

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

## Diocese of Broken Bay

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**YEAR B**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**3-10-21**  
**10-10-21**

**Genesis 2:18.-24**  
**Wisdom 7:7-11**

**Hebrews 2:9-11**  
**Hebrews 4:12-13**

**Mark 10:2-16**  
**Mark 10:17-30**

Dear Parishioners,

### **The church doors will be open!**

We have all been eagerly awaiting the end of stay-at-home public health orders, which will include places of worship being open for fully vaccinated people from Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will indeed have both of our churches open for personal prayer from this day.

However, Bishop Anthony has directed that Masses not recommence until NSW reaches the 80% vaccination threshold, likely to be only two weeks later. In doing so, he places our diocese on the same footing of our neighbouring dioceses of Sydney and Parramatta. Given our proximity to these dioceses, to recommence Mass when they have not would risk people travelling in from elsewhere and jeopardising the limit of 100 people at OLHC and 150 at St Gerard's which the density limits require.

Postponing the commencement of Masses until everybody, vaccinated or not is allowed to come also removes from us the burden of having to verify people's vaccination status, which would have been difficult, yet risk us breaching public health orders if we failed to do so.

So, from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> we invite you, if you are vaccinated, to come to your church, to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, checking in with a QR code and wearing a mask.

OLHC Church will be open 7am – 9pm each day, with exception of a 10am opening on Wednesdays at a 6pm close on Saturdays. St Gerard's Church will be open 10am – 6pm every day. There may be occasional closures for funerals and cleaning.

We will continue to offer livestreamed Masses, and online prayer gatherings in the weeks until Mass is again celebrated publicly, at which time we will review the level of demand for the various online services.

Weddings and funerals can take place with up to 50 people who are vaccinated.

We will continue to offer the sacrament of Penance outdoors on Tuesdays 10am – 11am in front of St Gerard's Church, Fridays 10am – 11am in front of St Gerard's Church, and Saturdays 9am – 10am under the tree in front of OLHC Church. Alternatively, at other times by appointment with the priests.

Our next parish bulletin on October 16<sup>th</sup> will have an update on the re-commencement of Masses, as the date will likely be known by that stage.

**Excavation at OLHC:** The works undertaken on site this week are early site investigations for potential archaeology finds on the site as required and approved by Heritage NSW. They are excavating a small number of trenches, assessing and recording what is identified and then will produce a report to Heritage NSW detailing the results. This will then determine the extent of future investigations and monitoring required once the main works commence.

**Deacon Aldrin's ordination:** Many of you will remember Aldrin Valdehueza who did his pastoral placement in our parish a couple of years ago, just as Hien Vu is doing now. Aldrin was ordained a deacon last year, and will be ordained a priest on Monday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. Although we expect to be out of lockdown there will still be very limited numbers, so we invite you to watch the ordination at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination). Please pray for Deacon Aldrin, as well as Deacons Roger Delmon-te and Sam French who will be ordained with him, as they enter their last few weeks of preparation.

**Refugees and Asylum Seekers:** While only one family of asylum seekers have been in the news lately, there are thousands of people either seeking asylum in Australia, or, have been granted refugee status and are in need of support. Last weekend we celebrated Migrant and Refugee Sunday, with Pope Francis issuing a powerful letter entitled "Towards a Wider 'We'". A number of Catholic agencies provide us resources for prayer, advocacy and practical support. See <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/> and aus.jrs.net.

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**Data security:** We are continuing to clean out the OLHC parish office in preparation for moving the office to St Gerard's on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Great care is being taken with any materials which contain people's private details such as address or phone numbers. We are using secure document shredding bins for all papers, and a recycling service which will destroy and recycle all CDs and disks with back ups of data.

**Air conditioning:** Progress continues at St Gerard's. Air conditioning units are now mounted overhead on the back verandas. There will be some delay now in getting the ductwork built as there are only a few people working at the factory at present. Once this is completed the internal return air openings can be cut either side of the altar.



### Catechist Ministry in Secondary Schools

One of the features of which our parish can be rightly proud is our continuous ministry to the three state secondary schools in our parish: Cheltenham Girls High, Carlingford High and James Ruse High. Many parishes have no such ministry. We have this unique opportunity to speak of Jesus and his message to teenagers in their most valuable and formative years. In recent years this ministry has been led by Mary O'Byrne who has coordinated our dedicated team of catechists with great enthusiasm and love. No matter how well a person may lead a ministry, it is always good that leadership be passed on from time to time, so Mary has given notice that she will be stepping down at the end of this year. We are now seeking expressions of interest for a parishioner to volunteer to take up this leadership role. It can be done by a present catechist, or by someone who is not presently a catechist, but who values this ministry and can organise, motivate and support our existing volunteer catechists. Please contact Fr Jim [jim@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:jim@eppcarl.org.au) or 9876 2853.

### Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil | Saturday, 2 October

The First General Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm.

"Listen to what the spirit is saying" has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register please visit: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect)

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** Watch our parishioner Clare's testimony of how the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* program changed her faith and her life <https://youtu.be/dEw6zMvkBP4> (4 min). We're offering this in our parish starting next Tuesday, so contact [denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au) to take part.

### 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: 100 012 613**

Use your name or envelope number as the reference and either 1st Collection or 2nd Collection.

**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](mailto:dennis@eppcarl.org.au)



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**Parish Pastoral Council**

If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to [ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au)

**Our ecumenical covenant:**

In last weekend's gospel we heard Jesus say of a man who was ministering in his name but who wasn't one of the group of apostles that "anyone who is not against us is for us". This is a wonderful reminder of our ecumenical covenant in which we, Epping Anglican and Epping & West Epping Uniting churches agree to gather for shared prayer and minister opportunities. We recognise the goodness of our Christian neighbours who are indeed *for* us, not against us. Many of us have been part of these Lenten gatherings over the years. It is now 25 years since Pope John Paul II's encyclical on ecumenism *Ut Unum Sint (that all may be one)*. Join the NSW Ecumenical Commission for a seminar on this on the morning of Saturday, 9th October, commencing at 10.00am. Join Zoom Meeting.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812881002>

Meeting ID: 828 1288 1002

**Vale Ted .....**

This week we farewelled long time parishioner Ted Stone with a Requiem Mass celebrated at St Gerard's on Thursday, 30th September. Ted had lived in the Carlingford area since 1964. His children attended St. Gerard's Primary school and was very active in the community as a football coach.

Ted was an acolyte and Eucharistic minister at both St Gerard's and at St. Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta.

He was a champion body builder and boxer, winning many titles over the years including a World title in New Zealand. He competed in many Masters titles earning medals and places in the Mr Universe, Mr Olympia and Ultra Grand Masters series.

**Ordination of Deacons**

If anyone would like to participate in the livestream of the Ordination of Deacons Sam French, Roger Delmonte and Aldrin Valdehueza to the Order of Presbyters on Monday 18th October 2021 by going to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/orgination>

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God  
**Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

Joyfully announces the Ordination of  
**Deacon Roger Delmonte**  
**Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza**  
**Deacon Samuel French**

To the Order of Presbyters through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands

**Monday, 18 October 2021**

Commencing at 11:30am

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

The ceremony will be conducted within the guidelines of The government's COVID-19 Health Orders  
**Please participate online via the livestream**  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination)

Lord, you know all things:  
You know that I love you.  
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Jn 21.17

You are also cordially invited to join in the following  
**Masses of Thanksgiving, via livestream**  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination)

**Rev Fr Roger Delmonte**  
11:00am, Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Rev Fr Aldrin Valdehueza**  
7:00pm, Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Rev Fr Samuel French**  
6:00pm, Friday 22 October 2021

## Sacramental &amp; Children's Ministries Information



Dear all, how are you doing? My family and I send you our love; we miss seeing you in person very much! Please remember Children's Liturgy – Kidz Word is online **at 10am every Sunday** whilst we are all staying home. We call this the "Couch Edition" of our regular church gathering! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have been enriching this ministry these few months, each with their unique talents and ideas to bring God's Word to the children every Sunday morning.

How this works: Children and their parents come together online to do activities such as sing, pray, listen to or watch a video clip on the Sunday's Gospel. Role-play and a quick game is sometimes involved where time permits. Sometimes we get up and dance as well, especially when Fr Jim and Hien bring out their guitars and break into song! A good dose of wholesome God-loving time together on Zoom.

All you need to do is click on this link to join our private Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/255948268913440>. Answer a few safeguarding questions to keep our community safe for children and you're in! All information to join the online session are posted within the group, including activity sheets for you to print if you wish to, as well as the link to the Zoom session.

We would love to welcome you and see you online, if you haven't already joined.

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

**Unlock the Mystery of the Bible**

This weekend at Mass, we hear God speak to us and reveal God's love for us and for all people throughout history.

The letter to the Hebrews answers these questions: Who is God? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus suffer? What is his purpose?

*Everything exists for God and through God everything exists.*

*Jesus was made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour.*

*Why? Because he submitted to death; he had to experience death for all mankind.*

*His purpose is to bring a great memory into glory; the leader, made perfect through suffering, would take them to their salvation.* Click here to [read Heb 2:9-11](#)

What are your questions?

There is so much we don't know and don't understand. There is too much mystery!

Jesus encouraged us to **ask** questions; **seek** answers and **knock**, so the door will be unlocked for you.

Where do you find answers?

Join us to **Unlock the Mystery of the Bible**. We journey through the narrative books of the Bible to Unlock the mystery of the Bible. See how *the New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament*. (St Augustine)

We begin next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We meet on Zoom in the morning **or** in the evening to learn about the 12 periods in the Bible. You can find out more. Click on this [link to the parish website](#). You can [preview the first video](#).

Join us. Send your contact details to:

[denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au)

Receive the book for free.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** has been the first step for many parishioners to deepen their understanding of who God is; who Jesus is and why did Jesus suffer. This is your opportunity to ask, seek and knock. Invite your family and friends to unlock the Bible with you in their home.

Denis McNamara ~ *Supporting disciples to become missionary*



**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@epccarl.org.au.



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



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

(3rd and 10th September on zoom from 7-8:30pm),

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88930953704>  
Meeting ID: 889 3095 3704

We are also introducing mid week games nights every Wednesday, 8-9pm to catch up with each other and play games.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzctZ0Mi91dz09)  
[pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzctZ0Mi91dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921965024?pwd=c0swZERaOGc4UUlwSkpzctZ0Mi91dz09)

Password: 249211 or Meeting ID: 839 2196 5024

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

**CANA**  
YOUTH GROUP



John 2:11 'The first of these miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana.'

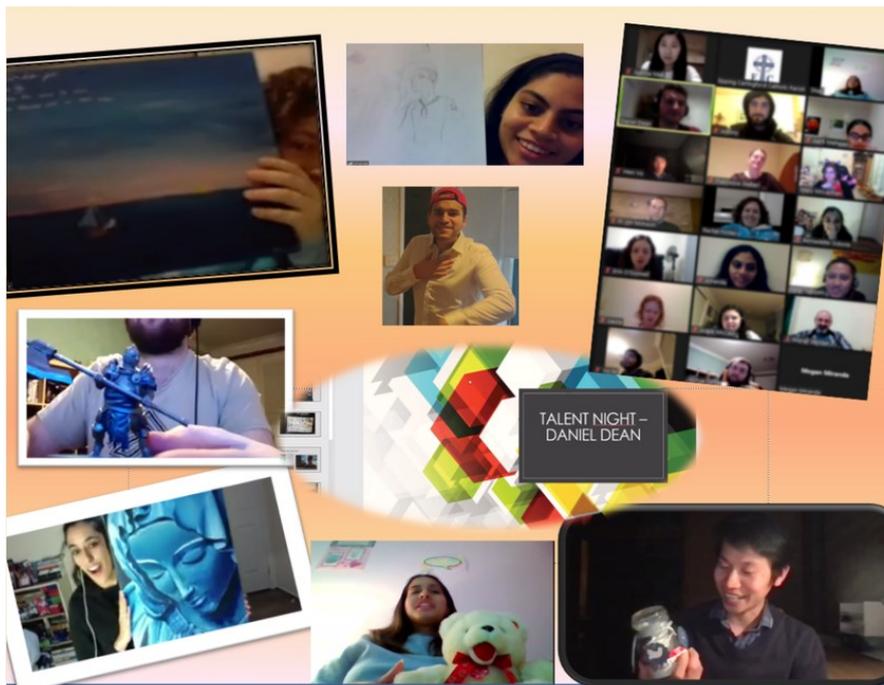
**CANA (Years 6-9)**

Join us on Friday nights  
7:30-9:00pm on zoom!

Cana resumes on  
8th October in term 4.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84038682054>

Meeting ID: 840 3868 2054

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



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

**Emmaus Young Adults (23-30years old)**

Our young adults group meets once a fortnight on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. We are on zoom and our next meeting is on 5th October.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955115016>  
Meeting ID: 869 5511 5016

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

For more information contact the Youth Minister, Joanne Mak on 0404 710 588 or joanna@epccarl.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, 7th & 14th Oct. we will come together via Zoom at 6:30pm.

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



## October *IS* World Mission Month

For **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what **we have SEEN & HEARD**  
ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



### 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 that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.



On **18 October 2021** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will have the privilege of hosting Fr Bruce Morrill, SJ, who will give our next online public lecture (via Zoom) exploring the vital connection between ethics and our physical enactment of liturgy.

The lecture is entitled "**Ritual bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective**". Liturgy as ritual worship is meant to empower Christians to be 'living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God' (Rom 12:1). Liturgy and ethics are integrally related in a sound interpretation of Christian tradition but the theological rhetoric of sacrifice, holiness, royal priesthood, and more, can be puzzling, if not provocative, for 21st century Catholics. This lecture proposes that acceptance of the disruptive challenge of this language will illuminate rather than obscure the connection between liturgy and ethical living.

Fr. Morrill holds the Edward A. Malloy Chair in Roman Catholic Studies at Vanderbilt University, where he is Professor of Theology in the Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion.

More information about this lecture, including a flyer which can be downloaded and shared with interested staff and parishioners if you wish, can be found on our News, Registration to attend can be done by following <https://www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl>.

### Positions Vacant

#### Pastoral Support Worker—Youth Ministry Coordinator Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives

Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people to help them engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive team?

For more information including the position description contact Jen Perrott at

[Jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au) or the Parish Office on 9144 6998.

If you are interested in applying for this role please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset required for this role to

[reception@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:reception@bbcatholic.org.au).

Applications close **Friday, 22 October 2021**.

#### Parish Secretary—(Avalon and Mona Vale) Full Time role.

The Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a full-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close **Wednesday 13 October 2021**.

**A Working With Children Check will be required for both positions.**

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia in both positions.

## Accepting Disappointment in Love

In many of her novels, Anita Brookner, almost as a signature to her work, will make the following comment: the first task of a couple in marriage is to console each other for the fact that they cannot not disappoint each other. That's an important insight. Why?

No love or friendship ever fully takes away our separateness.

When we are young and hear sadness in love songs, we think that the sadness and disappointment are a prelude to the experience of love. Later we come to realize that the sadness and disappointment don't ultimately originate from the fact that love has not taken place, but from the finite, limited character of human love itself. Brookner has it right: the first task in any love is for us to console each other for the limits of our love, for the fact that we cannot not disappoint each other.

Why? Why can't two persons ever be enough for each other? Why is disappointment part of the experience of every relationship, friendship, and marriage?

Because the very way that we are made precludes ever having, in this life, a oneness of mind, heart, and body that fulfills us in such a way that there is no disappointment. Our longing is simply too wide. We long for the infinite and are built for it and so we wake to life and consciousness with longings as deep as a Grand Canyon without a bottom.

In this life then, outside of rare and very transitory mystical experiences, there is no consummation (sexual, emotional, psychological, or even spiritual) with another person that is so deep and all-embracing that it excludes all distance, shadow, and emptiness.

No matter how deep a friendship or a marriage and no matter how good, rich in personality, and deep the other person may be, we always find ourselves somewhat disappointed. In this life, there is no union that fills every emptiness inside of us. Somewhere, we always sleep alone.

In essence, there is no union which fulfills perfectly the Genesis prescription that "two become one flesh." No matter how close a marriage or a friendship, two can never ultimately become one. No matter how deep a union, we always remain separate, two persons who cannot really ever, in this life, make just one heart, one mind, and one body.

No love or friendship ever fully takes away our separateness. Sometimes sexual electricity or emotional or spiritual affinity can promise such a oneness. But, in the end, it cannot fully deliver it. No matter how deep and powerful a union, ultimately, we remain, and need to remain, captains of our own hearts, minds, and bodies.

This needs to be recognized, not just to help us deal with the disappointment, but especially so that we do not violate each other.

What's implied here?

In this life we are always, to some degree, in exile from each other. We stand alone in some way. Where we feel this most deeply is not in our sexual isolation, but in our moral separateness. What we crave even more deeply than sexual unity is moral affinity, to be truly one heart with another. More than we desire a lover, we desire a kindred spirit, a soul mate. If this is true, then the deepest violations of each other are also not sexual but moral.

It's when we try to be captain of somebody else's soul (even more than of his or her body) that we rape someone. And it is our failure to accept that we will always be somehow separate from each other that creates the pressure inside of us to unhealthily try to be captain of someone else's soul. We violate another's separateness precisely because we cannot accept the disappointment of love.

Finally, beyond even this, we cannot not be disappointed in love because, in the end, we are all, in some way, limited, inadequate, blemished, dull, and boring. None of us is God. No matter how rich our personalities or attractive our bodies, none of us can indefinitely excite and generate novelty, sexual electricity, and emotional pleasure, within a relationship. A relationship is like a long trip and, as Dan Berrigan puts it, "there's bound to be some long dull stretches. Don't travel with someone who expects you to be exciting all the time!"

What's the lesson in this? Stoicism and cynicism about love and romance? To the contrary: the recognition that, in love, we cannot not disappoint each other is what makes it possible for us to remain inside of marriage, friendship, celibacy, and respect.

It's when we demand not to be disappointed that we grow angry, make unrealistic demands, and put pressure on each other's moral and sexual integrity. Conversely, when we recognize the limits of love, when we accept an inevitable separateness, moral loneliness, and disappointment, we can begin to console each other in our friendships and our marriages. In that consolation, since it touches so deeply the core of our souls, we can, in fact, begin to find the threads that can bind us into a unity of heart beyond disappointment.

Ron Rolheiser

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**Responsorial Psalm Response**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ps 127 R. V. 5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Alleluia, alleluia!**If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love..  
**Alleluia!****WEEKEND MASSES****Epping** 5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm.**Carlingford** 6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am..**WEEKDAY MASSES**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>EPPING</b>	No Mass	12:15pm	6:00pm	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass

**HEALING MASS** Carlingford—1st Thursday, Epping — 3rd Wednesday (no Healing Mass in Jan.)**EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping** Saturday 9:45-10:15am, **Carlingford**, 4th Thursday 10:00am**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping** Saturday 9:45-10:15am **Carlingford** Saturday 5:00—5:30pm  
Also, **Epping** Monday 6pm and **Carlingford** Friday at 7:30pm **OR BY APPOINTMENT.****BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT****PARISH OFFICE:** 29 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121 **PH:** 9876 2853 **Email:** parish@eppcarl.org.au**ST GERARD MAJELLA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH:** 9871 1633 **Email:** sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH:** 9868 3322 **Email:** 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:** Maria Lombardo, Carmel Binns, Enid Snedden (Kathy Batten's mother), Betty Randall., Rev Fr James Duck , Stella Nathan (mother of Cynthia Nathan).Please pray for Ted Stone who passed away last week. His funeral was held on Thursday  
30th September at St Gerard's Church.Please also pray for Luciana Turco who dies last week. Her funeral was held on Friday,  
1st October at St Gerard's.**Anniversaries:** Hilton Paes,**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, 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, Janice Lemon, Mary Lou Petony, Donald Wong, Joyce Heidke, Betty Brennan, Dennis Porteous.*Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the family.***Responsorial Psalm Response**

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Ps 89:12-17 R. V. 14

Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy.**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.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
**Alleluia!****WN BULL**  
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