The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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YEAR B

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31-10-21 6-11-21

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 7:23-28 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:28-34 Mark 12:38-44

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) discerns the vision and mission of the parish. In 2020-21 the PPC has been working from a pastoral plan building on 5 avenues of Christian discipleship: connecting, worshipping, growing, giving and serving. They have also been instrumental in assisting Fr Peter, and now Fr Jim in their leadership of the parish's response to Covid lockdowns. At the end of this year, we are farewelling five members of the PPC who have completed their two-year term: Joan Sally, Geoff Childs, Trish O'Donnell, Genevieve Banks and Jeremy Bowen. We are looking then for parishioners who will be able to take their place in 2022-23. The PPC meets monthly and occasionally at other times. During 2022-23 we will not have access to meeting and gathering spaces at OLHC during the redevelopment. A key question for the PPC will be: how do we maintain a sense of community and connection at OLHC and for the people of Epping? A further question will be as we prepare to move into the new parish spaces at the start of 2024. The new parish centre will feature a state of the art 200 seat hall, parish offices, and various indoor and outdoor gathering and meeting spaces. It is likely that use of these spaces will be much sought after, given OLHC's prominent location in Oxford St. The PPC will help Fr Jim and Fr Bogdan to discern how we want to use these spaces for the life of the parish, before we open up to accepting any external bookings. What groups, what ministries, what activities do we want to develop so that we can connect, worship, grow, give and serve? With these important guestions in mind, I invite you to discern whether you would like to be part of your parish's Pastoral Council. Or is there someone whose giftedness you recognise and whom you'd like to nominate? Contact the chairperson, Paddy Watts paddy watts@bigpond.com, or complete a nomination form

which can be picked up from either church.

The Parish Finance Committee (PFC) assists the Parish Priest in the management of parish finances and assets. In recent years the PFC have worked to support Fr Peter in the significant decision to embark on the redevelopment of the OLHC site to provide both renewed physical assets and a source of income to support the mission of the parish into the future. With redevelopment about to commence, in 2022-24 the PFC will assist Fr Jim with determining how the

parish will manage the new parish facilities from 2024, and how to use wisely any income which may be generated from the development for the good of the parish. At the end of 2021 Gordon Floyd and Bob Crane will be stepping down from the PFC after many years of service. John Waddell and Giang Pham will also be stepping down. Fr Jim therefore seeks nominations from parishioners interested in assisting in this important ministry in 2022-2024. The PFC meets monthly plus occasionally at other times. Experience in corporate governance, investment, accounting or asset management is desirable. Please contact the chairperson Mario Rodrigues mario.rod1305@gmail.com or Fr Jim

Bishop Anthony writes: Places of Public Worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. Given that both vaccinated and unvaccinated may be present at Masses it will be important that our people discern what may be in the best interests of their safety and that of their families. I recognize that for a number of our people now will not be the time to return to the public celebration of Masses in our churches. Therefore, I continue to suspend the Sunday Obligation until 1 December in order to assure our people of our respect for the personal choices they may need to make during this initial period of emergence from lockdown

Dennis Porteous has been diagnosed with myeloma, a form of blood cancer. He has begun treatment, and this treatment may require Dennis to be away from the parish office on sick leave in the coming weeks. During this time, we welcome Michael Davies to the Parish Team who will be filling in for Dennis when needed. You may be receiving correspondence from Michael, particularly with regard to parish donations and payments. We invite you to keep Dennis and his family in your prayers.

All Saints Day is Monday November 1st. We will have an extra Mass at 7am at OLHC, as well as 9.30am St Gerard's. You're invited to bring a statue or picture of a saint to place in front of the altar during Mass.

All Souls' Day is Tues November 2nd. In addition to the regular 12.15pm Mass of that day, there will be additional Masses at 6pm at OLHC and at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Gerard's.

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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. You will be invited to light a candle in remembrance at place it upon the altar.

Book of Remembrance: Each church has a Book of Remembrance for the people we love who have died. We invite you to write the names of anybody you love who has died this year. This book will be placed on the altar for Masses on All Souls' Day.

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.

Parking at St Gerard's: A long-standing arrangement has been that St Gerard's School has seven of the twenty-four parking spaces between the school and meeting room allocated to their staff, with the remainder available for parishioners. To help make this clearer there will soon be signage on the school fence showing that these are the seven spaces closest to the school, on school days. All parking is for parishioners on weekends. We will soon have the parish office located at St Gerard's. When visiting the office, please note that there is a boom gate on the St Gerard's driveway until 9.15am and from 2.45pm to 3.15pm on school days, and visitors to the office should come outside of these times.

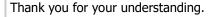
Ministers of the Word: Carole Wilson is taking up the role of Coordinator of Ministers of the Word at St Gerard's. She will liaise with Ministers of the Word regarding rostering, special occasions, and training. Several ministers have conveyed to Carole that it is difficult to hear the homily from where they sit behind the ambo, and so we have decided that ministers are welcome to return to the pews after their reading, and then to come up to the ambo for the prayers of intercession. There is no change at OLHC.

Air Conditioning: Work continues on the installation of the air conditioning at St Gerard's, with custom made ducting now being installed to the a/c units behind the church.

Parish Office—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.





Supporting the Parish while we are in Lockdown

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 so please use the following bank account: Please note that the two accounts previously shown have been changed by the bank; you are asked to use the account shown below.

Internet Banking
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 062 784
Account No: 100001603
Church Account (2nd Collection)

Please use your envelope number and surname as the reference.

BSB: 062 784
Account No: 100001604
Pastoral Revenue Account (1st Collection)
Please use your surname as a reference.

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Once again, our Book of Remembrance is in each church of our parish. The Book will be displayed in its place of honour on the sanctuary throughout the month of November, to remember our past family and friends, and it will be placed in position on All Souls Day.

Book Of

Remembrance

Please write any **new names** of deceased relatives and friends **before** All Souls Day on Tuesday, 2nd November.

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THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place this Wednesday, **3**rd **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 064 460. Dads' welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

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. Hosting on behalf of the Epping Uniting Church

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



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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**



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 issymbolic of the person you are remembering in prayer, and can be placed in the sacred space before Mass.

All are welcome

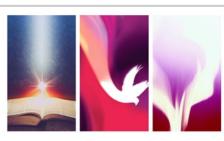


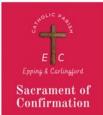
This event will coincide with the COP26 gathering in Scotland. It has become urgent that we as people must play our part as well to care for the earth. How are we called to change? What real and practical things can we do? What is the impact to our regional neighbours? Like Kiribati.

Please register here to receive the zoom link for the online ZOOM Marist Prayer

https://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/

Sacramental & Children's Ministries Information





Children's Sacramental Journey Confirmation 2021

This weekend, the Candidates and their parents will gather at their practice rehearsal inside the churches for the first time since the families embarked on this journey. It will be an exciting time for me to finally meet them in person and set myself the challenge of remembering all their names and faces by the end of the hour with them!

Adhering to public health orders, the celebration of Confirmation will 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 continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers, especially as the day they receive the sacrament draws closer.



Children's/Family Mass – 7th November at St Gerard's, Carlingford

Children's/Family Mass is back on the first Sunday of each month during school term at St Gerard's 9:30am Mass. We invite all the Year 1's to come and participate!

The children can be involved in reading, the Gospel procession and leading the Prayers of the Faithful. Those who wish to read will be sent a copy of the reading beforehand to practise.

If your child would like to be allocated a role, please contact lynn@eppcarl.org.au



Children's Liturgy — Kidz Word 7th November at Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping

Kidz Word is back in person at the 10:15am Mass each week during the school term (except for the third Sunday when the Children's Family Mass takes place).

The parent leaders are raring to go on Sunday 7th November, so please make sure your children come forward when the **priest calls!**

It would be great if you spread the word around and invite others to join in too.

If you have any queries at all regarding our parish Sacramental Programmes and Children's Ministries, please feel free to drop me a line.

Lynn Siau Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries 0407 255 593 lynn@eppcarl.org.au 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.

6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room on 31st October and 7th November

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



Antioch 'City to Surf' in Epping and picnic.



CANA (Years 6-9)

Join us on Friday nights
7:30—9:00pm at St Gerard's
Parish Hall.
(543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford
Entrance via North Rocks Rd.)

On 5th November.

For further information call Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or email 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.



We invite all year 12s to come for a special HSC blessing at the 6pm Vigil Saturday Mass St Gerard's 6th November



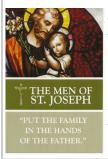
Emmaus Young Adults (23-30years old)



Our young adults group meets once a fortnight on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Join us on the **2nd November** for a dinner and games night at St Gerard's meeting room for our first face to face meetings..

For more information contact any of our three Youth Groups, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanne Mak on 0404 710 588 or joanna@eppcarl.org.au





WELCOME TO THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

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, 4th & 11th November. we will come together in the PMR Carlingford at **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 ex-

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

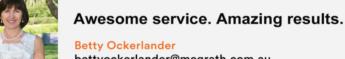
After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853

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.

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



The statue of ST Gerard 'was re-blessed' last Saturday night to welcome him to his new position outside the church



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Redevelopment Activity

As advised in recent Bulletins, we are currently finalising the list of items that will no longer be required and therefore hoping to find them good homes before the redevelopment building works



commence in the New Year. To this end, as part of our 'sales strategy' we will are planning to hold a rolling **Garage Sale** of these items. We will be holding mini garage sales *after one of the weekend Masses at* Epping from 21 November, with a big Garage Sale on Sunday 12 December. More details to come closer to the time, but items available will include 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.

We are also planning a 'Historical Display' (for those that attended the OLHC Centenary in 2016, you may remember the Display we held as part of these celebrations) after a weekend Mass at Epping over the 4 weekends from 21 November. You are invited to come along and immerse yourself in the life and times of the Parish at the Epping site.

If you are interested in being part of the working teams for either the Garage Sale or the Historical Display please contact the Parish Office, or Kevin Macdonald on 0490 338126. As they say, many hands make the work lighter.



Catholic Earthcare Families Program

Catholic Earthcare Families Program is being launched on 29th November 2021 7.30pm AEDT, 6.30pm AEST. To register for this on-line event, please go to: https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY

For more information visit Laudato Si Families - Catholic Earthcare Australia or email Alice Carwardine alice.carwardine@gmail.com





November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support

https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4.

Envelopes will be in the pews over the next three weekends of 31 October, 7 and 14 November. You can also donate by visiting

www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.







Ministry Symposium: "Fresh Heart, Fresh Hope" Practical Exploration with Live Panel

In this one-day symposium, we explore best practices and pitfalls in our efforts to engage our communities and key groups to effectively grow our mission in Jesus Christ.

Our scenario is a fictional parish, planning for 2022. We will journey with its representatives through the experience of a live panel consisting of a Parish Priest; School Principal; Life, Marriage, Family Coordinator; Parent in the School; Pastoral Council Representative and Young Person. We explore three key moments in the life cycle of the parish, with the panel guided by a facilitator looking at:

Session 1: Let's Dream Big! Engaging with the community – both present and disconnected – in a new vision for 2022.

Session 2: Managing Change Managing the tensions, roadblocks, and opportunities for healthy conflict and collaboration as the vision starts to come to life.

Session 3: Making it Happen Determining how to align goals, resource actions, and keep people motivated through safe and healthy processes.

After each panel session, small group sessions further develop ideas and approaches.

In our rapidly changing world we are invited to consider new and innovative pathways in ministry. Fresh Heart! Fresh Hope! Offers inspiration through a practical scenario for getting going in 2022 with the Holy Spirit and your community for the sake of Christ's mission!

Emma Baker, Life, Marriage and Family Coordinator for the Diocese of Broken Bay will participate on the panel. For more information and registration: https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/symposium/

Responsorial Psalm Response

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Ps 17:2-4.47.51 R v 2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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Gospel Acclamation

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

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Epping							
Carlingford							
	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	
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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, John Butler, Margaret Ann McLaughlin, Elroy Caspersz, Rozalia Astalosh, Thanh (Joshep) Nguyen, Rose Wickremanayake

Anniversaries:

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 McEnearney.

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

Alpha Refill Event— All who have been involved in Alpha in some way are invited to a Catholic gathering to share stories and be refilled after a challenging year. The evening will include guest speakers. Date: Thursday 4 November. Time: 7:00pm—9:00pm Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkduCoqDwsHdXpB_KAj2Gm7swnB—e-fgM

Responsorial Psalm Response

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ps 145:7-10 R v. 2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit, The kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

'WORKING BEE' AT ST GERARD'S

A big thank you to all those involved in the working bee at St Gerard's. A lot of work went into cleaning the floors, windows and doors! Our priests were there leading the charge, plus Antioch and a few oldies!! YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU ALL. Your grateful fellow parishioners.

