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 nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR B

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9-05-21

Acts 10:25-26

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mothers' Day: Pope Francis recently wrote *"Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child"* Patris Corde, 7). We could say the same of mothers: Mothers are not born but made....a woman becomes a mother by taking up the responsibility to care for the child she has brought into the world. We celebrate this kind of motherhood, a motherhood which is always growing in love, learning new ways of self-giving, and looking into an infinite horizon of possibilities. We might also recognise that this is sometimes done by people other than our biological parents, and we celebrate that love this weekend also.

Fr Jim

Getting involved: A big part of our parish is hospitality, which includes welcoming people before Mass and sharing morning tea with them afterwards. But it is also about making space for another person, whether that is in the church pew next to us, on a table at a meal, in our conversation or in our heart. This can be done by all of us, but we are particularly looking for more people to get involved in those identifiable ministries of hospitality: welcomers before Mass and serving morning tea after the 9.30am and 10.15am Masses. We'd also like to start offering a BBQ after Sunday night Mass. On May 23rd we'll be asking you to volunteer for these or other ministries.

Ramadan: This week Muslims, our fellow believers in God, conclude their month of fasting, Ramadan, which is a parallel to our season of fasting in Lent. During this time healthy adults do not eat or drink during daylight hours. In a time when relationships between Christians and Muslims are more important than ever for the future of civil society, let us create solidarity and respect together. If you have an opportunity to speak with a Muslim this week you may like to greet them with "Ramadan Mubarak" which translates as Happy or Blessed Ramadan, just like we would say Happy Christmas or Happy Easter to a Christian. Thursday May 13th is Eid al-Fitr, the conclusion of Ramadan, and "Eid Mubarak" is a greeting.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND May 2021 Appel –this weekend

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:-

- 1. Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our local hospitals.
- 2. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine—materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- 3. St Lucy's School—serving primary school students with disabilities.
- 4. St Edmund's College—serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- 5. Ephpheta Centre—serving the Catholic deaf community.



Donate to CWF by:

- CWF envelope in your pew
- Online at
 <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</u>
- Or scan the QR code.

All donations contribute to our parish target. Our annual target is \$57,774, and because of covid-enforced low numbers at Mass last year we still have \$40,529 to go. This equates to around \$50 for each of the 750 or so people who attend Mass each weekend. Some of us cannot afford to give this much, others of us can afford more. Please take a moment to watch our heart-warming `Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping – https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E

The Epping Development:

Since Fr Peter's last update to the parish about the Epping redevelopment project in August last year significant work has been undertaken on finalising the detailed design for our new parish assets and the primary school. In August and September, consultation took place with a group of parishioners and parish personnel in providing feedback on these designs – that feedback was incorporated into the finalised designs.

Last year Fr Peter advised you that to minimise disruption, particularly to the OLHC school community, the commencement of construction would be early 2022. In addition, it was subsequently determined that in finalising the specific detail for both the parish assets and the new school learning environment, it was clear that the construction period would also need to be slightly longer (by an additional six months) than the 18 months originally anticipated. We are now looking at a more realistic and definitive timeframe of commencement of construction 2022 and completion at the end of 2023 to give us all greater certainty for the start of the 2024 school year.

In August I will be inviting you to a parish forum so that I, Diocesan Financial Administrator Emma McDonald and our Parish Project Manager Sam Franklin of Root Partnerships, along with Dominque O'Sullivan, Principal of OLHC Epping Primary School and our schools representatives, can present to you an update on the design and the building processes. I will be seeking your collaboration, as Fr Peter did, on some remaining design elements and the processes of relocating our existing offices, meeting rooms, presbytery and hall. In the meantime, I provide some further details in the following update.

- Fr Jim McKeon

Update

In recent months and weeks Fr Jim McKeon has been briefed and immersed in the OLHC, Epping development project by Fr Peter Dowd, Emma McDonald, Diocesan Financial Administrator and Parish Project Manager, Sam Franklin of Root Partnerships.

It is most important that Fr Jim is well positioned in 'taking over the reins' of this project at this critical juncture where we are soon to enter into the preparation of the construction phase.

Completing detailed design work

With Fr Jim appointed as Parish Priest in January of this year, it was agreed from the outset with Bishop Anthony that a well-planned and smooth handover of the project from Fr Peter to Fr Jim would be essential. With that in mind, the timing for handover of the project was established whereby Fr Peter would conclude the work of the 100% detailed design – a major milestone - culminating in years of consultation and working closely with Stockland, architects and parish expert advisors. This work, which was originally anticipated to be finalised by April, will be finalised in May.

Since Fr Peter's latest update last year, significant work has been undertaken on finalising the detailed design and development planning for the new School and parish assets (including Parish offices, Parish hall, Parish OHSC facility and underground carparking). In August and September, consultation took place with a group of parishioners and parish personnel in providing feedback on these designs – that feedback was incorporated into the finalised designs.

A remaining design aspect to be finalised is the façade signage and how OLHC will ultimately present to the community – this work will provide the opportunity for Fr Jim to invite parishioners to participate in this workshop. However, this work will be some way off, likely in early 2022, after the Builder has been appointed in December of this year.

Next project phase – construction commencement

The next phase of the Project is embarking on the work to be undertaken in appointing the builder, which will commence in July (and take up the second half of this year), via a tender process with the appointment planned to occur in November/December, with early construction works and relocation preparation planned for December. It is here and now at this next new phase of the project that Fr Jim takes full carriage of the project and will lead the Parish through the rest of the journey in conjunction with the Principal of OLHC, Epping Primary School, Dominque O'Sullivan.

Project timing recap and update

Fr Peter last advised, that for several reasons, including the challenges of COVID and a lengthy DA approval process, the timing of the project had to be reconsidered which resulted in pushing back the commencement of construction until early 2022. Fr Peter let you know then that given all that was happening, this delayed commencement was a better way to proceed especially when it came to the impact felt by families in our schools.

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CLOTHING DRIVE

St Vincent de Paul, Carlingford will be conducting a clothing drive, plus bric-a-brac etc. on **Saturday, 15th May 2021**, from 8:30am. Please collect bags and **print** your name and address in the book on the table outside the church.

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PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

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Sun.	09/05/21		JSR Food Collection until June					
		7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC					
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC					
		6:00pm	No Antioch meeting tonight					
Mon.	10/05/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		6:00pm	CH Epping—Reconciliation & Adoration					
		6:30pm	St Gerard's Church Rosary Group					
Tue.	11/05/21	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC					
		7:00pm	Combined Covenant PPC meeting					
			at Epping Uniting Church Chester St.					
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford—Alpha Session					
Wed.	12/05/21	9:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		9:30am	Mass in St Gerard's					
Thur.	13/05/21	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's					
		11:00am	Mass at the Poplars					
		12:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		7:30pm	PMR C'ford Men of St Joseph					
Fri.	14/05/21	9:30am	School Mass at St Gerard's					
		10:00am	PMR C'ford Scripture Reflection					
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC					
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA					
		7:30pm	CH C'ford—Reconciliation & Adoration					
Sat.	15/05/21	9:15am	Mass at OLHC					
		9:45am	Exposition & Reconciliation					
		10:15am	Benediction					
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC					
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's					
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's					

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, 13th May at 7:30 pm, in the parish meeting room, Carlingford.

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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**







Episode 15 This episode we celebrate St Joseph, Mother Mary, and all mothers. We also get a visit from an old friend, don't tell anyone, but it's Fr Peter!



www.anchor.fm/grace2020

Parish Information



Give the Gift you were given, by Giving, we Receive

Catch the Vision...

From the work of a small group of concerned Catholics in the 16th Century has grown one of the most prolific ministries in the Catholic Church. These few passionate souls dedicated themselves to teach people and share their knowledge about the Faith and this has grown into a ministry that extends beyond the boundaries of culture, language, age and resources. It is supported by years of faithful service and changes the lives fo thousands of young people. Welcome to the world of a Catechist!

By Giving, We Receive... Sharing in love what we know brings new life. Proclaiming the Good News profits not only those who hear it but those who proclaim it. Truly, "It is giving that we receive" (St Francis of Assisi)

Remember ..

You won't be 'thrown in the deep end' and many people start as a classroom helper. You will receive quality training in the curriculum and classroom management so that you feel confident in the classroom and can focus on sharing the gift of the faith.

Who is a Catechist?

A Catechist ((SRE) teacher) is a person who gives her/his time voluntarily to provide Special Religious Education to children in our parish public primary and secondary schools. *A SRE Assistant* helps the catechist in the classroom

Catechists are those who're called to serve through teaching, witness, prayer, service and building community.

I am interested in being a Catechist!

Please call Parish Office weekdays 9am-4pm at 9876 2853

or contact Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at <u>KATHERINE@EPPCARL.ORG.AU</u> and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at <u>MARY@EPPCARL.ORG.AU</u>

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

Secondary Schools

Carlingford High School (Wednesday, Friday, am) Cheltenham Girls School (Thursday, am)

Prepare for Pentecost

Jesus promised his followers, **You will be baptised with the Holy Spirit** Acts 1: 4-5 Jesus promises us, **You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**. Acts 1:8

Over the next three weeks, we will learn what happened at Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles.

Join the disciples and Mary as they prayed, *Come Holy Spirit*.

Click on - Monday evening 10th May at 7.30 OR

Click on – Wednesday evening 12th May at 7.30

Pray ~ Come Holy Spirit

You can let me know you are joining us by sending an email to denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au

Denis McNamara ~ supporting Disciples to receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them



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Youth And Young Adults



Parish - General Information

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Pentecost is one of the great feast of the church and we intend to celebrate it well! Come and join us for an hour of praise and worship where we will call to the Holy Spirit on Saturday night, 7.30pm at OLHC Church. Contact Fr Bogdan for more information.

This Sunday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week where we unite with other Christians to pray that all may be one, as Jesus desires.

This year's theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit" (John 15:5).

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Let us pray:

Gracious God, we pray for the Church, that all will be inspired to continue the quest for Christian Unity, and that our hearts be filled with the gift of Jesus' love for all. We pray that all Christian Churches may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ so that they are able to bear witness to the Gospel and bear abundant fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Support for mothers:

Our parish has a rich heritage of advocacy and practical support for refugees and asylum seekers. From the late 1970s with the people fleeing Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War, commencing again around the turn of the century with the wave of refugees and asylum seekers fleeing conflict zones in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, parishioners have responded willingly to the Gospels exhortation to assist those of our sisters and brothers in need.

Much of this work has been done in collaboration with The House of Welcome in Granville - a work of St Francis Social Services, and Jesuit Refugee Services in Parramatta.

Now, both of these organisations need our help to address a crisis in the provision of food and other essential items to the many refugees and asylum seekers whose lives have been disrupted by COVID-19. Many of these have lost their jobs but have no access to any form of financial safety net, to Medicare or temporary shelter. In an even more precarious situation are trafficked people and victims of modern slavery, asylum seekers on Bridging Visas and women on temporary visas experiencing domestic violence. For them, the impacts of COVID-19 and the exclusions from government support sit atop an already dangerous and exclusionary reality. These are the forgotten people in Australia's COVID-19 response and they form the bulk of the people that HOW and JRS support.

Each week, JRS is feeding over a 1000 women, children and men from their Parramatta food bank. The House of Welcome is feeding a similarly large number. Though many parishes, schools and individuals regularly donate food and other items, demand always outstrips supply. Both organisations are appealing for help with donations of food and other essential items.

This weekend, for Mothers' Day, we are collecting nappies and baby wipes for the House of Welcome. Bring them to either church this weekend or next, or contact Tricia Whealy on 0425 270 215 to find out how to get involved.



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It was also determined and conveyed that all the new Parish assets <u>(including Parish offices, Parish hall, Parish OHSC facility and underground carparking)</u> would be developed and completed at the same time of the new school building – to minimise disruption all round. And as a result of completing both school and all other parish assets at the same time, it was determined the construction period would need to be slightly longer than the 18 months originally anticipated – by an additional six months.

The OLHC primary school at Epping will be co-located with St Agatha's Primary School at Pennant Hills for the full school years of 2022 and 2023, before returning at the beginning and commencement of Term 1 of 2024. In early April, the Director of Schools, Danny Casey wrote to parents of both school communities of OLHC, Epping and St Agatha's, Pennant Hills in relation to the school relocation timing and logistics in preparation for the transition to St Agatha's, Pennant Hills from the beginning of 2022. Families of both those school communities will continue to be kept apprised of those logistics by the Director of Schools.

With respect to relocation logistics for the Parish, focus now turns to the planning of the relocation of the Parish office and presbytery and these discussions have commenced.

Parish forums

During 2020 and the impact of Covid-19, no parish public forums were possible. With the ability to more safely gather this year, and as the vaccination program is rolled out, it is anticipated that the next Parish forum will be held in August – providing an update on the tender process of appointing the Builder and to detail the timing and construction process as the next phase of the project.

In the meantime, design boards will be made available and located at the Church, Parish Office and at the school and the development website will continue to be regularly updated, with the next update due to be published around mid-May. The **OLHC Development website** address is <u>http://olhc-develop.com.au</u>.

Provided by Emma McDonald, Diocesan Financial Administrator on behalf of Fr Jim McKeon, Parish Priest



Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps: 97:1-4 R. v. 2

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Gospel Acclamation

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

WEEKEND MASSES									
pping 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.			
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am			
CARLINGFORD	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 OR BY APPOINTMENT [Temporary dates for Reconciliation Monday 6pm at Epping and Friday 7:30pm at Carlingford until further notice]									
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: Nicola Calabrese, Alexander Tocher, Monica Lau, Haldane Andrews (mother of Chris Watts), Placido Mayhua.

Please pray for Hubert Tchibouk who died on 1st May.

The Funeral Mass was held at OLHC Epping on Friday 7th May. Please pray for **Christopher Cross** who died last week.

The funeral Mass will be held on Monday 10th May at St Gerard's Church at 1:00 pm.

Anniversaries: Freddie Serapio.

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, 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, Michael & Susan Tuite, Benjamin Verco, Noelene Viset, Eileen Brownlow, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, 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.

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 **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.

Date	Mass Time	Epping	Mass Time	Carlingford
15/05/21	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Jim McKeon
16/05/21	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Jim McKeon
16/05/21	10:15am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	9:30am	Fr Jim McKeon
16/05/21	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		

