

Responsorial Psalm Response The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want		Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Mt sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me, Alleluia!				
WEEKEND MASSES						
Epping	5pm 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 MASS	Carlingford —1st Thursday, Epping — 3rd Wednesday					
EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am, Carlingford , 4th Thursday 10:00am						
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am Carlingford Saturday 5:00—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: Violet Smith, Ton & Yuk Lan., Michael Joseph Fahy, Ancizar Lopez, Gan Chin Joo (father of Lynn Siau), Thomas McEnearney, Sheila Lansom, Lawrence O'Donnell (father of Marilyn Sharp), Gerald Viset, Clara Suh, Mary Margaret Smith, Brendan Flanagan, Betty Pearson, Vincent Kertapati, Veronica Ann Gracie, Gilbert Connor.

Anniversaries: Ray Brown, Richard Barry, Mark Hillier, Christine Hyde, Christopher Weeden.

Also for: Rosina De Luca & Aurelia De Luca, John & Elizabeth 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, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Amy, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Greg Walsh, Marion Barton, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Marcie Power, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, Tony ?, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Rob Neil, Josie Scully, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Patricia Amy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Frank Holmes, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik,

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

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
28/07/18	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
29/07/18	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
29/07/18	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
29/07/18	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

July Safeguarding Message

"Recruitment and selection procedures for new employees and volunteers should clearly signal the organisations commitment to children safety." (Final Report, Royal Commission).

OXFORD STREET EPPING

For your information Oxford Street Epping will be closed on **Sunday 29th July**

Access will be via Cambridge Street

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 B

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22-07-18

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34



Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the middle of our fortnight of hosting the Broken Bay Year of Youth Pilgrim Cross, which remains with us until next weekend.

Our Week 1 celebrations have been a wonderful success as we have had opportunity to come together as a Parish Community and celebrate our faith, our community, the Year of Youth, and to take time to contemplate, reflect and experience how we are able to live our life as a Catholic community. With the Cross based at St Gerard's, we have had the opportunity to celebrate through Mass, Prayer, Praise and Worship, witness of our faith and reflect on Jesus' passion. This weekend we have also undertaken a pilgrimage to process the Year of Youth Pilgrim Cross from St Gerard's Church to Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Epping.

With the Cross now based at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping our celebrations continue:

Sunday 22nd July

Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00pm—7:30pm
(Will be held after the 6pm Sunday night Mass.)

7:30pm Antioch will be Hosting a Social Pizza Night

(after the Divine Mercy Chaplet) in the parish meeting room Epping.

Monday 23rd July

Our Lady Help of Christians School Epping Event

Tuesday 24th July

St Gerard Majella's Carlingford School Event.

Wednesday 25th July 7:30pm—9:00pm

Taizé celebrations followed by supper in the parish

Meeting room at Epping.

Come and experience the church being filled with candles around the altar with gentle music chants including a reflection on 'Being Still.' Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place. If you bring a plate of food to share that would be appreciated,

Friday 27th July 7:00pm

Evening prayer followed by the handover of the Cross to St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills.

Fr Peter

Parish Youth Forum

Following the Year of Youth Pilgrim Cross Celebrations, we will be holding a Parish Youth Forum as part of the Year of Youth celebrations. The Forum, in which the Australian Catholic Bishops are inviting us to enter into a prayerful discernment about the important and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society, will be held on Sunday 9 September, after the 10.15am Mass at Epping in the OLHC Parish Hall. More details will be available of the coming weeks.



Growing in Faith - Sharing with Others

Many Catholics want to share their faith with others but don't feel confident to do so.

Martin Teulan, the former National Director of Catholic Mission, has carefully designed this very practical and enjoyable program for Epping and Carlingford Parish parishioners on faith sharing. Parishioners will find it interesting personally to learn more about themselves and the basics of our faith, and also what attracts people to the church and faith today.

From this, we will learn the skills of how to share our faith in a low-key, appropriate and attractive way with others.

If you would like to join a team in organising and presenting this course, please email Maree in the parish office at maree@eppcarl.org.au or call Martin Teulan on 0408 867 046.

When: Thursdays - 6, 13, 20 & 27th September
Time: 7:15am
Venue: Parish Meeting Room Epping



Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass for Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

With the appointment of Most Rev Peter A Comensoli as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, the Diocese of Broken Bay will hold a Farewell Mass for him with all the faithful of the Diocese invited.

Followed by Thanksgiving Gathering light refreshments in The Light of Christ Centre.

Date: Sunday 22 July 2018 **Time:** 2:00pm
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Wai-tara

THANK YOU PAT!!

Over the six years I have been here at Epping and Carlingford, one parishioner who has assisted me greatly, especially when it came to the administration of the parish hall and maintenance at St Gerard's, has been Pat McArdle. Words cannot express the deep appreciation that I have for his most generous, conscientious and loyal service. After many years in these roles Pat will now be stepping down from his positions as manager of the St Gerard's parish hall and maintenance coordinator.

Many of you will know that Pat has been responsible for these roles for many years, generously giving of his time to provide support for the Parish. I remain deeply grateful for all that Pat has done for the Parish and the assistance that he has provided in performing these roles. I will be reviewing arrangements for the Hall and Parish maintenance in the coming months, however, in the meantime if you have any enquiries about the Hall I would ask that you direct those inquiries to **Dennis Porteous** or **Maree Balzulat** via the parish office.
Fr Peter



Children's Sacramental Journey Confirmation 2018

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation will close this Sunday, 22nd July. Enrolment information, forms and brochures are available at the back of both churches and available for download on the parish website www.eppcarl.org.au Alternatively, please feel free to contact us and we will forward you the enrolment kit.

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th July at 7:30pm in the parish hall at Our Lady Help of Christians' in Epping. Parking is available on school grounds (entrance via Cambridge Street). A parent is required to attend just **one** of these evenings as part of the enrolment process. Children do not need to attend.

Children enrolled in this Sacrament's preparation are required to attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. The group sessions are family-centred and encourage parent-child interaction with activities to help children explore the key concepts of the sacrament in an age-appropriate and fun way. Upon completion, the children (also known as Candidates) will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 8th September.

We always like to hear from you! If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to drop us a line.

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Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
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Broken Bay Bible Conference 2018

"St Paul: Persecutor to Preacher"

Friday - Saturday 27-28 July 2018

Registrations for the Bible Conference close 11 July. Come along to meet Paul, the passionate proclaimer of the Gospel, and learn about his journey from persecutor to preacher. Presented by acclaimed international biblical scholar Fr Nicholas King SJ; Dr Catherine Playoust; and Most Rev David L. Walker. The conference includes a Conference Mass; 9 talks with interactive discussions and question time; a Panel Presentation; and a Conference Dinner.

Venue: The Heritage Function Centre, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Rd West Ryde 2114

Costs: Full Conference Registration \$110;

Single Day **Registration** \$55

Register at: www.trybooking.com/UFJU

Enquiries: Web: www.dbb.org.au/bible Email:

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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.
Amen.



ACBC Australian WYD2019 Prayer (WYD 2019 in Panama)

Eternal God,
You loved the world so much that You gave us your only Son,
to accompany us in every moment of our lives.
From diverse backgrounds across our vast land,
we journey as one, your pilgrim church.

We leave what is known and what is precious to us
to embark on life's pilgrimage,
uncertain of who our companions will be
or what joys, hopes and challenges await us.

In our brokenness, we desire wholeness.
We trust Jesus, your Word, to lead us on this journey.
Unafraid of what we do not know,
we are full of excitement and ready to embrace all.

May your Holy Spirit open us to transformation.
We want to give ourselves to the Holy Spirit as Mary did.
With her, we say:
"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word".
Assist us that we may welcome all that is needed to renew our lives.

May we become Jesus' true disciples,
forgetting ourselves and loving His kingdom, His truth,
and all he came to save by His Holy Cross.

Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia,

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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,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', 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.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital to please ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can

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 May or June? Please give the parish office a call on 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

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Parish Diary for this Week

- Sun. 22/7 9:30am No Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
 10:15am No Kidz Word at OLHC Church
 2:00pm Farewell Mass for Bishop Commensoli
 7:00pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet (after 6pm Mass)**
 7:30pm **Antioch—hosting Social Pizza Night**
- Mon. 23/7 9:00am Youth Cross OLHC Epping School event
 9:00am PH Epping Little Engines Playgroup
 9:30am **Mass at St Gerard's Church**
 9:30am PH Carlingford Gerry's Playgroup
 7:30pm CH Carlingford Rosary Group
 8:00pm PMR Carlingford SVdP Meeting
- Tue. 24/7 9:00am Youth Cross St Gerard's School Event
 12:15pm **Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
 7:00pm CH Carlingford Adult Choir practice
 7:30pm PMR Epping—Website meeting
 7:30pm PH Epping Parent Info. Evening for Confirmation
- Wed. 25/7 9:15am **Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
 9:30am **Mass at St Gerard's**
 7:30pm **CH Epping Taizé Celebrations followed supper in the parish meeting room**
- Thur. 26/7 9:30am **Mass at St Gerard's followed by Exposition and Benediction**
 12:15pm **Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
 7:30pm PH Epping Parent Info Evening for Confirmation
- Fri. 27/7 9:30am **Mass at St Gerard's**
 10:00am PMR C'ford Scripture Reflection
 10:00am CH Epping Funeral for Gilbert Connor
 10:15am Class Mass Yr.5 at OLHC School
 12:15pm **Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
 7:00pm PH Hall—Cana recommences
 7:00pm CH Epping Year of Youth Cross Prayer Evening
- Sat. 28/7 9:15am **Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
 9:45am Exposition and Reconciliation
 10:20am Benediction
 5:00pm **Vigil Mass at OLHC Church**
 5:00pm Reconciliation at St Gerard's
 6:00pm **Vigil Mass at St Gerard's**

St Agatha's Parish—Year of Youth Cross

This is an invitation to any youth and young adults of our Deanery to a night with St Agatha's youth to join in prayer around the Year of Youth Cross. Details are as follows: Friday, 3rd August at 7pm at St Agatha's Pennant Hills. Enter via the carpark, 11-13 Trebor Road, Pennant Hills. "Take up your Cross"—you are welcome to this prayer and fellowship night. Please RSVP to Rachel Vale, Youth Minister on 9484 1427 or email youthworker@stagatha.org.au by Wednesday, 1st August.



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16th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Wednesday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – **a holy day of obligation**
Mass times are as follows:

14th August

7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's

15th August

- 9:30am** Mass at St Gerard's Schools attending.
- 12:15pm** Mass Our Lady Help of Christians Schools attending.
- 7:30pm** Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.



ALPHA PROGRAMME

Alpha recommences on Thursday 26th July with the session "How Can I Resist Evil"

Parish Meeting Room at Epping at 9:15am

And

Parish Meeting Room at Carlingford at 7:00pm

For further information please contact The Parish Office on 9876 2853

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel: Good Shepherds and Bad

A Jesuit friend of mine was an actual shepherd in his youth. He had spent plenty of time out in the fields, so I asked him what taking care of sheep was like. My motive was about our readings today, all of which have references to shepherds.

He surprised me. He said he hated being a shepherd and would never want to go near it again. Never. Why? Because today there are huge numbers of sheep in a herd and you could never know which was which, much less have names for them. Sheep-dogs, not the shepherd, could keep them more or less together. It was a cold job, uncomfortable and unrewarding, an industry now, with nothing personal about it.

What a surprise.

This seemed like the exact opposite of what we hear in the Bible.

*The needy throng
Traced where they
figured the boat
was going.*

They formed a "vast crowd" and ran to the spot! In Jesus' day, however, the herds were much smaller. A shepherd could name each sheep and they knew their master's voice by heart, the way the family dog knows your voice. Good shepherds would search and search for one lost sheep. Or if one was turned absurdly on its back, unable to roll over because of its full fleece, the shepherd would take his "crook," and using the big curve on one end, easily maneuver that sheep back to its feet.

And if there was real danger, as for instance if wolves were ready to pounce, the shepherd would take out his "staff," which served as a weapon, and deal with the predators.

Bad shepherds, on the other hand, would actually scatter the sheep. God said this in the First Reading. Sheep feared and trembled and many went missing. Sometimes the uncaring shepherds would lessen their burden by driving the sheep off. People were hired who were not shepherds at all, who simply ran away when a wolf approached (Jn 10:12). God's anger flames up against them in the First Reading.

Sheep and shepherds in the bible are symbols. Jesus is the Good Shepherd in our famous Responsorial Psalm, putting himself out for us who are his sheep.

Now look at the Gospel. There, Jesus was becoming very popular. Many people were coming and going, so that he and his apostles "had no opportunity even to eat." He wisely invited them to come away with him to a quiet place for rest. They went off in a boat to a "deserted place."

But the needy throng traced where they figured the boat was going. They formed a "vast crowd" and ran to the spot! What should Jesus do, start ministering to them again instead of resting? The Gospel says "his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." And, "he began to teach them many things."

God's words in the First Reading had come true: "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock ... and bring them back to their meadow."

The question for you and me is not whether we should go without food and drink or be workaholics for the sake of others. It is whether our own hearts are ever moved even once with pity for the scattered and fear-filled sheep-folk of our own time. Can we love them and each other, with Jesus' love?

Can we be good shepherds?

John Foley, SJ

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CANA: OUR yrs. 7 -9 YOUTH GROUP

**CANA IS NOW ON A BREAK
AND WILL RESUME
ON FRIDAY 27 JULY 2018**

Ring Ashleigh for any further
information
0430 120 015



Twilight Talks

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to *Twilight Talks*. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. In August, we will be welcoming The Culture Project team as they break open our theme of "Restoring Human Dignity".

Date: Tuesday 7 August 2018; Tuesday 16 October 2018 **Time:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:

**Meeting this Sunday 22 July;
Antioch will be hosting a Social Pizza
Night (after the Divine Mercy Chaplet)
in the parish meeting room at Epping
at 7:30pm**

If you would like more info about Antioch
or would like to come,
please contact
Donna 0498 935 580

So head on down and bring a friend.

ALL VERY WELCOME!!

*"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians."
" ~Acts 11:26*