

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

YEAR B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20-12-20

2 Sam 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

Dear friends

Since announcing my move from the parish I have been inundated with various reactions and kind words of appreciation. I realise to many this news would be a surprise as I originally was to remain until the construction work at Epping was completed. My sincere thanks for your understanding, prayers, and wonderful friendship over the last eight-plus years.

Fr Jim McKeon will be taking up residence at Epping on the 8th January and celebrating his first Masses on the weekend of the 9th/10th. I know you will welcome Fr Jim who is known to many of you from his time at Epping as a seminarian and as assistant priest at St Agatha's Pennant Hills. It gives me great joy knowing Fr Jim will be your next Parish Priest and continue to build up the community of God's people here in this part of God's vineyard! I will continue to be around the parish for a while assisting with the handover of the parish to Fr Jim and getting myself set up at Northbridge in preparation for my new assignment at RNS hospital which is due to take place at the beginning of February.

As we approach Christmas please note the importance of registering for one of our Christmas Masses either online or by contacting Maree at the parish office. Also, new directives from the Diocese now allow for singing by the congregation with those aged 12 years and above highly recommended to wear masks while singing.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after each of the weekday Masses this coming week up until and including the 9.30am Mass at St Gerard's on Thursday morning 24th. **Please note there will be NO 12.15 Mass at Epping on Thursday, Christmas Eve.**

Finally, a reminder the final Healing Mass at Epping for the year will take place this Wednesday at 10am. **Please note there is no 9.15am Mass on that day.** Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no luncheon following the Mass.

May God continue to prepare our hearts to receive this great possibility of God's love into our lives as we prepare for the Christmas Feast!!

Fr Peter

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping

24/12 5pm Vigil and 7pm Family Masses
24/12 Midnight Mass (Carols at 11:30pm)
25/12 8:30am and 10:15am Masses

St Gerard Majella's Church, Carlingford

24/12 5:00pm Vigil and 7:00pm Masses
24/12 Night Mass 10:00pm (Carols at 9:30pm)
25/12 7:45am and 9:30am Masses

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas day.

Please note it is ESSENTIAL that everyone register for the Christmas Mass of their choice.

We are currently using the website TryBooking.

For St Gerard's Carlingford Bookings use:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMZIT>

For OLHC at Epping use:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMZGO>

All bookings close on 21st December 2020

You can also book via the parish office.

If you have booked a ticket and are unable to attend that Mass, could you please let the parish office know As soon as possible.



BISHOP ANTHONY WRITES IN HIS PASTORAL LETTER....

"In my Decree of 18 March 2020. In response to the crisis of the pandemic, I dispensed the Faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay from the ordinary obligation to be present at the Sunday Eucharist. Now, with the welcome situation that has developed, with gratitude to God, **I rescind that Decree, and call upon and encourage the Faithful to resume their obligations as part of the living Body of Christ. Under Canon 1247, the Faithful are now once more obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption.** Notwithstanding, those who are aged or have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID-19 are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Some examples are participating in the live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary."

I Believe He Came Down from Heaven God never forces himself on us. He never makes us listen. He leaves us free. He comes to us as one of us. He 'came down from heaven.' Jesus left his glory behind, the glory that he had with his Father, He 'emptied himself' - we call this the kenosis or 'emptying of himself' - to assume the form of a servant, taking on our human condition. Jesus came down from heaven to become one of us. Like any immigrant, he brought with him the culture, language and lifestyle of his home in heaven. And what is at the core of the language and culture of the 'immigrant' Son of God, who comes from the very heart of the mystery of the Trinity? Quite simply, that God is a lover who gives himself to us totally with boundless self-sacrifice. That to be divine is to become a servant of others. As the great Anglican New Testament scholar and bishop, N. T. Wright, has noted: God became flesh not to stop being divine. It was a decision about what it means to be divine

An Advent Reflection . . .

Every year Your Church celebrates the holy season of Advent, my God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise. Every year we roll up all our needs and yearnings and faithful expectation into one word: "Come!" But now a light is slowly beginning to dawn. I'm beginning to understand something that I have known for along time: You are still in the process of Your coming. Your appearance in the form of a slave was only the beginning of Your coming, a beginning in which You chose to redeem us by embracing the very slavery from which You were freeing us. So actually You haven't come - You're still coming. From Your incarnation to the end of this era is only an instant, even though millennia may elapse and, being blessed by You, pass on to become a small part of this instant. It is said that You will come again, and this is true. But the word again is misleading. It won't really be "another" coming, because You have never really gone away. In the human existence which You made Your own for all eternity, You have never left us. But still You will come again, because the fact that You have already come must continue to be revealed ever more clearly. It will become progressively more manifest to the world that the heart of all things is already transformed, because You have taken them all to Your heart. You must continue to come more and more. What has already taken place in the roots of all reality must be made more and more apparent. The false appearance of our world, the shabby pretence that it has not been liberated must be more and more thoroughly rooted out and destroyed. Behold, You come. And Your coming is neither past nor future, but the present, which as only to reach its fulfilment. Now it is still the one single hour of Your Advent, at the end of which we too shall have found out that You have really come. O God who is to come, grant us the grace to live now, in the hour of Your Advent, in such a way that I may merit to live in You forever, in the blissful hour of Your Eternity.

'Karl Rahner (Karl Rahner, a German Jesuit, was one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century).'

ADVENT HEALING MASS

All are welcome to our Advent Healing Mass as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know.

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

23rd December at 10am

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
FROM WEDNESDAY 16th DEC.**

Unfortunately, there will be no luncheon due to the COVID-19 restrictions.



Christmas Carols Service Saturday, 26th December at St Gerard's Majella at 7:00 pm

We would like to invite anyone interested in taking part in singing carols in various languages, to contact Fr Bogdan or the parish office by 6th December. Contact number for the parish office is 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will apply.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	20/12/20	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
		6:00pm	Antioch is currently on a break
Mon.	21/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	22/12/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed.	23/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		10:00am	Healing Mass at OLHC Church
Thur.	24/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church— NO
			Exposition or Benediction after Mass
		12:15pm	NO Mass at OLHC Church
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC Church
		7:00pm	Family Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:00pm	Family Mass at OLHC Church
		10:00pm	Night Mass at St Gerard's
			[Carols commence at 9:30am]
		Midnight	Mass at OLHC Epping
			[Carols commence at 11:45pm]
Fri.	25/12/20	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 Epping
		6:00pm	No Mass
Sat.	26/12/20	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
		7:00pm	Carole Service after the Vigil Mass
			in various languages
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

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 If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

ANGEL TREE 2020



Fifty-nine children received gift cards from their incarcerated parent with a Christmas card for each child.

A card was also given to the carer of the children. A prepaid express envelope was also purchased for mailing. We are also able to give the women inmates after our Christmas Mass some extra goodies like Christmas cake, lollies, chocolates.

We are very grateful to Natalie Viset, Joanne, and our ministry team for all their support. Your generosity and kindness bring incredible joy to these people.

Thank you.

Margaret Wiseman

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available near the bulletin boxes of both our churches. The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of priests. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed on either plate.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Our Parish Offices will be **CLOSED** from **Midday 24th December** until **Monday 4th January**. For emergency sick calls or in the event of the need to make funeral arrangements please ring 9876 2853 (the phone is always diverted to Fr Peter's home outside of office hours).



Youth And Young Adults

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:



"We are currently having a break.
Meeting will resume in mid Jan 2021.
Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful
Christmas!
and a Happy 2020."



Joanne 0416 030 927, Karen (parent support) 0421 506 577

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

CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP

Cana is on holidays!

It will resume on the
29th January 2021.

Bible Reading Group

Our parish is reading 1 Thessalonians on the 11th December.
After finishing 1 and 2 Thessalonians, we will have a break
until January to finish reading the New Testament. You can
join via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or join our Whatsapp group by texting
0404 710 588.

Emmaus Young Adults (23-30 years of age)

Emmaus young adults is on break!

It will resume on the
19th January, 2021!

Covid-19 Plan

- ☐ We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (160 people at Epping and 290 at Carlingford).
- ☐ Coloured cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.
- ☐ All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and sign in the book.
- ☐ We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass
- ☐ There is no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- ☐ All are asked to maintain approx. one arm length of spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand first and then those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).

FACE MASKS THANK YOU !

Thank you to all those that have been wearing masks to mass.

If you have forgotten your mask there is a supply available.
Check with the Greeter or with the Sacristan in the Sacristy.

We strongly encourage our parishioners to continue to care for each other and wear a face mask when attending Mass, especially when singing.



NEW YEAR'S DAY...

the Blessing of Our Images of Our Lady One of the special feast days of this Christmas Season is the greatest and most ancient of the feasts of Mary – 1st January, New Year's Day: (the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God) – we highlight it by annually inviting everyone to bring their images of Mary to be blessed during the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's and the 12:15am Mass at Epping. New Year's Day is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates Mary's role in our salvation: that it was through her acceptance of God's call and placing herself at the service of God that the Word was made flesh in and through her. As such this feast celebrates Mary as our model as she challenges us likewise to be 'mother of God' bringing Jesus to birth in our world through our own lives.

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Your **email address** and then
Click on—**Sign Up**

A thought on Night and Midnight Mass . . . One of the most beautiful things in the treasury of our Church is the tradition of Night and Midnight Mass. 'The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.' Advent reminds us of something that's true of all life – that we search and look for God sometimes in darkness, sometimes full of our human uncertainties. We discover God in that darkness – we glimpse those moments of light and peace which enable us to continue on the journey. The timing of Night and Midnight Mass is beautiful. Our gift to God is to stay awake on this great feast till those still night hours, that time of deep darkness which symbolises the darkness in which we wait for God to enter our lives. And then the celebration of the light of God's coming is even more symbolic: light and joy break into the stillness and darkness of that midnight hour. It's a beautiful way to keep vigil and to usher in the celebration of

the birth that changes the world. We do it at a time free from all the frantic preparations of Christmas Eve and before the busyness of Christmas Day itself.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The second CWF Appeal for this Financial Year is currently being held in both our churches.

Envelopes can be found at the back of the churches near the bulletin boxes. Our parish quota for the Appeal is \$19,258. Please give generously, as any shortfall needs to be made up from parish funds.

SHORTFALL AFTER 4th WEEK \$9,583

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or use the QR code shown on this page.

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OR Complete your CWF Envelope

Are we there yet?

Many are waiting for Christmas and the time will come to welcome the baby, Jesus. Christ comes at Christmas and Christ comes to us at Mass. Make Christ-Mass come true for you with Christ coming into your heart.

Make it your choice to be there. Come to Bethlehem to see. Come to hear the angels singing "Glory to God in the highest". Come together as family, believing families will find love, forgiveness, and be healed.

Where are you up to with Christmas?

There is always too much to do, so choose what is more important. Be active as a family. Lynn has wonderful ways to make your home special and make precious memories for your children. Play Carols and Christmas music about Christ coming.

Christmas and the time after is a time to grow in your belief that **Jesus is the Son of God**.

Jesus has come to bring God to us. As John put it in his Gospel, **For God so loved the world he sent his only Son**. Jn 3:16

Find your words to express your belief. How would you complete this sentence? Christmas is about . . . Or The birth of Jesus brings these gifts into our world . . .

In the Gospel, we hear Gabrielle say, *Mary, do not be afraid*. We hear Mary say, **Let what you have said be done to me**. Both statements are spoken to us today. Do not be afraid. Let what is said by God be done in your life.

May both elements be true for you this Christmas

Denis McNamara
Supporting Missionary Disciples



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Join in the discussion about preparation during this time of Advent and other interesting Christmas Traditions.



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Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—Mary's humility

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

This Sunday just before Christmas, we listen to the Gospel of the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:26-38).

In this Gospel passage, we notice a contrast between the promises of the angel and Mary's response. This contrast is manifested in the dimension and content of the expressions of the two protagonists. The angel says to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (vv. 30-33). It is a long revelation which opens unprecedented possibilities. The Child that will be born to this humble girl from Nazareth will be called Son of the Most High. It is not possible to conceive of a higher dignity than this. And after Mary's question in which she asks for an explanation, the angel's revelation becomes even more detailed and surprising.

On the other hand, Mary's reply is a short sentence that does not speak of glory. It does not speak of privilege but only of willingness and service: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). The content is also different. Mary does not exalt herself before the prospect of becoming the mother of the Messiah, but rather remains modest and expresses her acceptance of the Lord's plan. Mary does not boast. She is humble and modest. She always remains the same.

This contrast is meaningful. It makes us understand that Mary is truly humble and does not try to be noticed. She recognizes that she is small before God and she is happy to be so. At the same time, she is aware that the fulfilment of God's plan depends on her response, and that therefore she is called to accept it with her whole being.

In this circumstance, Mary's behaviour corresponds perfectly to that of the Son of God when he comes into the world. He wants to become the Servant of the Lord, to put himself at the service of humanity to fulfil the Father's plan. Mary says: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord"; and the Son of God upon entering the world says: "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:7). Mary's attitude fully mirrors this statement by the Son of God who also becomes the son of Mary. Thus Our Lady shows that she is in perfect accord with God's plan. Furthermore she reveals herself as a disciple of his Son, and in the Magnificat, she will be able to proclaim that God has "exalted those of low degree" (Lk 1:52) because with her humble and generous response, she has obtained great joy and also great glory.

As we admire our Mother for this response to God's call to mission, we ask her to help each of us to welcome God's plan into our lives with sincere humility and brave generosity.

SOURCE: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papafrancesco_angelus_20171224.html
EMPHASIS MINE.



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St. Gerard Majella Carlingford: Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and can be placed in the second collection box. Also, Receipts can be provided immediately if the donation is made to one of our members at the Piety Store.

Your gift could change a life this Christmas



THANK YOU

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

The local Parish Conference would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Parish and school communities for their outstanding contribution to this year's Hamper request. Your generosity has made it possible for the local SVdP to give Christmas Hampers to 41 local families and assist them to share in the spirit of Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus. We particularly thank all those who organised the collections in the school and Parish and those who assisted in sorting and delivering the hampers.



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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 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.

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.

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.



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Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps 88:2-5.27.29 R. Cf. v 2

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**I am the servant of the Lord;
may his will for me be done.**Alleluia!****WEEKEND MASSES****Please note, we must
adhere to social distancing
within the churches.****EPPING:**5:00 pm Vigil Mas
8:30 am Mass
10:15 am Mass
NO 6:00 pm Mass
on 25/12/20**CARLINGFORD:**6:00 pm Vigil Mass
7:45 am Mass
9:30 am Mass**Healing Masses****23rd December at OLHC
Church, Epping at 10am****Exposition of the Eucharist
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am-10:15am

Carlingford

4th Thursday of the month

WEEKDAY MASSES**Please note, we must
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within the churches.****EPPING:**Monday—No Mass
Tuesday—12:15 pm
Wednesday—10:00 am
NO Thursday 12:15pm on 24/12
Friday—12:15 pm
Saturday—9:15 am**CARLINGFORD:**Monday—9:30 am
Tuesday—No Mass
Wednesday—9:30 am
Thursday—9:30 am
Friday—9:30 am
Saturday—No Mass**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am—10:15am

Carlingford

Sat. 5:00pm—5:30pm

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Christians
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olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:****Recently deceased:** Lynn Sweeney, Jenny Roberts, Anthony Fernandes, Mick Atkins, Margaret McShane, May May Wong, Clara Ni Wayaan Kurniati, Evelyn Joseph, Adeline Theodore.*Please pray for Neville "Nev" Wilkin who died last week, the Funeral Mass
was held on Friday 18th December at St Gerard's***Anniversaries:** Francis Xavier, Maryanne Whealing,**Also for:** Tania Rosario,**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, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Alison Deane, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Pauline Wicks rsj, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly, John Goodwin, 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,**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	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
24/12/20	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
24/12/20	7:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
24/12/20	Midnight	Fr Peter Dowd	10:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/12/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/12/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
25/12/20	6:00pm	No Mass		

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27/12/20	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		

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