

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

**Our Lady Help of Christians' Church**  
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**YEAR B**

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS  
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**08-08-21  
15-08-21**

1 Kings 17:8-16  
Apocalypse 11:19.12:1-6.10

Colossians 3: 12-17  
1 Corinthians 15:2—26

Matthew 6:25-34  
Luke 1:39-56

Dear Parishioners,

**This fortnight** we celebrate two significant feast days on Sundays. August 8<sup>th</sup> is the solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), and August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption. These Masses will use the prayers and scripture readings of the feast day rather than the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Sundays of ordinary time.

**Livestreamed Mass** will now be at 6pm every Saturday night on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford/> and available on our parish YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_t43V\\_sQu1LK2LM\\_Q6akIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_t43V_sQu1LK2LM_Q6akIA) on Sunday morning.

**Sunday night Liturgy of the Word** continues every Sunday night at 5pm but with a new link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89630518799?pwd=N2JJNFNmLzNBStaTGJXS3VZNG05UT09>  
Meeting ID: 896 3051 8799.  
Come join us to listen to and respond to the Word of God.

**Welcome Fr Marek:** This weekend we welcome Fr Marek Woldan to our parish, who has recently arrived in Australia from the Archdiocese of Czestochowa, Poland (Fr Bogdan's home diocese). Fr Marek has served for many years in the Diocese of Mendi in Papua New Guinea alongside Fr Bogdan. Bishop Anthony has appointed him as assistant priest to our parish for several months while he settles into our diocese. He will be living at Carlingford with Fr Bogdan. Please make him welcome.

**Cleaning out.** The Relocation Steering Committee have put together a Working Group to manage this project/task to identify what to keep and what to dispose of, and that we will be keeping Parishioners up to date as we proceed with the project. We've been using the time in lockdown to start cleaning out some of the junk which has accumulated in the parish over the years. By junk we mean non-working televisions, computers, fridges and freezers. We're trying to engage as many recycling services rather than just throwing out for landfill. Be assured that nothing which is in the church and used for worship is being discarded. Any printed material with personal contact details is either kept securely or shredded using a secure document service.

**Vaccination:** Our news feeds are now flooded with conversations about Covid vaccination. Fr David Ranson, our former assistant priest and now Vicar General of our diocese recently wrote: "Some of us, I know, have reservations about being vaccinated. The Church's understanding and teaching is clear: the vaccines available to us are moral. It is also our moral responsibility to ensure that we take every means to keep ourselves well and healthy. Further it is our

moral responsibility to ensure that others are kept safe and well. It is our Catholic social responsibility to be vaccinated to ensure that our entire society can move beyond what is crippling us. To make the decision NOT to be vaccinated is, morally, a very serious one. Unless there was a specific medical reason, it is our moral duty to be vaccinated and as soon as possible. I have been vaccinated with the Astra Zeneca vaccine, awaiting my second dose in the next few weeks." I am grateful to now be fully vaccinated myself, recognising as we look at the death and illness around the world what a privilege it is to have vaccines available here, and I echo Fr David's words here, and offer them to you for your consideration – Fr Jim

**Statue of Our Lady:** There is a statue of Our Lady Help of Christians which is presently on the Memorial Wall on the northern side of the church. This statue was originally inside the church but is now quite degraded from years of outside exposure. Fr Peter had anticipated that we would remove this statue and commission a new statue to replace it as part of the redevelopment. If you are the donor of this statue, or have an attachment to it and would like it returned to you, please contact the parish office.

**Understanding Euthanasia:** In response to a Bill being introduced in September to the NSW Parliament to permit voluntary assisted euthanasia in NSW, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting a series of free talks on euthanasia, dying, and the dignity of the human person. The talks will be held via Zoom on Monday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Register at <https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/> - a Zoom link will be sent via email prior to the talk.

**Parish Logo:** Last fortnight I described a new logo which had been designed for possible use by the parish. Unfortunately the logo itself wasn't in the bulletin, but it is shown here. It incorporates the Cross and the letters "E" and "C" for Epping and Carlingford. The rays from the centre remind us of a monstrance, making the Eucharist visible to us for worship. Together, this logo presents us as a parish community together, from two locations, gathered around the Cross of Christ and around the Eucharist. Feedback on Facebook and from the Parish Council has been fairly positive, and so this logo has been sent to graphic designers for use alongside the diocesan crest for signage on the new parish centre buildings. – Fr Jim



## Catechist Corner



Especially, now, are you wondering:

'How can I make a difference?'

'What can I do to help?'

Trust in your call from God and contact the catechists coordinators to discuss a variety of options whether you are working or not working. Classes are in Term 4 –

### Primary Schools

Epping Public School (Tuesday: 9:20, 9:50am)  
 Epping North Public School (Thursday: 2:10, 2:40pm)  
 Epping West Public Schools (Tuesday: 11:40am, 12:10pm, 12:40pm)  
 Epping Heights Public School (Friday: 9:30am)  
 Murray Farm Public School (Tuesday: 9:00, 9:40, 10:20)  
 Roselea Public School (Wednesday: 11:30am, 12:00, 12:30pm)

### Secondary Schools

Carlingford High School (Wednesday, Friday, am)  
 Cheltenham Girls School (Thursday, am)  
 James Ruse Agricultural High School (Wednesday, pm)

### *I am interested in being a Catechist!*

Please call the Parish Office weekdays between 9:00am—4:00pm on 9876 2853 or contact Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at [katherine@eppcaarl.org.au](mailto:katherine@eppcaarl.org.au) and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at [mary@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:mary@eppcarl.org.au)

### Calling all writers!

Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

Entrants are asked to write on the theme **Inclusivity**, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday 22 August, 2021.

For further information and to download the entry form and guidelines, visit <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>

## Supporting the Parish while we are in Lockdown

Our parish creates a strong positive presence in our communities, and enjoy essential partners in our Catholic schools. Our Catholic identity finds fluent expression through them.

The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of giving follows 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:

**Commonwealth Bank of Australia**  
**BSB: 062 784**  
**Account No: 100 012 613**

Use your name as the reference and either 1st Coll. or 2nd Coll.

**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)



### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

*We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*



**Come and join us on September 10 - 12, 2021 for a Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekend via Zoom. Open to married couples, priests & religious.**

**Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nsw-bookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nsw-bookings@wwme.org.au)**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

Our Seminarian Hien will be leading the Rosary every Wednesday morning on our parish Facebook page. This will be live-streamed so you can join us in real-time to pray. We will also be live-streaming our morning Mass after the Rosary. If you click on this link - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford> to "Like" or "Follow" the parish page, you will receive a notification when we are Live on Facebook. Hope to see you online!



Also, you are all invited to join in the Scriptural Rosary - Praying with Our Blessed Mother every Saturday at 9am on Zoom, starting from 7 Aug 2021.

Please follow this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775576857>  
Meeting ID: 837 7557 6857

Hope to see you all there!

**MARKING HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2021 – Supports for People across our Diocese Experiencing Homelessness**

This week is Homelessness Week and is a good opportunity to revisit the importance of CatholicCare's homelessness and housing supports across the Diocese.

Finding yourself homeless ranks as one of the most challenging things that could happen in life. CatholicCare's specialist housing programs help people at risk of becoming homeless to stay securely housed, and those who are homeless to find and keep a home. They offer a range of services including:

**Supported Temporary Accommodation program**

- Mary Mac's Place
- **Domestic Violence Response Enhancement**
- Women's refuge for those escaping domestic violence
- Specific supports for young parents
- Outreach to street sleepers
- Support for people in financial crisis via the Emergency Relief program.

If you, or someone you might know is affected by homelessness or needs housing support, please contact CatholicCare on 1800 324 924 or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au)

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**GRACE**

Group Radio Association of Carlingford & Epping

**Episode 18**

Tune in for our new episode where we discuss World Refugees Day and dive into our next Power Parable - The Lost Sheep. Join us also for an interview with Joan and Kerry followed by some interesting insights on investing in friends.



[www.anchor.fm/grace2020](http://www.anchor.fm/grace2020)

**Celebrations this Week—19th Week in Ordinary Time**

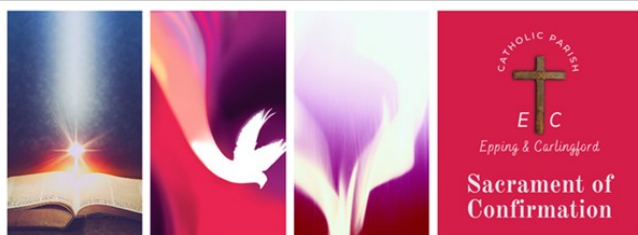
**08/8 Sunday:** St Mary of the Cross  
**10/8 Tuesday:** St Lawrence  
**11/8 Thursday:** St Clare  
**14/8 Saturday:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

**Celebrations this Week—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**15/8 Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**20/8 Friday:** St Bernard  
**21/8 Friday:** St Pius X



## Sacramental & Children's Ministries Information



### Children's Sacramental Journey - Confirmation 2021

Preparation sessions for Confirmation will commence this weekend. Candidates are required to attend a session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks for the preparation of this sacrament. With physical gatherings restricted at this time, we have modified the programme in order that we may cover all the sessions adequately to prepare the children. There will be four sessions conducted online plus one in-person for practice when we are able to gather. These sessions are on:

1. Remember Baptism
2. Called by Name
3. Life in the Spirit
4. Confirmation – The Rite

This week, we discuss why each child's baptism story is so important, that it marked the beginning of his/her life as a follower of Jesus and as a member of the church. We show the children the symbols used at their baptism to help them further understand how significant that day was and how it ties in with Confirmation. In the Gospel of Mark, we read The Baptism of Jesus and teach the children the value of silence as prayer.

Next week, we move into Session 2 – Called by Name. We will discuss God's Love for us and what that has to do with our names. The children learn God loves them, that they are unique and precious in the eyes of God. We look at some well-known biblical names that had been called to do God's work, and so teach the children that God also calls us all by name, in the hope that we too will fulfil important works of service for God. In the Gospel of Luke, we read The Call of Mary – The Annunciation, the perfect example for us all to ponder: What is God calling me to do?

The group sessions are family-centred and encourage parent-child interaction with activities to help children explore the key concepts of the sacrament in an age-appropriate and fun way. It has been a challenging 6 weeks for many families juggling family life, work, school, physical and emotional stress taking on a whole new level! We are doing our best to support the children and their families as we journey through this. Please keep us all in your prayers!

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### Children's Liturgy - Kidz Word

If you haven't already heard, Kidz Word is once again online at 10am every Sunday whilst we are all staying home. We call this the "Couch Edition" of our regular church gathering! The families have been having great fun at the sessions led by a parent leader.

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. A good dose of wholesome God-loving time together at **10am on Sunday**.

All you need to do is click on this link to join our private Facebook group -

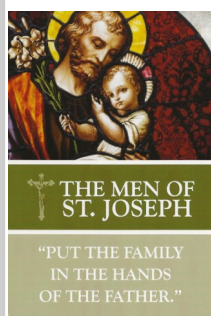
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/255948268913440>.

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 as well as the link to the online session.

I always like to hear from you! Please feel free to drop me a line if you need a hand to join in any of our parish online activities (we offer many!) or regarding your child's sacramental journey.

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### 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, 12th & 19th August we will come together via Zoom at 6:30pm.

**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](mailto: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.

Join us on the 8th August and 15th August, we will be meeting online on zoom from 7-8:30pm, (with the Youth Liturgy on zoom at 5pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88930953704>

Meeting ID: 889 3095 3704

Contact parent support if you have any questions:

Joanne 0416 030 927 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!

(6th and 19th August)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84038682054>

Meeting ID: 840 3868 2054

For further information call  
Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588  
or email [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au)



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

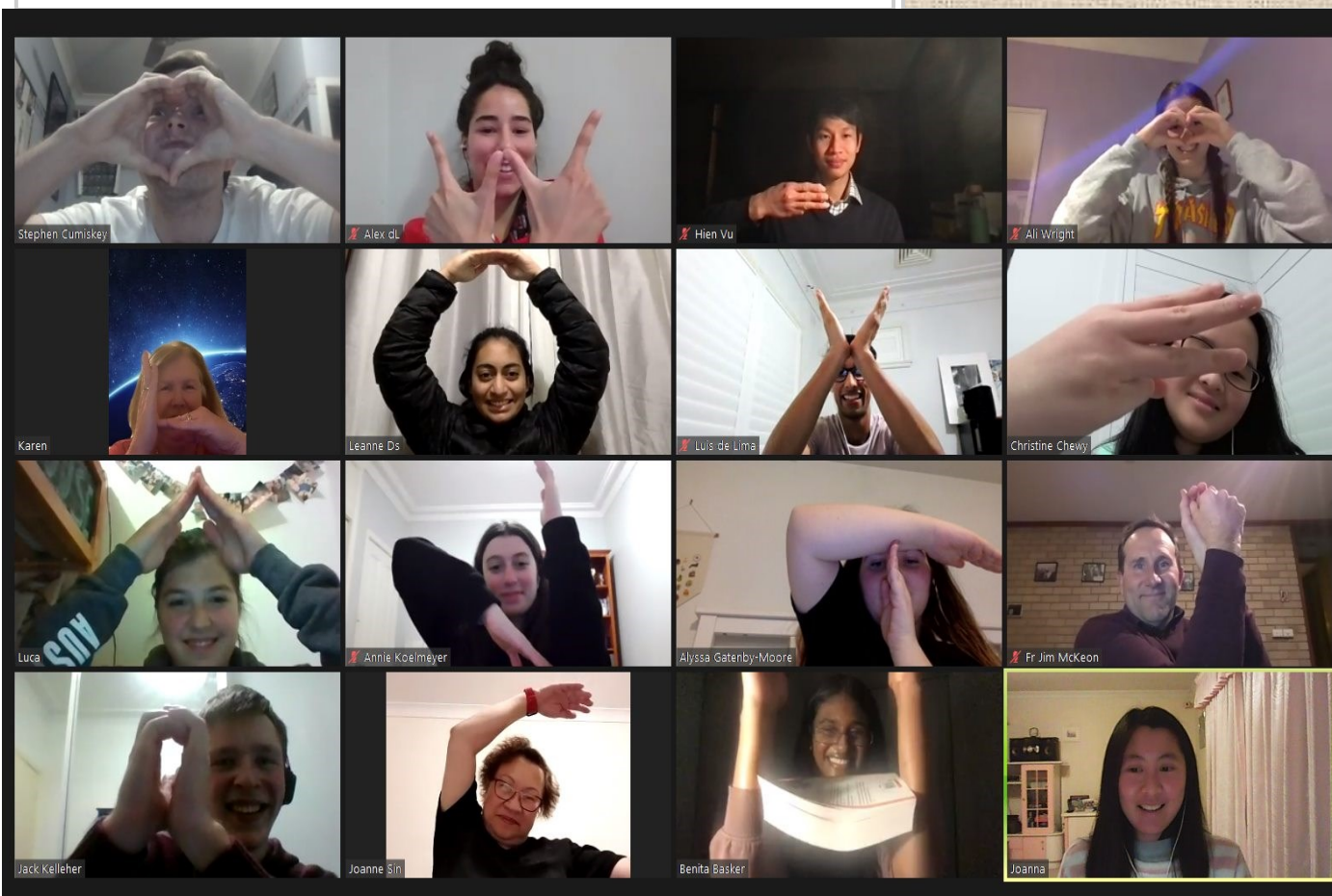
Our young adults group meets once a fortnight on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm.

We are on zoom and our next meeting is on 10th August.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955115016>

Meeting ID: 869 5511 5016

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



## Spiritual Reflection

### Love in the Time of COVID 19

**Passion**- any kind of feeling or emotion, as hope, fear, joy, grief, anger, love, desire, etc. 'especially one of compelling force.... A strong or extravagant fondness, enthusiasm, or desire for anything... violent anger.....suffering.....an experience of love.

In 1985, Nobel Prize-winning author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, published a novel entitled, *Love in the Time of Cholera*. It tells a colourful story of how life can still be generative, despite an epidemic.

Well, what's besetting our world right now is not cholera but the *coronavirus, Covid 19*. Nothing in my lifetime has ever affected the whole world as radically as this virus. Whole countries have shut down, virtually all schools and colleges have sent their students home and are offering classes online, we're discouraged from going out of our houses and from inviting others into them, and we've been asked not to touch each other and to practice "social distancing". Ordinary, normal, time has stopped. We're in a season that no generation, perhaps since the flu of 1918, has had to undergo. Furthermore, we don't foresee an end soon to this situation. No one, neither our government leaders nor our doctors, has an exit strategy. No one knows when this will end or how. Hence, like the inhabitants on *Noah's Ark*, we're locked in and don't know when the floodwaters will recede and let us return to our normal lives.

How should we live in this extraordinary time? Well, I had a private tutorial on this some nine years ago. In the summer of 2011, I was diagnosed with colon cancer, underwent surgery for a resection, and then was subjected to twenty-four weeks of chemotherapy. Facing the uncertainty of what the chemotherapy would be doing to my body I was understandably scared. Moreover, twenty-four weeks is basically half a year and contemplating the length of time that I would be undergoing this "abnormal" season in my life, I was also impatient. I wanted this over with, quickly. So, I faced it like I face most setbacks in my life, stoically, with the attitude: "*I'll get through this! I'll endure it!*"

I keep what might euphemistically be termed a journal, though it's really more a *Daybook* that simply chronicles what I do each day and who and what enters my life on a given day. Well, when I stoically began my first chemotherapy session, I began checking off days in my journal: *Day one*, followed the next day by *Day two*. I had done the math and knew that it would take 168 days to get through the twelve chemo sessions, spaced two weeks apart. It went on like this for the first seventy days or so, with me checking off a number each day, holding my life and my breath, everything on hold until I could finally write, *Day 168*.

Then one day, about halfway through the twenty-four weeks, I had an awakening. I don't know what specifically triggered it, a grace from above, a gesture of friendship from someone, the feel of the sun on my body, the wonderful feel of a cold drink, perhaps all of these things, but I woke up, I woke up to the fact that I was putting my life on hold, that I wasn't really living but only enduring each day in order to check it off and eventually reach that magical 168<sup>th</sup> day when I could start living again. I realized that I was wasting a season of my life. Moreover, I realized that what I was living through was sometimes rich precisely because of the impact of chemotherapy in my life. That realization remains one of the special graces in my life. My spirits lifted radically even as the chemotherapy continued to do the same brutal things to my body.

I began to welcome each day for its freshness, its richness, for what it brought into my life. I look back on that now and see those three last months (before day 168) as one of the richest seasons of my life. I made some lifelong friends, I learned some lessons in patience that I still try to cling to, and, not least, I learned some long-overdue lessons in gratitude and appreciation, in not taking life, health, friendship, and work for granted. It was a special joy to return to a normal life after those 168 days of conscripted "sabbatical"; but those "sabbatical" days were special too, albeit in a very different way.

The coronavirus has put us all, in effect, on a conscripted sabbatical and it's subjecting those who have contracted it to their own type of chemotherapy. And the danger is that we will put our lives on hold as we go through this extraordinary time and will just endure rather than let ourselves be graced by what lies within this uninvited season.

Yes, there will be frustration and pain in living this through, but that's not incompatible with happiness. Paul Tournier, after he'd lost his wife, did some deep grieving but then integrated that grief into a new life in a way that allowed him to write: "I can truly say that I have a great grief and that I am a happy man." Words to ponder as we struggle with this coronavirus.

*Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Currently, Father Rolheiser is serving as President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio Texas. He can be contacted through his website: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).*

### Prayer

God of honest emotions  
God of cathartic tears,  
it would be sadder if in these  
days  
we didn't need a good cry,  
a release from the body,  
a moment to name how it feels.

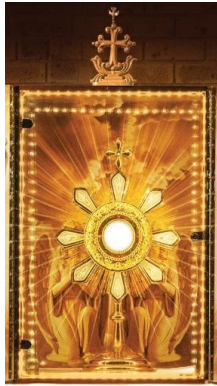
We thank you that these  
tears  
are not tears of weakness  
but of witness.  
They speak to a God  
who wept as we do, and  
showed  
human love is divine.  
Amen.





**Week 10 Safeguarding Message**

It is important to always look for ways to improve and make things safer for children and young people and provide feedback to the Clergy of the Parish and Ministry Leaders.

**SILENT ADORATION**

Daily 8:45am to 8:45pm

**Starting: 1st August**

On Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney, Australia YouTube Channel  
You are free to send prayer request during adoration

**DAILY Holy Mass 8:00am**  
**Guided adoration 9:00-9:30am**

**Divine Retreat Centre**

160 Hensons Road, Somersby, Sydney NSW 2250  
Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782 email drcsydney@gmail.com

**USEFUL LINKS**

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicParishOfEppingAndCarlingford>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/catholicparisheppcarl/>

**Fr Jim's YouTube:** <https://youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gm08jJydA>

**Epping and Carlingford Website:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford>

**G.R.A.C.E podcast via internet:**

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1y2EWOFKWJMRN5tAWJN9am>

**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.

**E-Bulletin**

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send an email with e-bulletin as the subject title to: [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

**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.

**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.

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**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 E



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Betty Ockerlander

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**Responsorial Psalm Response**

St Mary of the Cross  
Ps 623:1-8

My soul clings to you: your right hand  
Holds me fast.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

St Mary of the Cross  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. **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**

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

**Recently deceased:** Ricardo Antonio Osorio, Rev Fr Anthony Francis Simari (brother of Gwen Illic), Geraldine Mary D'Souza, Edna Gallen, Elaine Gallen, Marie Lynn, Kathleen McFadden, Val Porter, Kath Rewhorn,

*Please pray for Barry Clifford who passed away last week.  
The funeral Mass was held at St Gerard's Church last Friday 6th August.*

*Please pray for Molly Sullivan who also died last week  
The funeral service was held at Macquarie Cemetery last Friday 6th August.*

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Pedemont, Nguyen Van Duong,

**Also for:** Hubert Pedemont, John Noakes, Norma Barlow,

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsys, 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, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly. John Goodwin, George Bell, Michael & Susan Tuite, Benjamin Verco, Noelene Viset, Eileen Brownlow, Leonie Hale, Elaine & Graham Yeates, Anne Kilby, Cohen Hadden, Yubin Li, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, 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, Eileen Nicoll.

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

**Prayer Group**

A group of people from local churches meet together once a term to pray for Epping Boys' and Cheltenham Girls' High Schools. We are now also including Carlingford High School.

Please join us in praying for the students, staff, scripture teachers and chaplains at these schools during this challenging time of learning from home. We will meet via zoom from 8-9pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Katrina Collins for zoom details [ckjsge@gmail.com](mailto:ckjsge@gmail.com) or 0400 488 459

**Responsorial Psalm Response**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ps PS 44: 10-12, 16 R v 10

The queen stands at your right hand,  
arrayed in gold.

**Gospel Acclamation**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Mary is taken to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.  
**Alleluia!**