

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

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Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR A

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26-07-20

Kings 3:5.7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Dear friends,

Recently Bishop Anthony sent a letter to the clergy of the Diocese acknowledging how the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the course of Sacramental Preparation Programmes across all parishes especially the celebration of Confirmation.

"I have been unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parishes of the Diocese at all this year," said Bishop Randazzo, who has decided, due to ongoing uncertainty and for the sake of clarity for parents and families, parishes and personnel involved in preparing children for the Sacraments, that he will **not** celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at all in 2020.

As a consequence here at Epping and Carlingford, **there will be no celebration of Confirmation of baptised children until the second half of 2021.**

Bishop Anthony went on to say, "Feedback I have received about the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation indicates to me that the practice of celebrating it with those who have reached the age of 7 (typically those in Year 2 of school) is too early for a truly meaningful reception of the Sacrament. Therefore, I wish to use the circumstances afforded us negatively by the pandemic to place our practice of Sacramental preparation, positively, on a new footing going forward.

This will result in Confirmation in the future ordinarily being celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8 and who are typically in Year 3. Reconciliation and Eucharist will, therefore, be celebrated with those who are aged 9 and in Year 4.

This will mean for those Parishes who begin the programme of Sacramental Preparation with the Sacrament of Confirmation in the second half of the year (this applies to our parish!):

1. Acceptance of candidates into the new programme will be delayed until the second half of 2021;
2. The programme of Sacramental Preparation will be in abeyance until that time;
3. Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will occur in 2022.

Consequently, throughout 2021-2022, the foundation of the programme of Sacramental Preparation for children who are 8 and older will have been established across all parishes in the Diocese.

Note also that the Bishop has not changed the order of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism will still be followed by Confirmation and Eucharist. First Reconciliation (Confession) will normally be celebrated before First Holy Communion.

"I regard this as the best and most sustainable way forward to address both the suspension of the celebration of Confirmation for the rest of this year and to engage the unique opportunity with which we are now presented to bring Sacramental Preparation Programmes into the future on a different footing for children who are older and more able to appreciate the significance of their Christian initiation."

For those families who celebrated First Reconciliation in March this year, you will have the opportunity to celebrate First Holy Communion in November 2020 or immediately after Easter in April 2021. Preparation will occur over the weeks prior to the commencement of the actual celebration of the Sacrament.

Our Sacramental Co-ordinator Lynn Siau will be forwarding further information to families in the coming weeks. If you need any further clarification please contact either Lynn or myself.

Fr Peter

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

Welcome to FORMED

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

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

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

What is FORMED?

FORMED is a digital platform that gives your parish unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. Whether people are fallen away or deeply engaged, at the parish or on the go, **FORMED** helps you reach them anytime, anywhere.

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Sign up to access the Resources on Formed.org

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When asked the postcode is **2121**



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COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

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

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

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

Thank You for Your Support

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	26/07/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Mon	27/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue	28/07/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed	29/07/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur	30/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		8:00pm	PMR Epping Men of St Joseph
Fri	31/07/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat	01/08/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:20am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

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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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

There will be devotions in honour of Our Lady, on the 1st Saturday of the month preceding the 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. This includes the rosary and prayers. You are most welcome!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

Receipts will be available towards the end of July 2020.

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

Prayer Requests

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

Do You Have
A Prayer Request?

Please Let Us Know



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

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

We are more than happy to pray for you!

Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan

Parish Radio Station



I would like to invite all volunteers who are interested in our radio Station, to attend a meeting which will take place on Saturday, 1st August at 10.30 am in parish meeting room at Epping.

If you are interested in our Radio Station, please join us. Fr Bogdan—Bogdan.Skupien@bbccatholic.org.au

Fr. Peter and Fr. Bogdan

Men of St. Joseph



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

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

Enquiries to Fr Bogdan by emailing:
Bogdan.Skupien@bbccatholic.org.au

Fr Bogdan



From Lynn's desk

Children's Ministries

There will be a Children's Mass at St Gerard's Church on Sunday 2nd August at 9:30am. Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan would like to invite your children to participate in this Mass.

The children are able to choose one ministry to serve at this Mass: a reading, prayer or the Gospel procession. If your children are keen to participate, please send me an email as soon as you can and I will provide more details.

Those who wish to do a reading will be given a copy of it to practise beforehand. I look forward to hearing from you!



Lynn Siau
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Divine Mercy Prayer Group

meets this Tuesday, 28 July at 8pm. Come join us for an hour of reciting the Chaplet, praise and worship, reflection of a Scripture verse, prayer for intentions and thanksgiving followed by some simple fellowship. Venue changes monthly within the neighbourhoods, all are very welcome to attend, please call Cynthia for more info on 0404 488 238.

Could you join our team of Church greeters??

In Philippians 4:21 St Paul tells us to "Greet every saint in Christ Jesus". This verse along with many others of greeting in the Bible reveals the importance of hospitality and acknowledging the presence of ones neighbour in Christ when we come together for Mass. Greeters who welcome people as they enter the Church and hand them a copy of the parish bulletin are the personification of God's welcome and that of the entire parish family to both regular and new parishioners. We are currently looking to expand our team of Greeters at both OLHC Epping and St Gerard's Carlingford. If you are interested or would like to become involved in any way, please contact Li Liang by email Li-Liang at liziliang09@gmail.com or contact Maree at the parish office at maree@eppcarl.org.au if you are interested in assisting at Epping. Many thanks!



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Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time.

For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>
Please go to the following link for Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

Keep in Touch (KIT)

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

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



**Keep
In
Touch**

St Ignatius of Loyala

One of the gifts of St Ignatius to the Church is his understanding of the process of discernment. Discernment is more than simply deliberating and making wise decisions. It is about prayerful attentiveness to God's presence in us and in the world and openness to answering God's call to us, both personally and collectively.

The examen prayer, which St Ignatius asked Jesuits to pray twice daily, is a fundamental practice of discernment, it helps us to cultivate awareness of God's action in us and in our world, and to pay attention to our response. It is not an examination of conscience, like our reflection in preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation, but rather an examination of our consciousness, and so it is sometimes known as the consciousness examen.

There are many contemporary versions of the examen. They share five steps or elements that can be summarised as expressing gratitude, seeking insight, reflecting, noticing, and looking forward. Here is one way to pray the examen:

Gratitude: I give thanks to God for....

Insight: I ask the Holy Spirit for insight into myself and the world...

Reflecting: I review events of the day, my behaviour, and notice my feelings...

Noticing: I notice what needs healing and ask God for forgiveness....

Looking forward: I name the action I feel called to now, and I ask for God's help...

Courtesy of Sandie Cornish

Find more versions of the examen here:
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatianprayer/the-examen/>

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

Did you hear about the treasure?

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden and someone, who was not looking for it, has found it. That treasure meant the world to him. The **kingdom of heaven is like someone looking** to make a profit, finds a treasure and sells everything he owned. The treasure possessed him. **This Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure!** In those two parables, they found the Kingdom of Heaven and sold everything to possess it.

What treasure **would change your life** if you found it? Have you found **a treasure that is worth everything** you possess?

Have you experienced the Kingdom of Heaven?

There are consequences too, for **the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet** that brings in all kind of things ~ the good ones they collect and those of no use they throw away. . . The 'just' they separate, and they throw the 'wicked' where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Mt 13:44-52

Paul writes about this treasure. *God cooperates with those who love him and cooperates with all those he has called. . . to become true images of his Son.*

How? **God turns everything to their good.** He justifies. . . and he shares his glory with them. Does that sound like the Kingdom of Heaven where we trust God and God turns everything that happens to us and around us **to our good?** Rm 8:28-30

We hear in Psalm 118 about someone who found a treasure. The treasure of loving God's word, God's will and embracing God's love for us. We can pray with this person ~ *Lord I love your commands. I have resolved to obey your word. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore, I obey it.*

In the first reading Solomon prayed; *Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.* God replied; **I give you a heart wise and shrewd.** 1 Kings 3,7-12

As we hear from God about the Kingdom of Heaven, our response to God could be. **If we are not looking** or not expecting much in life ~ Lord, surprise us by stumbling upon the treasure. **If we are looking** for more in life ~ show us this pearl of great value. May we have the courage to sell everything we own to be part of this Kingdom of Heaven. Give us the treasure of trusting you God, that **all things work for good.**

As Jesus advised every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven, to bring out things both old and new, so may every disciple become a scribe, a missionary disciple and write, so all will know what is old and hear what is new in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Denis McNamara

Supporting Missionary Disciples

PRAYER

Forgive me Lord, for having spoken so badly.
 Forgive me for having spoken often to no purpose;
 Forgive me for the days when I tarnished my lips with hollow words,
 false words,
 cowardly words,
 words through which you could not pass.
 Uphold me when I must speak in a meeting,
 intervene in a discussion, talk with a brother or sister.
 Grant above all, Lord,
 that my words may be like the sowing of seeds,
 and that those who hear them may look to a fine harvest.

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday 26 July

Why not come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time get into some awesome music, take time out for prayer and meet people.

The meeting starts at 7pm in the parish meeting room at Epping.

So head on down and bring a friend.

For more information call
Joanne 0416 030 927

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

CANA: OUR Yr. 7-9 YOUTH GROUP

Our Cana (year 7-9) youth group meetings is currently postponed.

If you want to stay in touch, please email or message Joanna
 (email: joanna@eppcarl.org.au
 or mobile: 0404 710 588)
 to receive weekly Cana newsletters and updates.

Parish Bible Reading Group

We will be starting to read John on the 27th July! Invite your friends and family as we continue to read the New Testament.

Join via our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or join our Whatsapp group by texting John21 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Mass times are as follows:

14th August
7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

Readings

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Romans 8: 28-30
Matthew 13: 44-52



Things old and new

John Thornhill was a Marist Father with an international reputation as a writer and lecturer in theology. He was a member of the International Theological Commission (1980-1985), appointed by Pope John Paul II. For several years he was a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC II).

After he retired he lectured to parish audiences throughout Australia and in neighbouring countries. From 2002 to 2009 he worked in collaboration with Patrick Lim, a Diocesan Priest in the Archdiocese of Perth to record and produce his lectures in videos.

He has written 21 Unpacking the Emmaus Series booklets to be used in conjunction with the viewing of the presentations. He has published a number of books and numerous articles. He has recently completed another 3 lectures "Introduction to Catholic Theology (Revelation, Faith & Theology)". His last book was on Christopher Dawson's interpretation of history which FeedARead.com published on December 3, 2018 titled 'The Road All Peoples Travel.'

The Australian Catholic University awarded John Thornhill with its highest honour, Doctor of the University (Honoris Causa) at its Sydney ceremony for graduating Education Students on 8 May 2007.

The Australia Catholic Theological Association on 9th of July 2011 at its annual general meeting in Sydney awarded John as a "Fellow of the Australian Catholic Theological Association" in recognition of his achievements "in the foremost ranks of Australian theologians". Fr John's long and distinguished service as a world-ranking theologian began in the 1950s. He stopped writing in early 2018 and moved into nursing not long after. John turned 90 on the 13 May 2019 and died on 28 July 2019.

Reflection on the Sunday's Gospel...

The collection of parables of 'the Kingdom' that we conclude today is the centrepiece of Matthew's gospel. He closes this section with an autobiographical note. As he tells the story of Jesus for a community from a Jewish background, he sees himself as 'a scribe of the Kingdom'. The scribes who are often mentioned in the gospels were the rabbis who interpreted and taught the Law of old Israel. Matthew sees himself as an interpreter of the fulfilment of all the hopes of Israel brought by the Saviour. From the first, the apostles and their companions taught that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus were 'according to the scriptures'. If the essential message of the scriptures was making known the ways of God, these ways were given a dramatic and final expression, they announced, in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is the new Moses, bringing the New Law of the Sermon on the Mount; he inaugurates a new Covenant in his blood; he establishes the new Temple that is his own body; he is the new David, the messiah exercising divine rule over God's final Kingdom. As one great writer put it, in the light brought by Christ, the Scriptures 'opened their heart for the rejoicing and astonished apostles'. The old figures and shadows have given way to realities beyond all the imagining of old Israel. Matthew shares in this enthusiasm, and sees himself as a 'scribe of the Kingdom', as he relates the old to the new.

But this fulfilment is mysterious, as the parables we have seen already make clear. A conversion is necessary if one is to recognise and appreciate the coming of the Kingdom announced by Jesus. Each parable presents a challenge – we must leave behind our too human way of seeing things and identify with the ways of God that have constituted the essential message of the scriptures from the beginning.

The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price emphasise this need for conversion. Identification with the ways of God that shape the Kingdom must be unconditional. In our Australian land, buried treasure is the stuff of fairy tales; but in Palestine, with its long history of kingdoms and empires, the possibility of finding a treasure trove was real. And if this happened, the treasure belonged to the owner of the site. One who had such a stroke of good fortune, Jesus says, would do all that he could to buy the field - and in a similar way, no other allegiance will rule the life of one who has found the joy of letting God's word and God's ways to be the measure of his or her life. The pearl for which the merchant sells everything has the same lesson. For ancient peoples, a pearl was the loveliest of possessions. The merchant of the parable will do whatever is necessary to acquire the pearl he has found that is without compare. This does not mean that he saw no beauty and value in the other pearls that he came across. Our choice of the values of the Kingdom does not mean that we should despise other worthy causes. The parable teaches us, however, that identifying with the Kingdom announced by Jesus means getting our priorities right. The parable of the dragnet has a message similar to that of the wheat and the weeds. It is not for us to make final judgment of the good and the bad - that belongs to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Church - through which the Kingdom is 'present in mystery' - is made up of a 'haul of all kinds'. Following the example of Jesus, who reached out to prostitutes and sinners, the Church will never turn its back on those who are still struggling with the issues of life.

John Thornhill sm

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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.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, (all bow)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS Our parish is strongly committed to ecumenism and a formal Covenant has been signed with the Anglican Parish of Epping, Epping Uniting Church, West, Epping Uniting Church and Epping Baptist Church.

After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan at home. In the event that they are unavailable, their answering machines will record your message or ring the number given in the message. However, if possible please restrict routine enquiries to office hours.

Have You Told Us?

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For parishioners who give by credit card, does your credit card expire in the near future? Please give the parish office a call on 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

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

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Admitted to Hospital A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital, please try to ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK
SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME**

22/7 Monday: Feast,
St Mary Magdalene

25/7 Saturday: Feast
St James, apostle

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Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130 R v. 97

Lord, I love your commands

Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**Alleluia!**

WEEKEND MASSES	Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches.						
EPPING	5:00PM VIGIL, 8:30AM, 10:15AM, 6:00PM						
CARLINGFORD	6:00PM VIGIL, 7:45AM, 9:30AM						
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	
HEALING MASSES	Carlingford: 1st Thursday of the month. Epping: 3rd Wednesday of the month.						
EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 12:30pm -1:00pm, Carlingford , 4th Thursday 10:00am							
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45—10:15am Carlingford Saturday 5:00pm—5:30pm OR BY APPOINTMENT							
BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT							
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:**Recently deceased:** Sr. Sophie McGrath, Mary Pegg, Camille Thurecht, Marge Hanlon, Colleen Luciw, Roger La Grange, Brian Dias, Ethne Fisher, Sean Hardiman., Kathy Busuttii (ex teacher from St Gerard's), Howard Carey.**Anniversaries:** Ursula Skupien.**Also for:** Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan,

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, Bev Gibbeson, Bill Saul, Carole Wilson, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Agnes Wong, Irene De Nadi, Alf Sharpe, Fidela Frez.

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

A number of people have enquired as to how they can continue their financial support for the parish during this difficult time. We realise that this may not be possible in the light of growing unemployment and reductions in superannuation returns at the moment and **there is absolutely no pressure on anyone to contribute!**

The First Collection Supports the needs of the priests of the parish, the retired priests of the diocese and the Bishop.**The Second Collection** Money from the Second Collection supports the running costs of the parish including the payment of staff. If you are able to contribute, the Church account details are shown below:**Epping and Carlingford Parish Accounts for Internet Banking with the Commonwealth Bank****First Collection BSB 062 784 A/C No 858 8002****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.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
01/08/20	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
02/08/20	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
02/08/20	10:15am	Fr Bogden Skupien	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
02/08/20	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		