

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
31 Oxford Street, Epping and

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

YEAR B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29-11-20

Is 63:16-17.64:1.3-8

1 Cor. 1:3-9

Mt 13:33-37

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping

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

St Gerard Majella's Church, Carlingford

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

Please note there will be no evening Mass on Christmas day.

For all the Masses listed above we encourage you to go online and book through TryBooking.

Bookings will open on: 1st December 2020

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

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

You can also book via the parish office.

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

ADVENT HEALING MASSES

All are welcome to our Advent Healing Masses as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know. The Mass at St Gerard's will take place in the Church not in the parish meeting room.

St Gerard's Church
3rd December at 10am

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
16th December at 10am

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

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

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

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

SHORTFALL AFTER 1st WEEK \$17,813

To give online please go to: www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund,
or use the QR code shown on this page.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated for both our communities on **Wednesday, 16th December at 7:30pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping.

Visiting priests will be joining us on this occasion. Please make this a priority as we prepare for the coming feast of Christmas

Advent - time to appreciate all we haveWhatever you do, involve your family!!

Involve your children, your parents, and your extended family and friends. See what families can do. Our parish online magazine **Keep In Touch**, has links to websites. Listen to Advent carols, like **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**. These prepare us to sing about the birth of Jesus.

(Our subscribers would have received **Keep In Touch** with the subject "**Advent – Jesus is coming**" in your inbox, Tuesday morning. If you did not receive it, then email maree@eppcarl.org.au for a copy of the first Advent newsletter for families).

- 1. Begin by reading the great story of Jesus** coming among us. We hear His message in the Bible reading for each day. Our world was changed, our lives can be changed. We can live in the light and act with awareness. The booklet **ADORE** is also available at the Church entrance or from the parish office with daily Advent reflections.
- 2. Join with others parishioners on Zoom**
We will watch the first session "*Prepare the Way of the Lord*" from 7.20pm on Wednesday evening 2nd December. To receive the **link to log into Zoom**, send an email to denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au
We will see each other online; watch the video and learn from each other. We will then end our time together with prayer. This **link to log in**, will also be in **Keep In Touch** on Monday 30th where you can open up your email and click on the link.
- 3.** Your family can watch the four Advent videos in your home. Go to **FORMED.org** Search **Advent**. Click on "*Prepare the way of the Lord*" and also download the [Advent Study Guide](#).
- 4. Stay awake with world-class speakers** on the Bible and the Catholic Faith on the "*Journey from Eden to Bethlehem*." Each day you watch and pray. Register at parousiamedia.com

Advent is a time of joy and our time to take back Christmas and the gifts Christ brought to us. Begin today – with four weeks till the birth of Jesus culminating with the special **Christ Mass**.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES

All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Vigil Masses (5 pm and 7pm at St Gerard's and OLHC on Christmas Eve in both churches.)

We would like child volunteers for many roles. We also need parent volunteers to assist at the practices, during the Mass.

PRACTICES

Parent helpers and children participating in the Mass will be required to attend the following practices:

Carlingford: Saturday 19th December 10am- 11am—Parent run-through & Gospel mime dress rehearsal.
11am—11:30—Readers

Epping: Saturday 19th December 11:45am—12:30pm— Parent run-through & Gospel mime dress rehearsal.
12:30pm-1pm Readers

Any questions? Please email: **Lynn for Carlingford** stgchildrensmass@gmail.com
Therese for Epping olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com

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Parent Contact

Name:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

* We will try to give everyone their first preference and will notify by email.

I am able to assist with Practices and during the Mass

Church: Epping Carlingford **Mass Time:** 5:00pm 7:00pm

Child's name	Age	Role (please number preferences 1 and 2) *	
		Reading	Gospel Mime <i>(Joseph/Mary/Angel/Shepherd)</i>

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	29/11/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon.	30/11/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	01/12/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:15pm	PMR Epping—Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Wed.	02/12/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford—Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	03/12/20	10:00am	Healing Mass at St Gerard's Church No 9:30am Mass today.
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Fri.	04/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat.	05/12/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:20am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC Church
		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

Adore—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2020

A pocket-size book of **Daily Reflections for Advent Christmas and new year.**

Adore takes us out of our daily lives to focus on Jesus Our Lord in adoration.

Without adoration, there can be no transformation of the world. The life of the creature must be one of adoration.

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour....
The almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name. Lk 1:46–49

Email Maree to put one aside for you and your family.



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Episode 4
 “Always was, always will be.”

Tune in to our fourth episode looking at what influences our happiness, a continuation of our exploration of the Fratelli Tutti and discussion of this year's NAIDOC Week theme. We also have a chat with some of your favourite priests as well as some younger members of our parish from CANA.

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Youth And Young Adults



OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday, 29nd November



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 **6pm** in the **parish meeting room** at Carlingford.

So head on down and bring a friend.

For more information call

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

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

CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs. YOUTH GROUP

Cana is meeting this Friday at St Gerard's parish meeting room from 7:30—9:00pm.

The Cana Christmas party is on the 11th December, please RSVP to Joanna if you would like to attend by texting 0404 710 588 or email

joanna@eppcarl.org.au

Bible Reading Group

Hi everyone, we will be starting to read Philipians on the 30th November! 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 Philipians4 to Joanna on 0404 710 588



Emmaus Young Adults (23-30 years of age)

The next and last meeting for 2020 is on the 8th December at St Gerard's parish meeting room from 7:00pm-9:00pm

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet **this Thursday 2nd December**, in the parish meeting room at Epping commencing at 7:30pm.

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place this **Wednesday, 2nd December** in the parish meeting room at Epping commencing at 7:00pm.

FACE MASKS THANK YOU !

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

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

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



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for parishioners to become:

- Greeters
- Altar Society
- Bulletin Collators
- in both churches.

If you can help, please contact the parish office on 9876 2853 or email maree@eppcarl.org.au

COVID-19 Safety Plan

- We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (80 people at Epping and 100 at Carlingford).
- Coloured cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.
- All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and sign in the book.
- We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass
- There is no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand first and then those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).

Mass of Inclusion -

The annual Mass of Inclusion will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 6 December 2020 at 11.00am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3 December) and recognises the ability and dignity of all.

This year, we encourage all to join via the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwfi7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person. Should you wish to enquire please contact Nicholas Weir at nicholas.weir@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 8379 1632.



From Lynn's desk

Preparation for Christmas – Advent 2020!

The preparation for Christmas in my family has always been THE MOST anticipated one for my kids. Yes yes, the presents, the long break from school work... but also for them, the arrival of their grandparents from overseas and as a result the rare family gatherings with uncles, aunts, cousins and dogs. Lots of food, catching up, laughter, swatting of flies in whoever's yard, being branded by the car seat belt when it's been parked in the summer heat, staying up to go for a drive around looking at Christmas lights, etc! I could go on and on, but you get the picture. I am sure you have a list of things you give thanks for in these weeks of anticipation, leading up to Christmas.

I don't know what my family will do this year, as other family members are stuck overseas unable to join us. All I know is despite all that has happened in 2020, Christmas can't come soon enough! We are still looking forward to this season, making lists of things to do for others and with my daughter starting high school next year, she has been given the responsibility to search one Bible verse each day related to the coming of Our Lord Jesus up until Christmas Day, so that as a family we reflect for a few minutes and give thanks together daily.

This undeniable joy that we experience as soon as we think of what's coming in December, is proof of God's Spirit filling us with anticipation for the season I think! Give thanks for everything... from Nativity scenes to Santas, elves, merchandise and baubles, give thanks for them all. In whatever way one celebrates the season, that undeniable joy is proof enough that the season is Christ-filled, for only He can bring us such joy... that sort of joy that isn't momentary but one that lingers even when the lights go out.

In the coming weeks as we "survive" these crazy times when sport is still being played up until the few days before Christmas Eve, I will take a few photos around my house to share with you how my family will celebrate the Advent season to prepare for Christmas, the coming of our Lord Jesus. In the meanwhile, I would like to share my Advent folder with you from my Google drive. It contains activities that you can print out for your children and infographs that can help you explain Advent to them. There are a few different things for different age groups, and I will keep adding to the folder each week.

Please scan this QR code to access my folder:



If you require assistance accessing the folder, I can email you the link directly. Please feel free to contact me for it.

I hope you find the activities helpful. I particularly like the simple fun Christ-filled countdown to Christmas! You could get creative with it and pick certain days to stick a bonus jelly bean on that day!

Till next week,
Lynn Siau
Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries
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lynn@eppcarl.org.au



ANGEL TREE 2020

Once again through the "Angel Tree" the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford can deliver the Christ love of Christmas to children of prisoners. Prison Fellowship invites you to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter. The children we are supporting have a parent/s serving a goal term, but the children are often the forgotten victims of their parents' crime.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this year, we are unable to buy a present, instead we would like to invite you to take a card from the tree located near the organ in the Epping Church and if possible place a \$30 cash donation in an envelope in the box under the tree.

Once we have the cards and the money, we will buy "Gift Cards" for each child. We do not know how these gifts will be received, or the material circumstances of the family, but these families are suffering. The gift is from an incarcerated parent who cannot personally buy or deliver the gift to their child.

Please continue to pray for the children, parents and carers this Christmas.

Margaret Wiseman

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The opening screen says: *Create a new account*
In *Find your Parish or Organisation* ~
Type in:
Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Click on *Next*, then enter:
Your **Name**.
Your **Email address**
Click on **Sign Up**

Christmas is not the time to *get all you want*.
Christmas is the time to appreciate all you have.

The Prophet Isaiah calls to God. *You yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!*
Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8.

Paul reminds us. *God who called us, has joined us to his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul then prays for us. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace... while we are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.* 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In the Gospel, Jesus says to us, his disciples: *Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come... Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming... What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!* Mark 13:33-37

We pray together ~ *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.* God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Take time this Advent to appreciate all we have.
God did come down in Jesus, born of Mary in Bethlehem. We have received grace and peace. Jesus warns us to be awake, aware, prepared.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Waiting for Patience

"I want patience and I want it now," or so the joke goes.

Fine.

If there were nothing worth waiting for, then patience would be silly.

But remember, the purpose of Advent is to wait. Did you ever stay awake on Christmas eve as a child and sneak into a hiding place in order to see the Christmas tree being decorated? I surely did. I was impatient. We kids also had big felt stockings hung on each of our doors and I remember during the night trying to keep an eye open to see Santa or the Good Fairy or at least someone putting the prizes into it.

Did I keep my eyes open all night? No. I woke in the morning to find a bulging stocking, mysteriously full, having arrived by magic alone. So, I had gone to sleep instead of patiently spying. Patience is not often a virtue of the young.

Hopkins, the Jesuit poet, has a poem on patience that speaks to this first Advent Sunday. (Please see the footnote for help in understanding.*)

Patience, hard thing! the hard thing but to pray,
But bid for, patience is! Patience who asks,
Wants war, wants wounds; weary his times, his tasks;
To do without, take tosses, and obey.

Rare patience roots in these and, these away,
No-where. Natural heart's-ivy, Patience masks
Our ruins of wrecked past purpose. There she basks
Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves all day.

We hear our hearts grate on themselves;
it kills To bruise them dearer. Yet the rebellious wills
Of us we do bid God bend to him even so.

And where is he who more and more distils
Delicious kindness?—he is patient. Patience fills
his crisp combs, and that comes those ways we know.*

Our most beloved plans and purposes come often to wreckage, just like ancient buildings. Patience resembles beautiful ivy, Hopkins says, gradually spreading its way over the rubble, making it a picture of quiet composure. The phrase, "Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves," doesn't just remind us of how ivy looks, it bathes us in the luxury, the peace and the relief of such a sight. Hopkins portrays patience also as "delicious kindness," a honey that fills the combs of our lives. A gift to us.

God's kindness provides us with comfort and also time to prepare—an allowance of days, weeks, years, and even a lifetime—to get ready, to desire, and gradually, along the way, to receive. With patience. Even though infants demand their every wish be granted right now, our adult humanity is simply too deep to get an instant fill-up.

If there were nothing worth waiting for, then patience would be silly. The birth of Christ into this world and into our hearts is well worth the wait. We know that his birth has happened already—but also, in a surprising way, it has not happened at all. We are still mean to our neighbors. We still hide truth from those who love us. We envy and lust after what is not ours., and there is horrendous evil all around us in this twenty-first century.

We need the birth of Jesus into our hearts, into the world.

We need Advent patience.

John Foley, SJ

* Taken from Gerard Manley Hopkins: *A Critical Edition of the Major Works*, edited by Catherine Phillips (London, New York, etc., Oxford University Press, 1986), #176.

Parts of this poem may be difficult to understand immediately, so I want to be crass and suggest its meaning in prose:

1) Patience is difficult because usually it grows only in adversity.

2) Yet, like ivy it gradually covers with quiet beauty the failures of our lives. (The "purple eyes" are berries.)

3) Our hearts are like stones chafing on each other, bruising themselves dearer (the word "dearer" is used in England to mean "at greater cost.") Yet even so, we ask God to bend our defiant wills to him.

4) Hopkins ends with a comparison of God to the bees who—patiently—fill up honeycombs.

You are invited to email a note to the author of this reflection: <https://liturgy.slu.edu/1AdvB112920/reflections.foley.html>

Fr. John Foley, SJ

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.

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 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.

Can You Help?

We are looking for parishioners that could help out in the following ways:

Seeking Greeters for both Churches

During this time of COVID-19 the Greeters:
Offer a sincere welcome to everyone.
Ensure the parishioners sign in, and sanitise their hands.
They may also need to help the parishioners find a seat if necessary.
Ensure that only a certain number of parishioners access the church.
Hand out the bulletins, ensuring that the parishioners do not go to the bulletin boxes and take the bulletin themselves.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in supporting this work.

After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853

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

Admitted to Hospital A

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

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Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19 R. v. 4

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your faced and we shall be saved.

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Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!**WEEKEND MASSES****Please note, we must
adhere to social distancing
within the churches.****EPPING:**5:00 pm Vigil Mas
8:30 am Mass
10:15 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass**CARLINGFORD:**6:00 pm Vigil Mass
7:45 am Mass
9:30 am Mass**Healing Masses**No Healing Masses at the
moment.**Exposition of the Eucharist
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am-10:15am

Carlingford

4th Thursday of the month

WEEKDAY MASSES**Please note, we must
adhere to social distancing
within the churches.****EPPING:**Monday—No Mass
Tuesday—12:15 pm
Wednesday—9:15 am
Thursday—12:15 pm
Friday—12:15 pm
Saturday—9:15 am**CARLINGFORD:**Monday—9:30 am
Tuesday—No Mass
Wednesday—9:30 am
Thursday—9:30 am
Friday—9:30 am
Saturday—No Mass**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am—10:15am

Carlingford

Sat. 5:00pm—5:30pm

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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:** Ching Hon, Hilton Paes, Deborah nee White, Lynn Sweeney,**Anniversaries:** Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Francis Xavier Erapiepilla, Hilda Cooper,**Also for:** Teresa Fraser, Deceased members of the Terceiro family.**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, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Alison Deane, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Pauline Wicks rsj, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly, John Goodwin, Mick Atkins, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Agnes Wong, Alex Benjamin Zaragoza, Amarech Zewolde, Janice Lemon.**Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the family.****Christmas Carols Service****Saturday, 26th December at St Gerard's
Majella at 7:00 pm****We would like to invite anyone interested in taking part
in singing carols in various languages, to contact Fr
Bogdan or the parish office by 6th December.
Contact number for the parish office is 9876 2853 or
email parish@eppcarl.org.au****Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will apply. More
information to come.**

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
05/12/20	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
06/12/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
06/12/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
06/12/20	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

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