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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Margaret Beagle, Joe Younis, Ray & Irene Ruiz, Laurence O'Rourke (brother of John Rourke), Michael Wondracz, Michael O'Keefe, Leonardus Tommy Hendra, Colin Patten, Marj Hanlon, Maria Neves.

*Please pray for Bev Aliprandi who died this week.
Her funeral Mass will be held at St Gerard's Church on Friday 1st May.*

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Howard, Carey, Bev Gibbeson, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Marcia Power, 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 Winardi.

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

Parish Website Please use our parish website to access information regarding COVID-19. Parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford

In order to view Masses please go to the link provided on the parish website under Mass on Demand and follow the link to the YouTube channel or go directly to You Tube and use

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_t43V_sQu1LK2LM_Q6akIA

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.

Parish Bible Reading Group

You are invited to our Parish's Bible reading group! We will be reading one chapter of the Bible each day, beginning with the Gospel of Matthew. We start on the Monday 4th of May!

Please join us either on our Facebook page via this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/> or join our Whatsapp group by texting 'Matthew28' to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

We will also run weekly zoom meetings on Fridays from 7:30-8:30pm for further reflections, discussions and shared prayer, hosted with Fr Bogdan. All are welcome and invite your friends and family!

The zoom link will be available next week and will also be on the Facebook and Whatsapp groups.



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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 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 3-05-20 |
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| Acts 2:14.36-41 | 1 Peter 2:20-25 | John 10:1-10 |



Dear sisters and brothers,

It would seem the current COVID-19 pandemic has so far been contained within Australia and for that we should be incredibly grateful. By no means am I suggesting we still haven't got a long way to go before life finds its new "normal" but the signs concerning the low number of new cases are certainly promising. In Australia, governments of all persuasions are to be commended on the way they have generally sought to provide the necessary provisions for health workers, testing equipment, etc. as well as assisting many who have been financially impacted as a result of losing their jobs or suffering from reduced business.

Of course, not everyone is so fortunate and this applies especially to those who are often demonised or pushed to the margins of our society. Jesus made it very clear it is precisely these people who should be the object of particular concern by those who profess to be his followers, as illustrated in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46).

Catholic Religious Australia has joined a coalition of 44 Catholic leaders who have written to Prime Minister Scott Morrison advocating for support for vulnerable asylum-seekers and temporary visa holders, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Refugees, asylum-seekers, temporary visa holders and migrants in vulnerable situations have not been extended government funding.

The letter asks that the Morrison government provide them temporary access to a financial safety net, Medicare and adequate shelter if they are homeless.

"Whilst the Australian government has moved quickly to support many in our community in the face of the COVID-19 – and they should be applauded for doing so – these actions have shone a light on the millions in our community left to fend for themselves. Action is needed now," CRA president Br Peter Carroll FMS said.

National executive director of CRA Anne Walker said: "Religious have always sought to protect and speak up for vulnerable people and in this instance, that includes trafficked people, victims of modern slavery, refugees, people seeking asylum, those experiencing domestic violence, amongst others. We ask the government to take more steps to support the often hidden and marginalised in our country."

The open letter to the Prime Minister identifies two main groups of people that remain on the margins of our community and whose vulnerability to COVID-19 is heightened: the 1.5 million temporary visa holders and asylum-seekers.

Temporary visa holders who may have lost jobs during the coronavirus crisis have no access to any form of financial safety net, Medicare, temporary shelter and cannot return home.

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Asylum-seekers who are currently being held in detention centres across Australia and have no choice to exercise social distancing, hygiene protocols, or avoid exposure to guards and service providers.

Our parish has, over many years, sought to assist those who have sought refuge in our land. I invite you to prayerfully consider adding your support to ensure that everyone in our community regardless of their visa status is safe and well.

Two such charities that are providing assistance are Jesuit Refugee Services: <https://www.jrs.org.au/donate-now> and House of Welcome: www.stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome/make-donation-house-welcome.
Fr Peter



From Lynn's desk

Hello everyone! Firstly, I apologise that you were unable to click on the Facebook, YouTube and Instagram logos in last week's bulletin to take you to our parish online activities. I did have the logos embedded with the correct links but for some reason, those links disappeared when the bulletin was converted into its PDF format to be delivered via email. Hence this week, I will give you the direct links right here:

Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** This is our parish YouTube channel. You can subscribe to this channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_t43V_sQu1LK2LM_Q6akIA This has our weekend Mass that is live at 5pm on Saturdays plus other celebrations as well as video clips from Fr Peter.

Like us on **Facebook** You can "like" our parish Facebook page here at <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford/> This is where you can be kept updated with our latest news and be involved with some Facebook activities as a parish community such as **Kidz Word, Bible Reading or live streamed prayers.**

Follow us on **Instagram** We have just hopped on to Instagram! To follow us, please click on this link here <https://www.instagram.com/catholicparisheppcarl/>

Children's Liturgy – Kidz Word

We now have over 40 families online in our Kidz Word Facebook group. Parents, thank YOU for your support! It was wonderful experiencing the real-time interaction, as "Hello"s were typed and I was able to greet the families as they joined in at 10am after the session started off with a video of the Gospel story, "Road to Emmaus", or as Tubby in the video said "Amouse" before he was given some food!

During the week, I will be conducting a Zoom meeting to speak with our parent volunteers who have put their hands up to host our "Sunday Morning Live" © for Kidz Word. Thank you to the volunteers for your passion to bring joy to the children!

Does this look like something you would like your children to experience? Please do join us in our **safe private group** for Kidz Word live this Sunday at 10am here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/255948268913440/> As always, if you would like more details or if you require assistance in signing up for any of our parish online initiatives, please contact me. I would love to hear from you! [Thank God for internet!!](#)

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Our next CWF Appeal takes place This weekend 2/3 May 2020.

The Charitable Works Fund -Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Please find the following suggestions to assist you: Online donations on your website <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

Cheques may be posted to the Parish office (not cash).

Link to the May 2020 CWF video <https://youtu.be/NIVvTxTSDTW>

Internet Banking—BSB: 062 784 A/C No: 858 8001 Please state the donation is for the CWF and your name.



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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

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Antioch are meeting online (via zoom) this Sunday 6-8pm! To join, please message our parent support, Joanne (joanne_sin@hotmail.com) or youth minister, Joanna Mak (joanna@eppcarl.org.au or 0404710 588).

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

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.

Easter Water

If any parishioner would like a small bottle of Easter water please contact Lynn Siau by email lynn@eppcarl.org.au

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A – Sunday 3 May 2020

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday.

"Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me Alleluia!" Jn 10:14. Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you?

Contact the Vocation Office at 0418 522 449 or email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



Seminarians of Broken Bay 2020, Fr Paul Durkin, Vocations Director & Fr Stephen Wayoyi Assistant Vocations Director

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.

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

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