

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5-12-20

Is 40:1-5.9-11

2 Pet 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

Dear parishioners,

Last Wednesday Bishop Anthony announced a large number of moves pertaining to priests within the Diocese of Broken Bay. Among those moves was mentioned my new appointment as chaplain to Royal North Shore Hospital which will commence towards the end of January 2021. I know this news will come as a shock to many of you as I had always said that I would remain in the parish for the duration of the Epping Project. The decision for me to leave the parish came about as a result of a conversation I had with Bishop Anthony in September where I shared with him fruits of my discernment, especially over the past twelve months.

Originally, as you may remember, construction was to commence at the end of 2018/ beginning of 2019 and is now to commence at the start of 2022 with a completion date around 2025/2026. After much prayer and conversations with various people who know me well, I believe in order to maintain the growth of the pastoral life of the parish and preside over the construction phase of the Epping project it is time for someone new to lead the parish, especially over the next five years.

While I believe my decision is correct for me, and the future of the parish, this has been a hard decision to make and I have to admit feeling a deep sadness in leaving such a wonderful gathering of God's people.

What does console me is the knowledge that Fr Jim McKeon currently Parish Priest at Chatswood will be your new Parish Priest. Jim will bring a real vitality and enthusiasm to his role and I believe you are all in good hands.

I will share further with you in the coming weeks but at this stage please keep me in your prayers as you will always be in mine.

Fr Peter

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

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas day.

Please note it is ESSENTIAL that everyone register for the Christmas Mass of their choice.

We are currently using the website TryBooking.

For St Gerard's Carlingford 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 that Mass, could you please let the parish office know As soon as possible.



Catechists (SRE) News:

Thanks to our wonderful speakers and Catechists providing the information and invitations to our Ministry after each Mass in the Parish over the past two weekends, we have at least nine people who have volunteered to join the SRE Ministry (become Catechists).

However, we would be delighted to receive more offers to assist with the following:

Primary Schools

- Epping Public School (Tuesday 9:20am, 9:50am)
- Epping North Public School (Thursday 9:10am, 9:40am)
- Epping West Public Schools (Tuesday 11:40am, 12:10, 12:40pm)
- Epping Heights Public School (Friday 9:10am)
- Murray Farm Public School (Tuesday 9:00am, 9:40am, 10:20am)
- Roselea Public School (Wednesday 11:30am, 12:00 midday, 12:30pm)

Secondary Schools

- James Ruse High on Wednesday afternoon weekly.
- Carlingford High Friday mornings weekly July/August only.

Please contact **Katherine or Mary** (see below) to discover more about this wonderful ministry.

Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to our **Annual Catechist Mass** at St Gerard's last Sunday 29th November. The following Catechists were presented Service Awards at this Mass:

25 Years: Cho wai Cheung

10 years: Margaret McArdle, Mary Lee, Valerie Goodwin.

5 years: Anuli Ezembaukwu, Rachel Foster, Christine Jap, Fanny Lai, Grace Saldhana.

Many thanks to the following **retirees** who have given so much time and effort to teaching SRE to the children in the State Schools for which our Parish is responsible:

Elizabeth McDonald, Margaret Miller, Trish Cross, Sue Rilen, Derrick Hansen, Hamish La Porte, Brenda La Porte, Rachel Foster, Anulika Ezembaukwu and Lou Robinson.

Thank you to Lee and John for the wonderful photos.

Contact details: **Mary O'Byrne** (Secondary School) on 9871 2120 or email mfobyne@gmail.com

Katherine Tam (Primary Schools) on katherine@eppcarl.org.au

or via the **Parish Office** 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au



Cho-wai Cheung receiving her 25 yr. award



All Service Awardees
Names shown below



Christine Jap receiving her 5 yr. award



Pat and Margaret receiving their awards



Margaret McArdle receiving her 10 yr. award.

All Service Awardees

Rachel Foster—5 Yrs.
A Ezembaukwu—5 Yrs.
Christine Jap—5 Yrs
Cho-wai Cheung— 25 Yrs.
Val Goodwin—10 Yrs.
Fanny Lai—5 Yr.
Grace Saldanha— 5 Yrs.
Mary Lee—10 Yrs.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	06/12/20	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.	07/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	08/12/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed.	09/12/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	10/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Fri.	11/12/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat.	12/12/20	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			

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 HEALING MASS

All are welcome to our Advent Healing Mass as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know.

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

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



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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**

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.

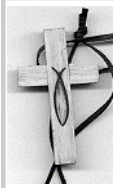
Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this year, we are unable to buy a present, instead we would like to invite you to take a card from the tree located near the organ in the Epping Church and if possible place a \$30 cash donation in an envelope in the box under the tree.

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

Youth And Young Adults



OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday, 6 December

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 having their final meeting for the year on the 11th December and it's a Christmas party! Free pizza and krispy kremes, just bring a \$5 secret santa present.

Time: 7:30-9pm Location: St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford. For more details, please contact Joanna on 0404 710 588 or email at joanna@eppcarl.org.au.

Bible Reading Group

Hi everyone, we will be starting to read Colossians on the 7th December! 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 Colossians4 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.

Emmaus Young Adults (23-30 years of age)

The next and last meeting for 2020 is 8th December at St Gerard's meeting room 7-8:30pm. Come for a bit of fun and meet other young adults!

Advent Prepares the Way for Christ Coming

The baby Jesus was given the name **Emmanuel - God is with us!** In the lead up to Christmas, we want to experience the joy that builds up to the excitement at Jesus's birth on Christmas day. How can this happen? We tell our children that Christmas is about **the gift we receive**. The gift of Jesus brings peace and joy. His grace helps us grow to be our best self. We tell the story about people waiting and longing for His coming.

In the next few weeks, families can use many ways to prepare for Christmas. Some examples are:

- **Tell the great story** in ways the children of all ages can follow and learn from. In one family, little Lego pieces were used as symbols of Joseph and Mary making the journey to Bethlehem.
- **Watch videos** suitable for different age groups can be **FORMED.org**
- **Read Christmas books**. Always a favourite.
- **Listen to Advent Carols**. These sing about Jesus coming and lead up to his birth in the Christmas Carols. Search Advent Carols and go to **Keep In Touch** one of the parish newsletters.
- **Make Christmas Cards**. This brings to mind our friends and our deep wishes for them.

You are also invited to join with others on Zoom at 7.30 Wednesday evening 9th December as we view the presentation entitled "Trust in God." Presented by Brigid DeMoor.

Please use this **link to log in:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84622151544>

To receive the link by email, in the Subject line, **Request link to join Advent group online** to denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au

Open up your email **Keep In Touch** on Monday 7th December and click on the link. Your family can watch the 4 Advent videos in your home. Go to **FORMED.org** Search **Advent**. Click on: [Prepare the way of the Lord](#) and download the [Advent Study Guide](#).

Denis McNamara

Supporting disciples to be missionary



Children's Sacramental Journey - First Eucharist 2020

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the following children, and their families, who celebrated their First Eucharist with us last weekend and this weekend at both our churches:



Mykaela Barcial, Jacob Chiha, Valery Duque Herrera, Isabella Di Giunta, Ruark Carlisle Flores, Renee Hunt, Allegra Imbruglia Wong, Michael Lee, Blake Phillips, Aston Snow, Sofia Tong and Theo Tong.



The parish would like to thank both our parish school principals, teachers, parents and all volunteers in our various parish ministries for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families! A special mention and thank-you to the Year 2 class parents of St Gerard's Primary School. COVID restrictions may have prevented our usual morning tea celebrations after the First Eucharist Mass, but the Year 2 class parents have worked hard to co-ordinate a special surprise for all First Communicants. What a wonderful community we have! Thank you Year 2 parents!

If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to send me an email.

Remember also, you can scan this QR-code for ideas on preparing for Christmas as a family or email me for a direct link to my Google Drive. New ideas are added each week!

Wishing you a joyful Advent season in preparation for Christmas!

Lynn Siau
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2020 CHRISTMAS APPEAL Commencing 5th December

Vinnies changes lives every day

Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be placed in the second collection box. Also Receipts can be provided immediately if the donation is made to one of our members who will attend the 'Vinnies Table' after Mass.

St. Gerard Majella Carlingford: Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and can be placed in the second collection box. Also Receipts can be provided immediately if the donation is made to one of our members at the Piety Store.

Your gift could change a life this Christmas

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 \$13,608

To give online please go to:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund,

or use the QR code shown on this page.

Scan and Donate



OR Complete your CWF Envelope

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Group Radio Association of Carlingford and Epping

Episode 5

Listen in on our fifth episode discussing Advent and hearing from Brother Bernard and Carol Wilson.

Also join us to test your knowledge of saints and dates as we battle it out in some interesting quizzes.

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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** and then
Click on—**Sign Up**

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—Advent Longing

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once suggested that peace and justice will come to us when we reach a high enough psychic temperature so as to burn away the things that still hold us apart. In saying this, he was drawing upon a principle in chemistry: sometimes two elements will simply lie side by side inside a test-tube and not unite until sufficient heat is applied so as to bring them to a high enough temperature where unity can take place.

That's wonderful metaphor for Advent.

What is Advent?

Advent is about getting in touch with our longing. It's about letting our yearnings raise our psychic temperatures so that we are pushed to eventually let down our guard, hope in new ways, and risk intimacy.

John of the Cross has a similar image: intimacy with God and with each other will only take place, he says, when we reach a certain kindling temperature. For too much of our lives, he suggests, we lie around as damp, green logs inside the fire of love, waiting to come to flame but never bursting into flame because of our dampness. Before we can burst into flame, we must first dry out and come to kindling temperature. We do that by first sizzling for a long time in the flames, as does a damp log inside a fire, so as to dry out.

Possession is limited, desire is infinite.

How do we sizzle psychologically and spiritually? For John of the Cross, we do that through the pain of loneliness, restlessness, disquiet, anxiety, frustration, and unrequited desire. In the torment of incompleteness our psychic temperature rises so that eventually we come to kindling temperature and, there, we finally open ourselves to union in new ways. That too is an image for Advent.

Advent is all about loneliness, but loneliness is a complex thing.

Nobel Prize winning author, Toni Morrison describes it this way:

There is a loneliness that can be rocked. Arms crossed, knees drawn up, holding, holding on, this motion, unlike a ship's, smooths and contains the rocker. It's an inside kind—wrapped tight like skin. Then there is a loneliness that roams. No rocking can hold it down. It is alive, on its own. A dry and spreading thing that makes the sound of one's own feet going seems to come from a far-off place. (from *Beloved*)

All of us know exactly what she is describing, especially the latter type, the roaming kind of loneliness that haunts the soul and makes us, all too often, too restless to sleep at night and too uncomfortable to be inside our own skins during the day.

And what's the lesson in this? What we learn from loneliness is that we comprise more than any one moment in our lives, more than any situation we are in, more than any humiliation we have experienced, more than any rejection we have endured, and more than all the limits within which we find ourselves. Loneliness and longing take us beyond ourselves. How?

Thomas Aquinas once taught that we can attain something in one of two ways: through possession or through desire. We like to possess what we love, but that isn't often possible and it has an underside.

Possession is limited, desire is infinite. Possession sets up fences, desire takes down fences. To quote Karl Rahner, only in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable do we know that we are more than the limits of our bodies, our present relationships, our jobs, our achievements, and the concrete situations within which we live, work, and die.

Loneliness and longing let us touch, through desire, God's ultimate design for us. In our longing, the mystics tell us, we intuit the kingdom of God. What that means is that in our desires we sense the deeper blueprint for things.

And what is that?

Scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, of simple bodily pleasure, but a coming together in justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, that is what we ache for in our loneliness and longing: consummation, oneness, intimacy, completeness, harmony, peace, and justice. Sometimes, of course, in our fantasies and daydreams, that isn't so evident. God's kingdom seems something much loftier and more holy than what we often long for—sex, revenge, fame, power, glory, pleasure. However even in these fantasies, be they ever so crass, there is present always a deeper desire, for justice, for peace, for joy, for oneness in Christ.

Our loneliness and longing are a hunger and an energy that drive us, always, beyond the present moment. In them we do intuit the kingdom of God.

Advent is about longing, about getting in touch with it, about heightening it, about letting it raise our psychic temperatures, about sizzling as damp green logs inside the fires of intimacy, about intuiting the kingdom of God by seeing, through desire, what the world might look like if a Messiah were to come and establish with us justice, peace, and unity on this earth.

Ron Rolheiser

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - what people said

Over 180 have received the keys to Unlock the Mystery of the Bible. Over fifty of those completed the study and discussion in Epping, Carlingford, and online last week. We had a maximum number in the rooms and were spread out to watch the video. Our groups were well spaced during this COVID time. These are some of their comments.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible has been helpful

"Yes, very helpful..."

It gave me a structure for understanding the faith journey. I have a better understanding of how the Old Testament is connected to the New Testament.

I did not realise the New Testament can only be understood if you know what happened in the Old Testament.

The course gave me the overarching structure of the Bible.

Unlocking has put me in a great place to continue my study of the Bible."

"Reasons for asking others to come to *Unlock the Mystery*

If you have never made a serious study of the Bible this is a great foundation..."

The Timeline for the 12 periods in the history of the Bible is invaluable.

This helped me understand the Word of God better. It strengthens your faith.

You experience community and fellowship from going through the Bible story together."

Other Comments:

"I recommend **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** to everyone. I never miss an opportunity that comes my way to talk about my faith and I mean people outside the faith. Unlocking provides me with a better framework for future conversations whenever they arise. When the Bible arises in conversation, I can draw on what I have learnt. Also, I would refer to this series which has been very cleverly laid out..."

"I am already sharing Unlocking with my group of Catholic friends online via Zoom. We watch the DVD together and then have a discussion. They are loving it."

"The final session was a great success. People brought food and everyone was mixing very comfortably. The final session is full of information. It brought together so many insights or *keys for unlocking*. The discussion went over-time. Everyone enjoyed it and finished on a high note. Thank you to all for this opportunity to deepen our faith and to grow as a community of faith."

Make a note for your New Year to do list - **Go to *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* in 2021.**



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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us 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.

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 84:9-14 R. v. 8

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

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Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

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

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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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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, Jenny Roberts.

Anniversaries:**Also for:**

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsys, 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 Madafoglio, 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
12/12/20	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Nick de Groot SVD
13/12/20	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
13/12/20	10:15am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
13/12/20	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		

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