

**Responsorial Psalm Response
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Lord has done great things for us;
We are filled with joy..

**Gospel Acclamation—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

WEEKEND MASSES

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	6:00pm	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							
Also, Epping Monday 6pm and Carlingford Friday at 7:30pm 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: Stella Nathan (mother of Cynthia Nathan), Ted Stone, Luciana Turco, Yew Lee.

*Please pray for **John Butler** who pass away last Saturday, 16 Oct 2021.*

His funeral was held at Macquarie Park Cemetery.

*Please pray for **Margaret Ann McLaughlin** who passed away on 7 Oct 2021.*

Her funeral took place on Wednesday 20 October at OLHC Epping and interment at Macquarie Park

*Please pray for **Elroy Caspersz** who passed away last week.*

His funeral took place at St Gerard's on Thursday 21 Oct 2021.

Anniversaries: Margaret Mary Dowd, Daniel Scarfe.

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard, Stieger, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly. John Goodwin, George Bell, Michael & Susan Tuite, Noelene Viset, Eileen Brownlow, Leonie Hale, Elaine & Graham Yeates, Anne Kilby, Cohen Hadden, Yuqin Li, Paul Kelly, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Maureen Carlon, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, 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, Janice Lemon, Mary Lou Petony, Donald Wong, Joyce Heidke, Betty Brennan, Dennis Porteous, Tony McEneaney.

SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP

A group of people from local churches meet together once a term to pray for Epping Boys' and Cheltenham Girls' High Schools. We are now also including Carlingford High School.

Please join us in praying for the students, staff, HSC students and chaplains at these schools. We will meet via zoom from 8-9pm on Thursday 4 November. Contact Katrina Collins for zoom details ckjsge@gmail.com or 0400 488 459

Date	Mass Time	Epping	Mass Time	Carlingford
30/01021	5:00pm	Fr Marek Woldan	6:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon
31/10/21	8:30am	Fr Marek Woldan	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
31/10/21	10:15am	Fr Marek Woldan	9:30am	Fr Jim McKeon
31/10/21	11:30am	Fr Jim McKeon		
31/10/21	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		



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YEAR B
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24-10-21
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back to Mass!

With the announcement that NSW will reach 80% vaccination on Oct 16-17, from Monday Oct 18th we will resume our usual Mass and liturgical schedule. It's been awhile so as a reminder it is:

Day	Mass Time	Church
Monday	9:30am	St Gerard's
	6:00pm Reconciliation & Adoration	OLHC
Tuesday	12:15pm	OLHC
Wednesday	9:30am	St Gerard's
	6:00pm	OLHC
Thursday	9:30am	St Gerard's
	12:15pm	OLHC
Friday	9:30am	St Gerard's
	12:15pm	OLHC
	7:30pm Reconciliation & Adoration	St Gerard's
Saturday	9:15am	OLHC
	9:45am Reconciliation & Adoration	OLHC
	5:00pm	OLHC
	6:00pm	St Gerard's
Sunday	7:45am	St Gerard's
	8:30am	OLHC
	9:30am	St Gerard's
	10:15am	OLHC
	6:00pm	OLHC

We will also offer an additional Mass at 11.30am on Sunday Oct 24 at OLHC, as 10.15am is usually the parish's largest Mass and exceeds the 100 person cap. We will announce at

that Mass, based on the numbers attending the 10.15am and 11.30am Mass that day whether this Mass will continue or not.

As per the NSW Government roadmap, churches will be open to everyone, regardless of vaccination. Masks will be required and electronic check using the Service NSW app, a Service NSW Check-in card, or a computer tablet which will be at the door of each church. There will be welcomers at each weekend Mass to assist you.

Covid safe protocols: As with when we emerged from lockdown previously, there will be a few modifications given to us by the diocese as to how we can safely celebrate Mass. Please sit in every second pew to provide spacing between you and the next row. Congregational singing will not be allowed (until December), but up to 10 vaccinated choir members can sing (this is the only ministry where vaccination is a requirement). Communion will be the Body of Christ only, and while it is preferable and safer to receive Communion on the hand at this stage, people who wish to receive Communion on the tongue will be able to come to the priest at the end of the Communion procession, with the priest sanitising his hands between each person. We will not exchange a physical sign of peace. There will be no collection basket passed around, but donations can be made into the red or blue boxes in the church. There will be no procession of gifts nor junior servers at this early stage. In time, each of these will hopefully be eased.

Special Ministers of Communion at St Gerard's: We may have up to 150 people at Mass with several points distribution of Communion. As such, we will again require the ministry of our Special Ministers of Communion. The numbers of ministers required at Mass may vary though, depending on number of priests and the number of people at the Mass. To simplify the role of our ministers, there will no longer be a roster for Communion Ministers at St Gerard's. Instead, there will be crosses on a lanyard hanging by the door of the sacristy for each Communion Minister required.

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If you are a designated and trained Communion Minister you may take a cross and wear it to signify that you will be doing the ministry at that Mass. Communion Ministers at OLHC will continue to be rostered.

November is the month of remembering those who have died. We often receive more Mass offerings than there are Masses in November, so this year, if you would like to make an offering to have Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, these will be sent to the priests of the Diocese of Mendi in Papua New Guinea to be celebrated there, where the donation will be of great support. This is the diocese which Fr Bogdan and Fr Marek both ministered, and they will be able to ensure that the Masses are said and the donations go directly to support the clergy there.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Tues November 2nd. In addition to the regular 9:30am and 12.15pm Masses that day, there will be additional Masses at 6pm at OLHC and 7.30pm at St Gerard's. We recognise that in these past two years many people have been unable to travel to funerals for people they love, and so this will be an opportunity to pray at Mass for someone you love.

Justice: During September we celebrated Migrant and Refugee Sunday. We now have a number of Catholic resources for this important justice issue on our parish website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/groups-and-ministries/refugees/a-wider-we>

Pope Francis has called for a multi-year plan for addressing the care of creation following his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*. With the upcoming COP26 Climate Summit there is an opportunity for us to view this through a Catholic lens. Resources are on our parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/groups-and-ministries/care-for-the-environment>

St Gerard's Meeting Room can be used by groups again, but there are a number of restrictions. The St Gerard's Meeting Room is 111smq (excluding the kitchen), from Oct 11th the capacity is 27 people. Check in with a QR code is required. Vaccination is required (the exemption for unvaccinated people is for places of worship only). Masks are to be worn. Singing is not permitted indoors. Eating, drinking and singing can be done outdoors only. Each group may consider whether all its members will be able to attend under these conditions, or whether to continue to meet online. Restrictions are likely to ease from Dec 1st.

Can You Help?

Gordon & Margaret Floyd were wondering if anyone is in a position to pick them up for the 9:30am Sunday Mass and then drop them home again. This would be on a two weeks. If anyone can help, please call the Parish Office on 9876 2853.

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.

Supporting the Parish Financially

The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of giving, following in the footsteps of St Paul who spoke about caring for one another; it has established and supported many worthwhile charities throughout its long history.

This culture of charity continues on, but a parish can only sustain itself and these charitable works with the help of its parishioners whose generosity makes great things possible.

We ask you to consider making a donation to the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford. To do this please use the following **NEW** bank accounts:

Internet Banking
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 062 784

Church Account (1st Coll). No: 100001603

Please give the Envelope No (if you have one) and your surname.

Pastoral Revenue (2nd Coll.) 100001604

Please use your surname.

1st Collection supports the needs of priests of the parish.

- The priests' monthly salary.
- Upkeep of the presbytery, e.g. food, utilities, cleaner, etc.
- A small percentage to cover the expenses of the Bishop especially in caring for elderly priests.

2nd Collection

- Parish running costs e.g. administration, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
- Parish staff salaries.
- Priests Car Expenses.

Any other questions please contact Dennis Porteous on 9876 2853 or dennis@eppcarl.org.au



Parish Office—Epping Move to Carlingford

The Parish Office will be moving to Carlingford on the 8th November.

The office will be closed from 3rd November at Epping and reopen at Carlingford on the 10th November.

Thank you for your understanding.

A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

DEAR FRIENDS LET'S CELEBRATE WITH SONGS AND MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS TIME.
LET'S AGAIN SING THE PRAISE OF GOD IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

SUNDAY, 26th December 2021

For more information please contact Fr. Bogden or the Parish Office

WELCOME TO THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH



THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH
"PUT THE FAMILY
IN THE HANDS
OF THE FATHER."

The group is dedicated to Catholic men, who together spend time, to pray and to discuss how Catholic men live in today's world, discuss and support Catholic family issues and choices we make.

You are most welcome to join us on Thursday, 28th October. we will come together via Zoom at 6:30pm.

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.

After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim 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.



*Our newly ordained Priests from L to R
Fr Roger Delmonte
Fr Samuel French
Fr Aldrin Valdehueza
who were ordained by
Bishop Anthony Randazzo
last Monday.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

CATECHIST CORNER

I'm interested in being a CATECHIST



Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

'Throughout our Diocese of Broken Bay, hundreds of women and men generously and enthusiastically carry out their mission on a weekly basis as catechists. Their participation in this mission is not to be underestimated. These women and men of faith are called and commissioned to be spiritual guides, teachers of the faith, and leaders in the community. They work with the priests and deacons of the Church. Under my episcopal oversight and care, they are engaged in the mission of evangelisation and catechesis – which is first and foremost a work of faith.'

Letter to the people of Broken Bay

CATCH THE VISION

From the work of a small group of concerned Catholics in the 16th Century has grown one of the most prolific ministries in the Catholic Church. These few passionate souls dedicated themselves to teach people and share their knowledge about the Faith and this has grown into a ministry that extends beyond the boundaries of culture, language, age and resources. It is supported by years of faithful service and changes the lives of thousands of young people. Welcome to the world of a Catechist!

WHY BE A CATECHIST?

The impact you will have on our young people is unique and lasting. You will be welcomed by young people who are eager to hear about God's Love. You will form a special relationship with those you teach, that in many ways, lives on in their minds and hearts long after they finish school. There has never been a more critical time to engage in the faith formation and character development of our young people.

Primary Schools

Epping Public School (Tuesday : 9:20, 9:50am)
Epping North Public School (Thursday : 2:10, 2:40pm)
Epping West Public Schools (Tuesday : 11:40am, 12:10, 12:40pm)
Epping Heights Public School (Friday : 9:10am)
Murray Farm Public School (Tuesday : 9:00, 9:40, 10:20am)
Roselea Public School (Wednesday : 11:30am, 12:00, 12:30pm)

Secondary Schools

Carlingford High School (Wednesday, Friday, am)
Cheltenham Girls School (Thursday, am)
James Ruse Agricultural High School (Wednesday, pm)

WHAT DO I TEACH?

The "Walking with Jesus—Pathways of Discipleship" Curriculum has been specially designed for Catechists to use in the classroom. It is detailed and sequenced to make teaching easy. Lessons contain the elements of prayer, Scripture and student activities which combine to enable the catechist lead the students into a deeper relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested to become a catechist in 2022, please call Parish Office weekdays 9am-4pm at 9876 2853 or contact Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at katherine@eppcarl.org.au and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at mary@eppcarl.org.au

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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 ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on **Wednesday 27th October**, in the parish meeting room at Carlingford commencing at 7:30pm.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place this Wednesday, **3rd November** in the parish meeting room at Carlingford commencing at 7:00pm.

DADS' CLUB The monthly gathering of the parish Dads' Club (for all dads in both the Epping and Carlingford communities of the parish) takes place on **Friday 5 November** at 7:30pm. For further details contact John Williams 0416 064

Our Local Advent Ecumenical Service

A reminder that our next gathering with our fellow local Churches with whom we share a covenant relationship will take place on:

**Tuesday, 23rd November at 7:45pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping**

Please try to come along for this final ecumenical gathering for the year as we prepare together to celebrate the Lord's birth.



Together as One ...

*A Mass to remember, love and
pray with our young people who
have died.*

You are invited to a candlelit Eucharist for parents, siblings, and other family members and friends who have been touched by the death of a baby, (before or after birth), a child or young adult.

**Thursday, 25 November at 7:30pm
St Gerard Majella Church, Carlingford**

You are welcome to bring a photo or a symbol of the young person you are remembering. This could be a small item of clothing, a toy or a favourite book or some other item which is symbolic of the person you are remembering in prayer, and can be placed in the sacred space before Mass.

All are welcome

In this season of waiting,
breathe in life
Life of the One,
who created all things;
whose image we bear.
In this season of waiting,
breathe in love.
Love of the One
who gave a precious Son
to live as one of us.
In the season of waiting,
breathe in peace.
Peace of the One
who calmed the sea
and quiets the tumult of our souls.
In this season of waiting
breathe in hope.
Hope that the One
for whom we wait
is indeed making all things whole.



Christine Sine <https://godspace-msa.com>

Parish Information



Children's Sacramental Journey – Confirmation 2021

As we prepare to gather once again in our churches, much has been planned for the children who completed their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It has been an exciting time filled with anticipation, particularly for some families who will have their child's Godparent/Sponsor arrive from other parts of NSW for this important occasion!

The coming weeks will see Fr Jim, Fr Bogdan, Fr Marek, Hien and myself with the children and one parent at their practice rehearsal inside the churches for the first time since the families embarked on this journey. Adhering to the health orders, the celebration of Confirmation is expected to take place across a number of weekends at the following dates and times:

St Gerard's Church

- Saturday 6 November at 10am
- Saturday 13 November at 10am
- Saturday 20 November at 10am

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

- Saturday 6 November at 2pm
- Saturday 13 November at 2pm
- Saturday 20 November at 2pm
- Sunday 5 December at 2pm

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as this has been such a challenging time for them but by God's Grace, have travelled thus far in their children's faith journey to receive this sacrament. They are an inspiration!

Lynn Siau
Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries
0407 255 593
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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.

Redevelopment Garage Sale

Now that we are allowed back on the Epping site, we are finalising the list of items that will no longer be required. *We would like to find them* good homes before the re-development building works commence in the New Year.



As advised in the last Bulletin, as part of our 'sales strategy' we will be advertising these items in the Parish Bulletin and online for sale and through donation, as well as after *one of the weekend Masses* at Epping from *mid November*. *A big Garage Sale is planned for December*.

Available for purchase are a variety of items, including household furniture (tables, chairs, wardrobe, bookshelf, some white goods (bar fridge, washer, dryer, dishwasher), household effects and kitchenware), as well as our excess office furniture including desks, chairs, cabinetry, bookshelves and filing cabinets.

So, grab yourself a potential bargain. Anyone interested in being able to purchase or giving a donation to the church for these can contact Trish O'Donnell (PPC Secretary) on 0418 650 889 for more information.



A new online App to assist Parish giving

Parish Giving Broken Bay is a newly developed digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers weekly giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.

Straightforward, modern and easy to use, it offers the ability to:

- give regular weekly offerings to 1st and 2nd Collection
- see readings of the day;
- find Mass times and Livestream information;
- discover Catholic news highlights.

Weekly collections are a major source of funds for Parish mission and ministry. With the ability to easily set up Planned Giving for 1st and 2nd Collections, the new App provides flexible giving options as envelopes and cash increasingly become less common.

The App is available on desktop or mobile at www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving

Or search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" and download the

Youth And Young Adults—For more information on any of our three youth groups please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or joanna@eppcarl.org.au.



ANTIOCH (YEAR 10/16 YEARS OLD 23 YEARS OLD)

Antioch meets every Sunday nights for games, a talk, share groups and prayer.



On the 24th October, we will meet back at St Gerard's meeting room at the new time of 6-8pm

And weekly mid week games nights Wednesday, 8-9pm to catch up with each other and play games.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzczT0Mi91dz09)

[pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzczT0Mi91dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzczT0Mi91dz09)

Password: 249211

Contact parent support if you have any questions:
Joanne 0416 030 927 or Karen 0421 506 577

Youth group meetings are coming back face to face!!



Cana youth group

15th October Friday	7:30-9pm	Online
22nd October Friday	7:30-9pm	St Gerard's Parish Hall 🤗

Antioch youth group

17th October Sunday	7-9pm	Online
24th October Sunday	6-8pm	St Gerard's Meeting room 🤗

Emmaus young adults

19th October Tues	7-8:30pm	Online
2nd November Tues	7-8:30pm	St Gerard's Meeting room 🤗

BLESSING OF HSC STUDENTS

There will be a blessing for all students within the following Masses:

St Gerard's 6:00pm Vigil Mass on 6th November.



CANA (Years 6-9)

Join us on Friday nights
7:30—9:00pm

From the 23rd October, Cana will be meeting face to face and have a welcome back party!

We will be at the **Parish Hall** at **St Gerard's** (543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford).

For further information call
Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588
or email joanna@eppcarl.org.au



Emmaus Young Adults (23-30years old)

Our young adults group meets once a fortnight on **Tuesdays 7-8:30pm**.

We are back face to face on the 2nd November

We are also having **weekly Sunday Funday** games nights at **7pm online**— contact Joanna for the details.

For more information contact the Youth Minister, Joanne Mak on 0404 710 588 or joanna@eppcarl.org.au

We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus so if you would like to join, please contact the Youth Minister.