The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church 31 Oxford Street, Epping and St Gerard Majella Church 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Dowd, Ph.: 9876 2853

Email: peter@eppcarl.org.au



Assistant Priest: Fr Bogdan Skupien

Ph.: 9876 2853

Email: Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au

Email: parish@eppcarl.orq.au Parish Office: 9876 2853

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21-06-20

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Dear sisters and brothers,

In the light of the lifting of numerical restrictions in places of worship from 1 July announced recently by the state government, we will return to our normal Sunday and Saturday night Vigil roster of Masses on the weekend of the 4/5 July. This is a cause of great joy and thanksgiving as well as providing a further challenge for our parish. While there will be no upper limit on the number of people who can attend, we will still need to respect the 4 square meter rule between persons. From a practical perspective, this requirement will limit the actual numbers of people who can be present depending on the size of the church, but with a bit of creative thinking (and providing some parishioners are prepared to sit in the front areas/seats of the church!), my hope is that we may be able to avoid having to 'register' for Mass or, even worse, turn people away. 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 placing of people to assist in ensuring we get the physical distancing correct.

Secondly, as a "warm-up" to the first weekend in July when all of our scheduled parish weekend Masses will be available, next weekend, the 27/28 June, we will have only our four Sunday morning Masses available for parishioners to celebrate Mass with the current maximum number of 50 people only allowed in attendance:

Carlingford: 7.45 and 9.30am Epping: 8.30 and 10.15am In other words, there will be no Saturday night vigils or Sunday night Masses available at either church this weekend only. People will need to register by phoning the parish office during the week on 9876 2853 to be able to celebrate one of these four parish Masses. We will also record the Sunday Mass on the previous Saturday morning as usual and hopefully have it ready for viewing by 5pm that same evening. My apologies for the occasions when due to technical difficulties the Mass has not been available until later that evening or the following Sunday morning.

After consulting with the PPC, my hope will be that we can continue to provide a live-streaming option of one of our Sunday parish Masses from July onwards for those who genuinely can't join us physically for Mass in one of our churches.

Fr Bogdan and I look forward to welcoming you all back to Sunday Eucharist over the coming weeks!

Blessings,

Fr Peter



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



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, mem-

bers of the Church and of our families.

We would like to invite you to join us at our first meeting on Saturday, 4th July at 10.30am at Epping in the parish meeting room (under the church).

Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan



Parish Radio Station

Our Parish is considering starting our own radio station. We want to be more connected with our parishioners. We would like to

invite you to join us and be a part of parish Radio team. If you have previous radio experience you can share it with us; if you don't have that experience then you can learn something new. We are looking for volunteers who can dedicate their time and share it with others. If you think that the radio is for you contact Fr Peter or Fr Bogdan. Email addresses for:

Fr Bogdan—Bogdan.Skupien@bbcatholic.org.au

Live-streaming of Weekday Mass

Our parish has been welcoming parishioners back for weekday Mass in increasing numbers. It has been so lovely to see familiar faces transitioning from our "online church" back to both our churches in person!

Keeping in mind leaving home is still not an option for some at the present time, we will now live-stream our parish weekday Mass from our parish Facebook page on Tuesday 12:15pm from Epping and Wednesday at 9:30am from Carlingford. We hope live-streaming our weekday Mass gives you the opportunity to join us in prayer using this link: https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford/



Alternatively, you can use your mobile phone to scan this QR code below which will take you directly to our parish Facebook page:



How to Scan QR Codes on Your Phone

*To scan a QR code, you need a smartphone with a camera and, in some cases, a mobile app. An iPhone running iOS 11 (or later) comes with a built-in QR reader in its camera. Other smartphones may require that you download a mobile app, which you can easily obtain from your app store free of charge.

When you want to scan a QR code, launch the app and point your smartphone at it; you will then either see the code's information or get a prompt to open a URL.

Be sure to check the URL matches our parish online site before inputting any credentials, something you should already be doing anyway. *Source: lifewire.com

Parish YouTube Channel



Parish Website



PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary:

Dennis Porteous Ph.: 9876 2853 Email: dennis@eppcarl.org.au

Asst. Parish Secretary: Maree Balzulat Ph.: 9876 2853 Email: maree@eppcarl.org.au **Pastoral Care Assistant:**

Maree Balzulat Ph.: 9876 2853 Email: maree@eppcarl.org.au

Parish Support Worker (PSW) Sacramental Programmes and **Children's Ministries** Lynn Siau

Ph.: 0407 255 593 Email: lynn@eppcarl.org.au

Sacramental Programme Assistant: Lisha Abraham

Ph.: 0407 255 593 Email: kids. Sacrament@eppcarl.org.au

Pastoral Support Worker (PSW) Youth: Joanna Mak

Ph.: 0404 710 588

Email: joanna@eppcarl.org.au

Missionary Discipleship Coordinator: Denis McNamara

Ph.: 0410 041 944

Email: denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au

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

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 Touch

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Antioch are meeting online (via zoom) this Sunday 6-8pm!

To join, please message our parent support, Joanne (joanne_sin@hotmail.com) or youth minister, Joanna Mak (joanna@eppcarl.org.au or 0404 710 588).

Also, follow us on our Facebook page, @ Epping & Carlingford Antioch Community!

| Parish Diary for this Week | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Mon | 22/6 | 9:30am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| Tue | 23/6 | 12:15pm | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| Wed | 24/6 | 9:15am | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| | | 9:30am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| Thur | 25/6 | 9:30am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| | | 12:15pm | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| Fri | 26/6 | 9:30am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| | | 12:15pm | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| Sat | 27/6 | 12:00pm | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| | | 12:30pm | Exposition and Reconciliation | | | | | |
| | | 1:00pm | Benediction | | | | | |
| | | 4:30pm | Reconciliation at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| Sat | 27/6 | 5:00pm | Vigil Mass OLHC | | | | | |
| | | 6:00pm | Vigil Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| Sun | 28/6 | 7:45am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| | | 8:30am | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |
| | | 9:30am | Mass at St Gerard's | | | | | |
| | | 10:15am | Mass at OLHC | | | | | |

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Memoria, Sts John Fisher and Thomas Monday:

More.

Wednesday: Solemnity, The Nativity of St John the

Baptist.

Parish Bible Reading Group

Our Bible reading group is currently reading Mark and about to finish. We will start reading Luke from the 29th June. Join us on our Facebook group via this link https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1148887152176778/ or join our Whatsapp group by texting Luke24 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

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.



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

Thank You for Your Support

Prayer Requests

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



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



Children's Sacramental Programme – Confirmation

Hello everyone! Well! It seems like ages ago I last wrote about our parish sacramental programme. Having to write about it again this week certainly brings a sense of the reality that things are really progressing past the last few months' of "waiting", with the lifting of the COVID19 restrictions.

As Fr Peter mentioned in last week's bulletin, our parish was originally scheduled to celebrate Confirmation in September. Although Bishop Anthony has currently postponed all celebrations of Confirmation within the diocese until further notice, there is still a possibility that we might be able to proceed this year should Bishop Anthony so decide, such as when we are able to gather in bigger numbers within our churches.

With that in mind, I would like to invite enquiries for Confirmation 2020 for children. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation.

If you would like to be placed on our email list to be sent information about Confirmation and enrolment when the time comes, please contact us and we can have this organised. Kindly note some essential changes may be made to the enrolment process, depending on such factors as the gathering numbers. As such we invite you to contact us so you can be kept informed on when and how the Parent Information Session will be held.

We look forward to building a fruitful relationship. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you a most lovely week ahead and may God bless you abundantly!

Lynn Siau Sacramental Programme and Children's Ministries 0407 255 593 lynn@eppcarl.org.au

CARLINGFORD HEALING & ANOINTING MASS Our monthly Healing Mass <u>will not</u> take place on **Thursday, 2 July**.

Why do we do that?

Sprinkling with Water The Rite of Asperges (from the Latin aspergere – to sprinkle) is always an option to replace the Penitential Rite on Sundays because the first sacrament of reconciliation is of course baptism. The sprinkling, reminding us of our dignity as baptised people, is a sign of the life of grace given by God and our call to respond to it.

It's customary to make the Sign of the Cross as the water falls on us – as our own gesture of accepting the call that comes through this reminder of baptism, and a way of reminding ourselves that through baptism we are signed with Christ's Cross and share in the life of the Resurrection that it brings.

Reflection for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have no fear. Do not fear.

Do not be afraid. Mt 10:26,28,31

Jesus spoke clearly about fear, to his followers and says to us in the Gospel this Sunday.

Why should we have no fear?

All will be revealed, for the truth will come out. You are valuable and more precious than 2 sparrows! Then Jesus makes this promise:

Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

This is challenging! How do we deny Jesus before others? It is not a question put to us in conversations today ~ **Do you** deny Jesus?

St Paul writing to the Romans in the second reading contrasted the difference between the person of **Adam**, and the person of **Jesus**. He shows how Christ restored humanity from what humanity had lost in the person of Adam. Paul argues that Jesus is the perfect human being, and we are to model our lives on him, and aspire to live like him.

The question being put to us today, is "Do we acknowledge Jesus in a way that others can see we are followers?" The alternative is that we follow Adam. We go along with the choice to live a way of life that denies that Christ has come into our world or come into our lives.

The challenge for us is to know Jesus and to receive the Holy Spirit who helps us live like Jesus.

May we pray for the grace to have no fear and to have courage to acknowledge Jesus as the Lord.

May Jesus give us grace to hope.

May Jesus give us a soft heart to hear the cry of the poor and be moved.

May Jesus give us hard hands ready to help and to heal our world.

At the end of the week we could ask ourselves; Did we acknowledge Jesus before others? Did others recognise Jesus in the way we acted? What evidence can we show that we were acting like Jesus. Then Jesus will recognise us before his Father in heaven.

Denis McNamara Supporting Disciples

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School Principal: Mrs Barbara Yee 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford 2118 P: 9871 1633 www.sgcdbb.catholic.edu

E: sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au





Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Primary School
Principal: Ms Dominique O'Sullivan
8 Cambridge Street, Epping 2121 Ph: 9868 3322
www.olhcdbb.catholic.edu.au
Email: olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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.

Circle of Friends

If you are all self-isolating or staying at home and need some help, we want you to know you are not alone and where possible we would like to help. Whether it's a regular call to check in on how you are going, picking up made up scripts from the chemist, helping with shopping or praying with you, we have parishioners who have already stepped up to

offer their time and service for you. The idea if that we use this time especially to create what one of our parishioners referred to as a "Circle of Friends" within the parish.

Some of the ways we can offer you support are:

- · A friendly phone call to check-in.
- Urgent supplies for example , picking up medical prescriptions.
- Errands such as posting mail, picking up parcels.
- Prayer support—to chat, to listen and to pray with you.
- Computer support, for example how to connect to video chats or online Masses, how to buy items online.

If you would like some support or know someone else in need please let us know by calling the parish on 9876 2853 or send an email to maree@eppcarl.org.au Of course, all requests will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Also if anyone is able to offer their services with providing any of the above areas could you also please make contact with the parish as noted above.

We have been hearing some great stories about how people are coming together praying in new and different ways

either on their own or with their families.

We would like to hear your stories also to share anonymously with the wider parish! Please send a brief description to me at my email address peter@eppcarl.org.au



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.

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.

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.

GLORIA

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.

World Elder Abuse Awareness

Amen.

A day of awareness is held annually on 15th June. We must do what we can to stand up for the right of older people in our community. Watch this video and join in the discussion to end abuse of older people https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ompldmIIcPw

Pope Francis has said old-age is a "precious treasure that takes shape in the journey of every man and woman's life, whatever their origin, background, or economic or social conditions." He said, "Life is a gift, and when it is long it is a privilege, for oneself and for others. Always, "He calls on the Church to care for the elderly, going to them with "a smile on your face and the Gospel in your hands" (Vatican news).

THE NICENE CREED

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

This Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus



Awesome service. Amazing results.

Betty Ockerlander

bettyockerlander@mcgrath.com.au 0408 505 080

McGrath



K6 TUTORING

Literacy | Maths | Naplan

Local tutor with 20 years experience teaching primary students.

CONTACT URSULA SIMPSON 0409 366 063 ursula@k6tutoring.com.au

www.k6tutoring.com.au

Pre-Marriage Course

Couples before you officially say

"I-Do", take this course to learn how to **build** a stronger foundation for your **marriage**.

Call **Cynthia:** 0404 488 238

E: 3Rcounselling@gmail.com

www.3Rcounselling.com.au



www.wnbull.com.au wnbull@wnbull.com 9519 5344

An Australian owned company

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel— An Invitation to a Deeper Virtue

Perhaps the most misunderstood text in all of scripture is the one where Jesus says to us: "Unless your virtue goes deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter into the kingdom of heaven."

We generally misunderstand that because we wrongly think that Jesus is referring to the vices of the Scribes and Pharisees, not their virtue. We look at the hypocrisy, jealousy, double-standard, and rigid legalism of the Scribes and Pharisees and easily distance ourselves from that. But it wasn't their vices that Jesus was referring to, but their virtues.

What was the virtue of the Scribes and Pharisees? In fact, they had a pretty high standard. The ten commandments, strict justice in all things, compassion for the poor, and the practice of hospitality, constituted their ideal for virtuous living. What's wrong with that? What's required beyond these?

Can you take in bitterness, curses, hatred, and murder itself, and give back graciousness, blessing, love, understanding, and forgiveness?

In Jesus's view, what's wrong is that, in the end, it's still too easy. Any good person does these things, simply on the basis of decency. What's wrong is that ultimately we still give back in kind, an eye for an eye—dollar for dollar, goodness for goodness, kindness for kindness, slight for slight, hatred for hatred, murder for murder. Nothing is ever really transformed, moved beyond, redeemed, transcended, forgiven.

Simply put, if I'm living the virtue of the Scribes and Pharisees, I react this way: if you come to me and say, "I like you! You're a wonderful person," my response naturally will be in kind: "I like you too! Obviously you're a wonderful person!" What I'm doing is simply feeding your own good energy back to you. But that has a nasty underside: if you come to me and say, "I hate you!

energy back to you. But that has a nasty underside: if you come to me and say, "I hate you! You're a charlatan and a hypocrite," my response will also be in kind: "I hate you too! Clearly you're a very petty person!" This is ultimately what "an eye for an eye" morality, strict justice, comes down to. We end up feeding back the other's energy, good or bad, and replicating the other's virtue, good or bad. That's the natural way, but it's not the Christian way.

It's precisely here where Jesus' invites us "beyond", beyond natural reaction, beyond instinct, beyond giving back in kind, beyond legal rights, beyond strict justice, beyond the need to be right, beyond even the ten commandments, beyond the virtue of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Indeed the litmus-test for Christian orthodoxy is not the creed (can you believe this set of truths?) but this particular challenge from Jesus: can you love an enemy? Can you avoid giving back in kind? Can you move beyond your natural reactions and transform the energy that enters you from others, so as to not give back bitterness for bitterness, harsh words for harsh words, curse for curse, hatred for hatred, murder for murder? Can you rise above your sense of being wronged? Can you renounce your need to be right? Can you move beyond the itch to always have what's due you? Can you forgive, even when every feeling inside of you rebels at its unfairness? Can you take in bitterness, curses, hatred, and murder itself, and give back graciousness, blessing, love, understanding, and forgiveness? That's the root invitation inside of Christianity and it's only when we do this that we move beyond "an eye for an eye."

Admittedly, this isn't easy, either in theory or in practice. Much of what is inside of conventional wisdom, pop psychology, and contemporary spirituality, will object to the very theory of it, pointing out that carrying tension isn't healthy for us, telling us that we have a duty not to enable abusive behavior, and challenging us not to be doormats and victims, but mature persons who claim the legitimate space that's needed in order to be free, giving persons, responsible to God, others, and self, apposite to developing our innate potentials and bringing our gifts to the world. All of these objections are right, of course, though none of them negate Jesus' challenge. His invitation, cleansed from overly-simplistic interpretation, remains: don't be a victim or a doormat or an enabler of abusive behavior, but do consider, willingly and without resentment, laying down your life for others by living this more sublime challenge.

And it's exactly on this point, to do this willingly and without resentment, that its practice grows difficult. It's not easy to do this and not grow resentful and manipulative. More commonly, we carry others' crosses—but end up being bitter about it and sending them the bill. The Scribes and Pharisees had this down to an fine art. That too was part of their virtue. Growing resentful or manipulative while serving others is a perennial danger, though, as Goethe says: "The dangers of life are many and safety is one of them."

And so the invitation of Jesus to what's higher, more sublime, more noble, remains; as does the gentle, understanding, faithful, non-threatening, non-coercive, non guilt-inducing, but persistent and uncompromising, presence of God.

Ron Rolheiser

Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Currently, Father Rolheiser is serving as President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio Texas. He can be contacted through his web site, www.ronrolheiser.com.

True believers help sinners through prayer: Pope

By Junno Arocho Esteves, CNS

Just as Moses implored God's mercy for his people when they sinned, Christians also must act as intermediaries because even "the worst sinners, the wickedest people, the most corrupt leaders – they are children of God," the Pope said during his weekly general audience.

"Think of Moses, the intercessor," he said. "And when we want to condemn someone and we become angry inside – to get angry is good; it can be healthy, but to condemn does no good – let us intercede for him or her; it will help us so much."

The Pope continued his series of talks on prayer and reflected on Moses' prayer to God who was angered at the people of Israel after they made and worshipped a golden calf.

after they made and worshipped a golden calf.

When God first called him, Moses was "in human terms, a 'failure'," and often doubted himself and his calling, the Pope said.

"This happens to us, too: when we have doubts, how can we pray?" he asked. "It is not easy for us to pray. And it is because of (Moses') weakness, as well as his strength, that we are impressed."

Despite his failings, the Pope continued, Moses carries on the mission entrusted to him while never ceasing "to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour of temptation and sin. He was always attached to his people." "Despite his privileged status, Moses never ceased to belong to that multitude of the poor in spirit who live by trusting in God," the Pope said. "He is a man of his people."

The Pope said that Moses' attachment to his people is an example of "the greatness of pastors" who, far from being "authoritarian and despotic" never forget their flock and are merciful when they sin or give in to temptation.

| SUNDAY MASSES | PLEASE SEE FR PETER'S MESSAGE ON PAGE 1 | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| WEEKDAY MASSES | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | | |
| EPPING | No Mass | 12:15pm | 9:15am | 12:15pm | 12:15pm | 12:00pm | | |
| CARLINGFORD | 9:30am | No Mass | 9:30am | 9:30am | 9:30am | No Mass | | |

Please note that there can only be 50 people in the church at any one time.

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 12:30pm -1:00pm, Carlingford, 4th Thursday 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 12:30pm -1:00pm **Carlingford** Saturday 4:30pm—5:30pm

OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT

PARISH OFFICE: 29 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121 PH: 9876 2853 Email: parish@eppcarl.org.au

ST GERARD MAJELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9871 1633 Email: sqc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTANS PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9868 3322 Email: 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: Trish Gravenor, Veronica Hartwich, Delma Soria,

Please pray for Sr Sophie McGrath RSM who died last week. The funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 25th June at 10:30am at the Sister of Mercy Chapel, 6 Victoria Rd, North Parramatta.

(Please let the parish office knoiw if you are attending so they can let the congregation know)

Anniversary: Megan Barnett, <u>Gan</u> Chin Joo. **Also for:** U J Dellow & Alice Dellow, Lionel (Frost) Bowen & Claire Bowen, Christopher Luke Dwyer, George Whiteoak, Jean Whiteoak, John Whiteoak & Petér Whiteoak.

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, 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, Trene De Nadi Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Agnes Wong, Irene De Nadi.

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 80 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.

Broken Bay News



Broken Bay News is back! The June issue is now available in digital form, it won't be printed at this time. Below is the link to the online edition.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/ docs/

broken bay news june 2020

Included in this issue is the ordination of Fr Paul Tran, Kind, Careful and Creative during COVID-19 and how our schools fared with home-based learning. There is also a feature on Fr Bogdan Skupien, Lynn Siau on Kidz Word

updates and much more!



and Denis McNamara on Alpha. Plenary Council