

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19-07-20

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING & CARLINGFORD

WELCOME HOME! LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan, along with the entire parish family, warmly invite you and look forward to seeing you.

ALL SCHEDULED MASSES AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES

Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping
Saturday Vigil 5pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am & 6pm

St Gerard Majella, Carlingford
Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am



The Parish Website address is:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As mentioned over recent weeks, due to the lifting of numerical restrictions in places of worship from 1 July announced recently by the state government, we have now returned to our normal Sunday and Saturday night Vigil roster of Masses. While there will be no upper limit on the number of people who can attend, we will still need to respect the 4 square metre rule between persons. From a practical perspective, this requirement will limit somewhat the actual numbers of people who can be present in the church. Still, couples and families can of course sit together without needing to physically distance themselves from each other. Coloured markers on the back of seats will also indicate the preferred seating of people to assist in ensuring we get the physical distancing correct.

Currently, the numbers of those attending our weekend Masses are low enough not to require prior bookings, however, we must keep monitoring this situation and advise if we need to make any changes.

Everyone attending will need to sanitise their hands and record their name and contact details in the book provided in case of any need for COVID-19 tracing. I would also ask that at the conclusion of Mass you might use one of the wipes provided to clean around the area where you were sitting to assist with the cleaning of the church and place them in the bins provided.

Sunday Mass will continue, for the moment, to be live-streamed in a simpler form from one of the Saturday night Vigil Masses and then uploaded to our parish YouTube channel for later viewing.

Fr Peter

Welcome to FORMED

"God our Saviour...desires all to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
1 Tm 2:3-4

Recently the Diocese offered our parish the opportunity to subscribe to a set of online faith formation resources called **FORMED**. These resources can be accessed by individual parishioners for private study or by parish groups, schools etc.

Over coming weeks we will introduce you to **FORMED** and how you can login to our parish subscription.

What is FORMED?

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Create a new account
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Type in:

Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Click on "next", then enter:

Your name
Your email address

Click on "Sign Up"

When asked the postcode is **2121**

UN warns pandemic could push 130 million into hunger

Several UN agencies teamed up to produce the annual *State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*.

The report says it is too soon to assess the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. But preliminary projections suggest the pandemic "may add an additional 83 to 132 million people to the ranks of the undernourished in 2020."

"Food supply disruptions and the lack of income due to the loss of livelihoods and remittances as a result of COVID means that households across the globe are facing increased difficulties to access nutritious foods and are only making it even more difficult for the poorer and vulnerable populations to have access to healthy diets," the report states.

The UN report makes clear that the coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated a long-running trend, which sees the number of hungry people slowly rising since 2014.

Estimates for 2019 reveal that 8.9 per cent of the world's population - almost 690 million people - were severely undernourished.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass times are as follows:

14th August

7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

15th August

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians. Church

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	19/07/20	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
Mon	20/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue	21/07/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed	22/07/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur	23/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		8:00pm	PMR Epping Men of St Joseph
Fri	24/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat	25/07/20	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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Just a reminder that your new Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/2021 are available for collection from the back of the Churches.

Receipts will be available towards the end of July 2020.

If you don't have envelopes and would like a pack, or if you would like to contribute by credit card or direct debit please contact Dennis Porteous in the Parish Office.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal. In past years, the parishioners of Epping and Carlingford have been very generous with their donations and we thank you very much for your generosity. This year however, it is even more important that you support our Winter Appeal, due to Covid-19 coronavirus. So please consider helping Vinnies help those in our community doing it tough due to coronavirus by donating to the Covid-19 Winter Appeal.

Every dollar you donate will help people to feed their families, put petrol in the car and keep warm during winter – more important than ever during the current health crisis.

Please visit www.vinnies.org.au or telephone 13 18 12, or complete an envelope available at the back of the church in Epping and Carlingford.

Thank You for Your Support

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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 psecretary@eppcarl.org.au

Parish Radio Station



We would like to invite you to be part of the Parish Radio Station. If you are willing to share with the Parish your talents, you are most welcome.

We need volunteers who can:

Host the program, Host the prayers,
Talk on their favourite topics,
IT people, Technicians.

If you have those skills or you are open to learn the new one, please join us.

Fr Bogdan

Men of St. Joseph



Men of St Joseph is a group of Catholic men who want to pray together, grow spiritually, share their experiences and support one another. The group discusses our spiritual and daily issues and helps us to be the better people, members of the Church and of our families.

Meeting every Thursday at 8pm in the PMR at Epping.

Enquiries to Fr Bogdan by emailing:
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Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan



From Lynn's desk

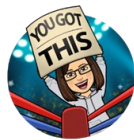
Children's Ministries

Kidz Word will re-commence at both our churches on the 26th July! We are looking forward to seeing families back at our 9:30am Mass at Carlingford and the 10:15am Mass at Epping. Thank you to our volunteers for making this ministry possible for the children who are returning to celebrate with us!

We are aware there are some who are still unable to join us in person, so we will continue to organise some form of online activity via the Kidz Word group on Facebook in the hope that those at home do not miss out in joining us.

Term 3 begins on Monday 20th July. Let us stay positive and look forward to making the second half of 2020 a blast for we know God's on our side come what may!

Till next week, keep smiling



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Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request - especially during the difficult times each of us is facing.

Do You Have
A Prayer Request?
Please Let Us Know



If you would like to pray for any special intention Send your request to:

Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au
or Facebook link:
<https://form.jotform.com/201323501410837>

We are more than happy to pray for you!

Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan

Keep in Touch (KIT)

Keep informed, keep exploring, keep on thinking about the things that matter the most and move us.

If you would like to receive Keep in Touch please forward your email address to the parish office, contact number: 9876 2853 email: maree@eppcarl.org.au



Keep
In
Touch

Reflection for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Once again our reading from Matthew's gospel brings us the teaching of Jesus about 'the Kingdom', in parable form. As before, the parables are invitations to learn what the coming of God's liberating and life giving reign should mean for us. Though our situation is very different from that of those who first heard these parables, they have a clear message for the Church of today. The gospel truth speaks to all ages. Wheat and weeds growing together – a perfect image, surely, of the world in which we live. How should Christians react in this situation?

While we must speak out for the truth, we may well be tempted to emphasise our faithfulness by our impatience and intolerance towards those who do not journey with us. The parable of Jesus warns us that this is not God's way. The reading from the book of Wisdom shows us that, as the Old Testament was drawing to a close, devout thinkers in old Israel were recognising that 'the virtuous person must be kindly to others', learning from the mysterious patience of God. Only the Lord of the harvest – whose grace is at work in a hidden way in every human heart – can sort out the good from the bad when all is gathered in at the end. We who are blessed with the gift of faith must prepare for the final harvest by becoming an exemplary crop ourselves. There is a lesson here, also, for those who belong to the new movements emerging in the today's Church. They must avoid a sectarian spirit that would see their way as the only way. There is room in God's Church for many spiritualities and traditions. True 'catholicity' shows an openness to this.

The other parables carry us further. 'The Kingdom is upon you', Jesus has announced. In the parable of the tiny mustard seed, he refers to the modest inauguration of the Kingdom. His hearers must have been puzzled, as they saw the teacher who spoke with spellbinding power gathering twelve of his followers to symbolise the New Israel. Few of these followers had much to commend them, and some would have been considered positively disreputable. Jesus, however, is carrying forward the mission he has been given by the Father. He looks confidently beyond these humble beginnings, and he urges those 'who have ears to hear' to share his confidence: 'No need to be afraid, little flock', he tells this unpromising group, 'for it has pleased your Father to give you the Kingdom' (Lk 12:32). And those for whom Matthew wrote could already see faith in the Kingdom announced by Jesus spreading beyond the boundaries of Palestine. As they heard the parable of the seed that became a tree sheltering the birds of the air, they could recall that more than one of the prophets used the same image, speaking of the worldwide reign of God that was to come (cf. Dan 4, Ezek 17 and 31). As the Church's new era of evangelisation makes a faltering start, we too must take heart from the message of the parable. 'God chooses the weak to shame the strong' (1 Cor 2:27).

The parable of the yeast tells of the hidden designs of God being worked out in the chaos of history. Though we are all tempted to judge by appearances, we recognise that the good things that happen in our own faith communities are usually the fruit of long years of fidelity and generosity. 'Three measures of flour' would have made something like three dozen gallons of dough ready for baking! Though God's designs are hidden, they are boundless in their promise. The explanation of the mixed harvest parable – an addition of early Christian teachers – warns those within the Church who are unfaithful to their calling that they must be converted.

John Thornhill sm

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Parish Office The parish office will be closed on Monday afternoon of the 20th and 26th July.

Listen anyone who has ears. Mt 13:43

The **Kingdom of Heaven** may be compared to a man who sowed good seed. His enemy sowed darnel among the wheat. The Master said, 'Let both grow till the harvest'.

The **Kingdom of Heaven** is like yeast. The flower was leavened all through.

The **Kingdom of Heaven** is like a mustard seed – the smallest seed. When it has grown becomes a tree. The birds shelter in it. Mt 13:24-43

Each parable of the Kingdom of Heaven point to **growth and change and producing fruit.**

Wheat produces grains for the harvest while darnel, a weed, is burnt. All who do evil will weep, while the virtuous will shine.

Yeast transforms flour, so the Kingdom of Heaven transforms us. We change.

A mustard tree provides shelter, so others find sanctuary and can grow.

The **Wisdom of God** is revealed in the first reading. *You care for everything. You are mild in judgment. You govern with great lenience. You taught how virtuous must be kindly. You give good hope that after sin you grant repentance.* Wis 12: 13,16-19.

When we speak to others about who God is, may our experience of God find inspiration from the Word of God. May these words help us to share the wisdom of our relationship with God.

The Word of God in St Paul is reassuring. **The Spirit helps in weakness. The Spirit expresses our plea (strong request) in a way that could never be put into words. God knows everything in our hearts. God knows the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.** Rm 8:26-27.

The Spirit of God prays in us. We are challenged by the parables we hear in the Gospel this weekend. Be attentive. *Listen! What are our ears hearing, about the Kingdom of Heaven? Listen to the pleas of the Spirit praying in us to the Father.*

Just as yeast is "the baking powder that transforms flour to be self-raising", so we pray ~

Come Holy Spirit transform us to be kindly and raise up others. May we all grow from being good seeds to produce good fruit. May we grow to fulness, become ready for harvest, so we *shine like the sun* with our Heavenly Father.

May Thy Kingdom come, the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen

Do the words in the readings describe the hopes of a missionary disciple?

Could these reading give us words to define our mission in life?

Denis McNamara

Supporting Missionary Disciples.

**OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY
Meeting this Sunday 19 July**

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

"It was at Antioch the believers were first called Christians."

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)

or mobile: 0404 710 588)

to receive weekly Cana newsletters and updates.

Parish Bible Reading Group

Our Bible reading group have read Matthew, Mark and are now currently reading Luke. Join our Bible reading via our Facebook group via this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/>

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Log into Face to start sharing and connecting with your friends, family and people you know.

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or join our Whatsapp group by texting Luke24 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

As Pope Francis said, the Bible is 'like a love letter from God. We have to listen daily to his call...So that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life.'

St Mary Magdalene—Feast Day next Wednesday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene is remembered as the 'apostle to the apostles' because she was the first to announce the resurrection of Jesus. The apostles did not believe her and went to see for themselves.

Today is a good time to listen to what faithful women are saying about God's call to the Church in Australia at this time. *Still listening to the Spirit: Woman and Man Twenty Years Later* is a collection of essays for the twentieth anniversary of research into the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia. It is available from bookshops and ebook platforms and can be ordered from the Office for Social Justice.

Office for Social Justice email address: admin@acsjc.org.au

Website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Pope: Migrants seeking new life end up instead in 'hell' of detention 8 Jul 2020

Pope Francis celebrates Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, at the Vatican July 8, 2020. He was marking the seventh anniversary of his first trip as pope to the island of Lampedusa, where thousands of migrants head each year seeking a better life in Europe. (CNS/Vatican Media)

VATICAN CITY — Decrying the unimaginable "hell" migrants experience in detention centers, Pope Francis urged all Christians to examine how they do or don't help — as Jesus commanded — the people God has placed in their path.

Christians must always seek the face of the Lord, who can be found in the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned and foreigners, the pope said on the anniversary of his first pastoral visit as pope to the Italian island of Lampedusa.

Jesus warned everyone, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," and Christians today must look at their actions every day and see if they have even tried to see Christ in others, the pope said in his homily during Mass July 8.

"Such a personal encounter with Jesus Christ is possible also for us, disciples of the third millennium," he said. The Mass, held in the chapel of the pope's residence, marked the seventh anniversary of his first apostolic journey to an island that has been a major destination point for migrants seeking a new life in Europe.

However, since 2014, at least 19,000 people have died, drowning in the Mediterranean Sea during those boat crossings. Francis mourned their deaths during his 2013 visit with prayers and tossing a floral wreath into the rippling water.

In his homily at the Vatican chapel July 8, he remembered those who are trapped in Libya, subjected to terrible abuse and violence and held in detention centers that are more like a "lager," the German word for a concentration camp. He said his thoughts were with all migrants, those embarking on a "voyage of hope," those who are rescued and those who are pushed back.

"Whatever you did, you did for me," he said, repeating Jesus' warning.

The pope then took a moment to tell the small congregation — all wearing masks and sitting at a distance from one another — what had struck him about listening to the migrants that day in Lampedusa and their harrowing journeys. He said he thought it strange how one man spoke at great length in his native language, but the interpreter translated it to the pope in just a few words.

An Ethiopian woman, who had witnessed the encounter, later told the pope that the interpreter hadn't even translated "a quarter" of what was said about the torture and suffering they had experienced.

"They gave me the 'distilled' version," the pope said.

"This happens today with Libya, they give us a 'distilled' version. War. Yes, it is terrible, we know that, but you cannot imagine the hell that they live there," in those detention camps, he said.

And all these people did was try to cross the sea with nothing but hope, he said.

"Whatever you did ... for better or for worse! This is a burning issue today," the pope said.

The ultimate goal for a Christian is an encounter with God, he said, and always seeking the face of God is how Christians make sure they are on the right path toward the Lord.

The day's first reading from the Book of Hosea described how the people of Israel had lost their way, wandering instead in a "desert of inequity," seeking abundance and prosperity with hearts filled with "falsehood and injustice," he said. "It is a sin, from which even we, modern Christians, are not immune," he added.

The prophet Hosea's words call everyone to conversion, "to turn our eyes to the Lord and see his face," Francis said. "As we undertake to seek the face of the Lord, we may recognize him in the face of the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the foreigners whom God places on our way. And this encounter becomes for us a time of grace and salvation, as it bestows on us the same mission entrusted to the apostles," he said.

Christ himself said "it is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, seeking an encounter with us and requesting our assistance," the pope said.

The pope ended his homily by asking Our Lady, the solace of migrants, "help us discover the face of her son in all our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee from their homeland because of the many injustices that still afflict our world today."



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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.

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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 men 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.

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 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

**Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Primary School**

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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.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK
SIXTEENTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME**

22/7 Monday: Feast,
St Mary Magdalene

25/7 Saturday: Feast
St James, apostle

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Responsorial Psalm Response Ps 85:5-6.9-10.15-16 R v 5 Lord, you are good and forgiving.		Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!					
WEEKEND MASSES	Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches.						
EPPING	5:00PM 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	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	
HEALING MASSES	Carlingford: 1st Thursday of the month. Epping: 3rd Wednesday of the month.						
EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 12:30pm -1:00pm, Carlingford , 4th Thursday 10:00am							
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45—10:15am Carlingford Saturday 5:00pm—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: Sr. Sophie McGrath, Mary Pegg, Camille Thurecht, Marge Hanlon, Colleen Luciow, Roger La Grange, Brian Dias, Ethne Fisher, Sean Hardiman.

The funeral for Ethne Fisher will be held at St Gerard's on Tuesday 21st July at 1:30 pm.

Anniversaries: Daniel & Acacio Andrade, Mark Hillier, Richard Barry.

Also for: John, Elizabeth & Kathleen McEnearney, Noon & Jack Barry.

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, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Howard, Carey, Bev Gibbeson, Bill Saul, Carole Wilson, 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, Irene De Nadi, Alf Sharpe.

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

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

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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.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
25/07/20	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
26/07/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
26/07/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
26/07/20	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		