

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 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 celebration of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

YEAR C

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6-01-19

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

THE EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate the Epiphany which is a feast which complements Christmas Day itself (indeed in some cultures today it is seen as the greater feast within the season). As Christmas Day celebrates the birth of the Lord, today's feast celebrates the making known of the Word made flesh, which is symbolised by the coming of the wise men from foreign lands. In their coming we celebrate that people of all nations are embraced by God's love made flesh in Jesus. The word 'epiphany' literally means 'a manifestation', a 'revelation' or 'showing'. Today's feast invites us to take up our call as disciples to be epiphanies ourselves – to make known the love of God, made flesh in Jesus, through our own love.

WE THREE KINGS

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O-oh star of wonder, star of night, star with royal
beauty bright, westward leading still proceeding, guide us to
thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain.

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Pray'r and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God on high.
Refrain.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering
gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold
tomb. Refrain.

Glorious now, behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.



2018 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**Make this a Christmas Filled With Joy.
We need your help.**

Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: Envelopes on the pews and at Church entrances to be returned to the paper table or placed on the second collection.

St. Gerard Majella Carlingford: Envelopes on the pews to be returned to the Piety Store or on the second collection.

Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

Your Gift Could Change Lives

A Special Thank You

to all our parishioners for the cards and Christmas presents given to Fr Joey and myself.

In 2019 may God grant you grace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

Fr Peter and Fr Joey

PARISH OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED from Midday 24th December until Monday 7th January.**

For emergency sick calls or in the event of the need to make funeral arrangements please ring 9876 2853 (the phone is always diverted to Fr Peter's or Fr Joey's home outside of office hours).

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU A big thank you to all those who helped in the preparation and celebration of our Christmas celebrations: members of the Altar Society, those who helped to clean the churches and arrange the flowers; those who put up the cribs and those who erected and decorated the tree and the other decorations in both our churches; all those involved in preparing for the Children's Masses, for the Night and Midnights Masses and for the morning Masses; musicians and singers for all the Masses; those who helped to prepare and fold the booklets, our Parish Staff, and many more. The Christmas liturgies are a special time when we work together to celebrate our faith as a community – thank you to all for your participation. *Fr Peter and Fr Joey.*

Our Parish Antioch Community

Antioch Community is having its
**Annual Outreach Weekend from
Friday 8th to Sunday 10th Feb.2019**

The Antioch weekend is run *FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH* and is filled with,
TALKS & DISCUSSIONS, MUSIC,

FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN!!

It's a great chance to find out more about yourself, meet heaps of great young people from the parish, and grow closer to Jesus!

Venue: Parish Site @ St Gerard's,
543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

**Registration Forms will soon be available
at the back of both Churches**

*"It was at Antioch that the believers were first
called Christians" ~Acts 11:26~*

Alpha in Epping and Carlingford In 2019



Alpha in Catholic context at Epping and Carlingford is an opportunity to meet with people and see for yourself what being a Christian is all about.

We invite you to take time for yourself to understand more about life—especially your own life's journey.

Every Alpha session includes food, talk and discussion.

It will be an amazing time for all who join us on this journey.

Please watch the parish bulletin for dates, time and venue.

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

Recently deceased: Sr. Agnes Chong ocd, Robert Tan, Eddie Tam., Michael Appadurai, Emmanuel (Toto) Fernando, George Guanzon, Tony Moses, Rob Neil,

Anniversaries: Ivan Astalosh, Roger & Jean-Claude Nina

Also for: Chen Wu Mei,

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, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Sr. Pauline Wicks rsj, Delma Soria, Sn Atanasia Lee, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave, Fara Vargas, Kathy Walsh, Theo Stevens.

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

A Plenary Council Christmas opportunity!

*What do you think God is asking of us in
Australia at this time?*

It is essential for ALL Catholics to respond to this question for the future of our Church. There will be an opportunity at the Christmas Masses for family or friends who have not 'Had their Say' to write their response on one of the Christmas message cards on the seats. It can then be placed in the Plenary Council box in the Church or posted at their convenience.

If you would like to contribute or ask questions you too can place your response in one of the boxes or

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For further information visit the Plenary Council website and explore:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available near the bulletin boxes in both our churches.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of priests. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings.

The envelopes can be placed on either plate.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
12/01/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
13/01/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
13/01/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
13/01/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		