamara and the team responsible for this initiative. If you are not receiving it or any other correspondence from the parish including the bulletin via email, then we would love to add your email address to our mailing list.... simply contact Maree at the parish office and we will take things from there.

Fr Peter



### Parish Website

Please use our parish website to access information regarding COVID-19. Parish website:  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford)

In order to view Masses please go to the link provided on the parish website under Mass on Demand and follow the link to the YouTube channel or go directly to You Tube and use [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_t43V\\_sQu1LK2LM\\_Q6akIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_t43V_sQu1LK2LM_Q6akIA)



**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.

A crossword puzzle based upon the Easter story



**Down**

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every \_\_\_\_\_"
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the \_\_\_\_\_ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a \_\_\_\_\_ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of \_\_\_\_\_.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His \_\_\_\_\_, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His \_\_\_\_\_.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of \_\_\_\_\_.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this \_\_\_\_\_.
41. He is not here: for He is \_\_\_\_\_ as He said.

**Across**

3. It means "A place of a skull;" Where He was crucified
4. These guys were crucified on each side of Him.
6. And He was numbered with the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus was anointed with precious ointment in preparation for His \_\_\_\_\_.
11. This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom
15. And when the sixth hour was come, there was \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole land.
18. This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God."
19. The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money
22. The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother
23. He appeared first unto Mary \_\_\_\_\_.
26. "Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them; for they know not what they do."
27. He shed His blood so our \_\_\_\_\_ would be forgiven.
28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday
30. The ruler of Galilee
31. This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden.
32. This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times.
33. This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him.
37. The doubtful apostle
38. "A spirit has not \_\_\_\_\_ and bones as ye see me have."
40. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet \_\_\_\_\_.
42. They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross.

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

**After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853**  
 Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan at home. In the event that they are unavailable, their answering machines will record your message or ring the number given in the message. However, if possible please restrict routine enquiries to office hours.

**Have You Told Us?** If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For parishioners who give by credit card, does your credit card expire in the near future? Please give the parish office a call on

**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.

**CANA: OUR Yr. 7-9 YOUTH GROUP**

Our Cana (year 7-9) youth group meetings is currently Postponed. If you want to stay in touch, please email or message Joanna (email: [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or mobile: 0404 710 588) to receive weekly Cana newsletters and updates.

**OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY**

Antioch are having a combined Antioch meeting this Sunday for Divine Mercy Sunday from 6-8pm. Join Antioch groups from Liverpool, Engadine, Plumpton and even Adelaide Antiochers as we sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet and share what our youth groups have been doing (all done online)!  
 If you would like to join, please contact Joanna on [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or 0404 710 588 or our parent support, Joanne on [joanne\\_sin@hotmail.com](mailto:joanne_sin@hotmail.com).

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Anyone who would like to hand their Easter Offering Envelopes in are welcome to do so.

This annual appeal is a vital supplement to the First Collection which provides the salary and living expenses and health care provision for the priests of our diocese in active ministry and the accommodation, care and living expenses for priests who are retired.

Please give as generously as you can as this fund is sorely strained and is struggling to meet its commitments. The envelopes can be placed in the post box found in the door of the parish meeting room and in the post box located in the green doors leading onto the verandah at Epping, or just hand in at the parish office.



**We are here to help**

We want to reassure you that we are here to help. Our Home Care, Residential Aged Care and Retirement Living services are operating today and every day to ensure you keep receiving quality care and support. For more information on our services please watch our Aged Care Services Explained video [here](#) to make the right choice of how we can help. To contact us call 1800 225 474

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