

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
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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 nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR B

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

07-03-21

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Dear Parishioners,

Almsgiving: During Lent we focus on three practices: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. In recent weeks our bulletin has offered a number opportunity for prayer, and a reflection on contemporary approaches to fasting. This week we invite you to consider almsgiving, that is, charitable giving. This is something most of us already do, whether that is the weekly parish collections, the various other charities and appeals run through the parish each year, or other charities which you might also support. This weekend a member of our Parish Finance Committee will report to you on your generosity to the parish in the financial year 2019-2020.

I invite you to reflect on how your giving is an act of worship and of your discipleship. Jesus' praise of the poor widow (Mark 12:41) shows how it is the intentionality of giving, not just the amount and its effect which are virtuous. During Lent I invite you to see the giving you are already doing in this way
Fr Jim

QR codes, bookings and signing in: Did you know that by law we are required to have an electronic copy of the contact details of each person who comes into our church? While cafes and restaurants are required to use the Service NSW QR code, the government allowed churches the option of letting people sign in by hand, as long as these details were then immediately typed up. As you can imagine this is a lot of work! Moving to booking online will greatly reduce this workload, but for weekdays we also ask you to scan in using the Service NSW QR code (now available at both churches) in preference to signing in whenever you can.

Easter Liturgy Times: We can now confirm that our Easter liturgies will be at the same times as previous years, with the addition of an Easter Vigil at OLHC at 7pm, and a Sunday night Mass at OLHC at 6pm. This is so that we can offer as many people as possible the opportunity to come Mass despite the restrictions on numbers.

People involved in liturgical ministries will be receiving invitations to serve at these liturgies in the coming week.

Re-engagement: Easter is a wonderful opportunity for us to re-engage with the many people who may have fallen away from church involvement during 2020, and not yet returned. We have a three pronged strategy.

1. Invite. We're going to letterbox – drop every dwelling in the parish with an invitation to Easter and we need your help to deliver these to your neighbours. On the weekend of March 21st we will be asking you to take a bunch of postcards for St Gerard's or flyers for OLHC and deliver them to a street near you.
2. Welcome. Our rostered greeters will be ready at the door, but welcoming begins in the carpark, continues as we walk up to the church, and extends through after Mass. Each of us can be the welcoming face of the parish, and therefore of Christ, to people as they return to Mass, perhaps after a long hiatus. Practice saying hello to strangers this weekend!
3. Engage. Once people have come into the church we want to engage them in worship, despite whatever restrictions may still be in place. Our ministers, especially music ministers are already preparing.

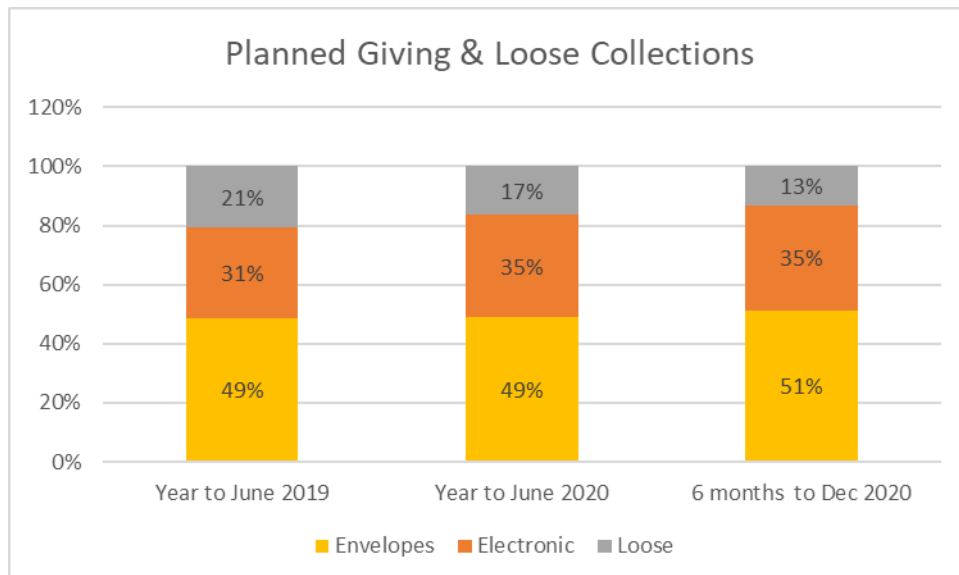
Please pray for, and take part in this strategy so that we can rebuild our parish, post-Covid, even better than it was before.

Fr Jim

Epping & Carlingford Parish Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Culture of Giving

In years past parishes could rely on the cash given on the collection plate at Sunday Mass to provide for all the needs of the parish. Last year's COVID disruption meant that while parish expenses for maintenance, utilities and wages continued the parish lost much of its cash income. Many people however generously moved to regular forms of cashless giving, either by electronic funds transfer or by credit card. This generosity was remarkable and allowed the parish to continue to operate with only a modest deficit. As we look forward to the time when our churches can again be full we hope that people will continue to give in these electronic ways, and that others will join them. Giving electronically reduces the risk and cost of cash handling, and it gives the parish a reliable income from which we can budget to spend wisely. Arranging your own regular giving allows you to plan for your generosity to the parish as part of your personal budget setting. As a new parishioner myself, I've joined the planned giving program, giving monthly by credit card – Fr Jim.



Look out for our new Tap n Go devices coming soon!

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The last quarter of the year was severely impacted by COVID. On the income side, we received a JobKeeper subsidy of \$30,000 and a Cash Flow Boost of \$22,810 from the government, which helped us maintain our planned revenues. On the expenses side, we were able to reduce some of our costs as the churches were closed. Overall, the Parish made a net loss of \$20,836.

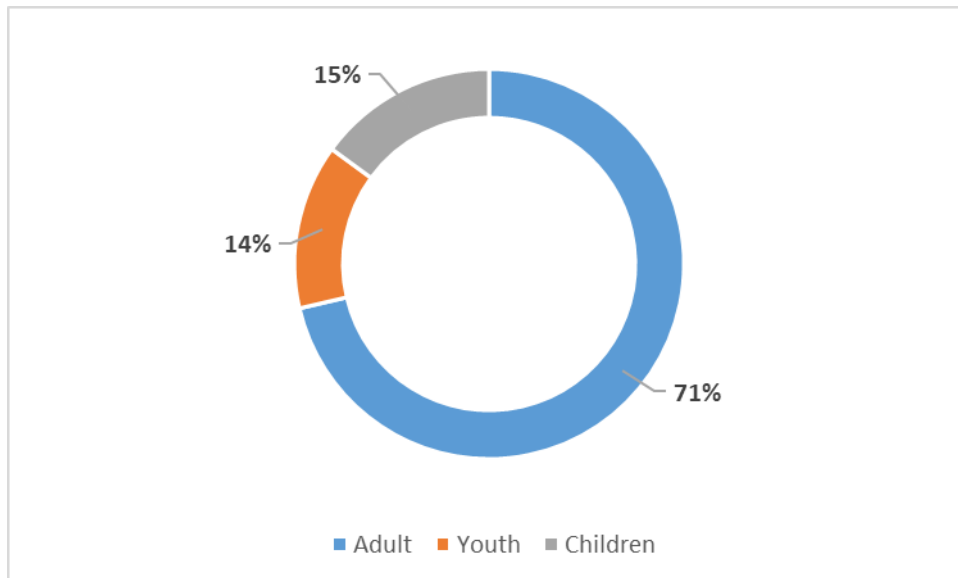
The table below provides more detail on where our revenues have come from and how they have been expensed. Financials for the 6 months to December 2020 is provided for comparison, bearing in mind the whole period had been affected by COVID.

Income & Expenses (Notes)	Year to June 2020		6 months to December 2020	
Income				
Second Collection	\$346,562	77%	\$162,665	76%
Rental Income (From hire of Parish hall and rooms)	\$29,423	7%	\$9,883	5%
JobKeeper Subsidy (1)	\$30,000	7%	\$30,000	14%
Cash Flow Boost (1)	\$22,810	5%	\$7,604	4%
Other (Donations, interest, sale of candles, etc.)	\$21,011	5%	\$5,219	2%
Total Income	\$449,806	100%	\$215,371	100%
Expenses				
Parish Operating Costs (Electricity, gas, water, etc.)	\$9,855	2%	\$4,865	2%
Insurance	\$43,268	9%	\$38,118	12%
Altar & Church Requisites	\$14,516	3%	\$8,364	3%
Parish Administration	\$31,108	7%	\$22,484	7%
Maintenance & Capital Works (2)	\$67,398	14%	\$63,596	20%
Communications (Telephone, photocopier, computers)	\$49,159	10%	\$19,997	6%
Pastoral Activities (3) (Net of income received)	\$14,951	3%	\$1,276	0%
Employment Costs (Priest expenses, Parish staff, Ministry staff, cleaners, etc.)	\$240,387	51%	\$158,658	50%
Total Expenses	\$470,642	100%	\$317,358	100%
Net Profit/ (Loss)	-\$20,836		-\$101,987	

Explanatory Notes

- (1) The JobKeeper and Cash Flow Boost were provided by the government to support organisations during COVID. The JobKeeper was a subsidy that was paid to staff.
- (2) Maintenance and capital expenses during the year included replacing rusting steel windows and upgrading our stormwater drainage. Some expenses in the 6 months to December 2020 include priority items from the 10 Year Maintenance Plan for the Carlingford church and presbytery. A major project being considered is the upgrade of the air conditioning system in Carlingford church which is 25 years old and no longer working efficiently. The cost is about \$300,000 and a fundraising appeal is planned.
- (3) Pastoral Activities is net of money received from those participating in the programmes. Gross expenses on activities amounted to \$24,521, split as follows:

Parish Information



Parish Current Assets & Liabilities

(Notes)	30 June 2020	31 December 2020
Assets		
Cash on hand and on deposit	\$568,103	\$478,040
Other	-\$1,205	-\$1,604
Total	\$566,898	\$476,436
Liabilities		
Payroll	\$52,907	\$57,293
Other (1)	\$388	\$7,526
Total	\$53,295	\$64,819
Net Assets	\$513,603	\$411,617

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) The \$7,526 on 31 December 2020 is mainly money collected on behalf of the Catholic Works Fund.

Youth And Young Adults



OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday, 7th March

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 0421 506 577 (parent supporters)

"It was at Antioch the believers were first called Christians"CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs.
YOUTH GROUP

Cana is meeting again

We are meeting on the
5th March, 7:30-9pm at
St Gerard's Meeting Room.

Anyone from year 6-9 are welcome!
Snacks and drinks are provided!

CANA
YOUTH GROUP


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

Bible Reading Group

Our Bible reading group will be reading a chapter a day of Revelation from the 10th March! Invite your friends and family as we continue to read the New Testament.

Join via our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/>Emmaus Young Adults
Group

Our Young Adults group will meet on
Tuesday, 9th March, in the parish
meeting room from 7:00—8:30pm.

If you would like to come, please con-
tact the Youth Minister, Joanna on
0404710588 if you have any questions.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR
MEN

WHERE: Seminary of the Good Shep-
herd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Home-
bush.

WHEN: Friday 12 – Sunday 14 March
2021

TIME: 4:30PM (Fri 12) – 3:00PM (Sun
14)

REGISTRATION COST: \$75
(scholarship available if needed)
Please RSVP by Wed 3 March 2021

***Every inquirer's/participant's
details are kept confidential**
For more information, please con-
tact the Vocations Office at

**voca-
tions.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au**
or call on 0418 522 449.



OPEN DAY

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School Carlingford welcomes you to come
and meet our Principal and see what our school offers for your child.

Wednesday, 10th March 2021

9:30-10:30am and 6:00-7:00pm



Visit www.sgcdsb.catholic.edu.au/open-day or call
the school on (02) 9871 1633 for more information.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

We are delighted to announce
our first reflection morning for
2021 will be held on **SATUR-
DAY 13th MARCH**. We will
gather as usual in the parish
hall of Hunters Hill. We com-
mence at 9.30 AM and conclude
at 12.30 PM. Fr Michael Whelan
sm will lead our reflection. His
topic/theme: '*Recovering the
Mystical Heart of our Faith*'. Tea
and Coffee will be served as
usual.

For the time being **PLEASE
BRING YOUR OWN SNACK
PACK**.

A Donation is appreciated. No
need to book. Face masks are
NOT mandatory.

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME
TO A WARM, COVID SAFE
ENVIRONMENT.**

Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869
1036. '*Come & See*'

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School Cambridge St, Epping

Open Day

Wednesday 10th March

9:00am-10:30am



Parish Information

Ecumenical Service—World Day of Prayer

All parishioners are invited to join the World Day of Prayer. This is an annual celebration on the Christian calendar and supported by six traditions in the Epping area.

It will be held at All Saints Church, Malton Road, North Epping on Friday, 5th March at 10.30 am. The focus this year will be on Vanuatu.

Following the service, tea and coffee is available, and there is an opportunity to stay for lunch. Organizer's do ask we bring our own sandwich.

Please phone Lorraine Lobsey 0438605773 if you would like further information

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm every Friday during Lent

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

31 Oxford Street, Epping

Men of St. Joseph



Welcome all who want to join the group of "Men of St Joseph". We meet weekly to discuss, share our faith and support one another.

We meet in the parish meeting room at Carlingford on a Thursday night commencing at 7:30pm. *Fr Bogdan*

Parish Secretary, Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish – Full Time. For further details, see the Diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant. Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

Parish Secretary, Pymble Catholic Parish – Part Time. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a current CV and cover letter outlining your previous experience and suitability for the role to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au. Applications close: Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	07/03/21	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.	08/03/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	OLHC Reconciliation & Adoration
		7:30pm	Diocesan Lenten Program—Zoom
Tue.	09/03/21	10:45am	PMR Epping—Lenten Group
Tue.	10/03/21	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:45pm	Epping Uniting Church
Wed.	11/03/21	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		7:30pm	"The Search" - On Zoom
Thur.	12/03/21	10:00am	Healing Mass at St Gerard's
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford Men of St Joseph
		7:30pm	PMR Epping—Lenten Group
Fri.	13/03/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Lenten Group
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		7:00pm	St Gerard's Reconciliation, Adoration.
		7:00pm	OLHC—Stations of the Cross
Sat.	14/03/21	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

Lenten Ecumenical Services—Commence at 7:45pm in each Church

We will continue our tradition of keeping Lent by gathering with our fellow Churches each week so that Lent can be a time of building bridges and fostering unity. Please be part of these important Lenten gatherings. *Fr Jim McKeon*

Date	Venue	Address
09 Mar.	West Epping Uniting Church	161 Carlingford Road, Epping
16 Mar.	Our Lady Help of Christians' Church	29 Oxford Street, Epping
23 Mar.	St Albans Anglican Church -	3 Pembroke Street, Epping
28 Mar.	Palm Sunday—We gather at St Albans. for the blessing of the palms and then make our way back to our own church for the 10:15am Mass.	

COVID-19 Safety Plan

- ☐ We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the two square metre rule (160 people at Epping and 290 at Carlingford).
- ☐ Coloured cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.
- ☐ All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and use the QR code or sign in the book.
- ☐ We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass
- ☐ There is no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- ☐ All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand first and then those receiving on the tongue are asked to come up last).

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.

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 and Epping Baptist Church.

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.

E-Bulletin

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send an email with e-bulletin as the subject title to: ma-ree@eppcarl.org.au



Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Primary School

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen

Palm Sunday At Epping – An Ecumenical Entry to Holy Week For the third year we will gather together with the community from St Alban's Anglican Church and Chester St Uniting Church for **A COMMON BLESSING OF PALMS** for our principal Sunday morning celebration of Palm Sunday and that we will then process to our individual churches for our own liturgies. The arrangements will be that we will gather for the blessing of palms in the grounds of Our Lady Help of Christians' Church (note the new starting venue this year) from which we will then process up the street with our blessed palms before returning to our own church for the celebration of Mass. Members of the community at St Gerard's at Carlingford are of course welcome to join in this celebration. Palm Sunday is the threshold to Holy Week and this gathering will give us a wonderful opportunity to come together to begin that most sacred time of our common Church year. Fr Jim McKeon



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Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps 18:8-11 R. Jn 6.69

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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Gospel Acclamation**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son.
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!****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.
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EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
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CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass
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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 9:45-10:1am Carlingford Saturday 5:00—5:30pm
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 PRIMARY SCHOOL:** **PH:** 9871 1633 **Email:** sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTANS 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:** Joseph Edward, Neville Wilkin, Rumsey Mangano, Eugene O'Neill, Fr Edgardo Palmos, Roger Bonilla, Sr Mary Therese Lawler, Joan Scott, Moya Ashford, Ken Ho, Sr Mathimary Fatima Ovans, Patricia (Paddy) Gleeson,**Anniversaries:** Dick Brownlow,**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, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly, John Goodwin, George Bell, Patrick Thornton, Mary Tuite, Michael & Susan Tuite, Benjamin Verco, 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, Mary Lou Pentony, Donald Wong, Joyce Heidke.*Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the family.***Useful Links****Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford>**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/catholicparisheppcarl/>**Fr Jim's Youtube:** <https://youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gm08jYdA>**Epping and Carlingford Website:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford>**G.R.A.C.E podcast via internet:**<https://open.spotify.com/show/1y2EWOFFkWJMRN5tAWJN9am>

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
13/02/21	5:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
14/02/21	8:30am	Fr Jim McKeon	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
14/02/21	10:15am	Fr Jim McKeon	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
14/02/21	6:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon		