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The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR C

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome to Fr Vincent Trung Nguyen, our new Assistant Priest! Please make him welcome. His email is Vincent.Nguyen@bbcatholic.org.au

Youth-led Mass: On Sunday February 20th we are launching a new youth-led Mass on Sunday nights at 5pm at St Gerard's. Last year the Pastoral Council identified strengthening youth involvement in our Masses as a priority. We had intended that the Sunday 6pm Mass at OLHC would be our focus, however with no gathering spaces for fellowship, and with Antioch needing to meet at St Gerard's for the next two years, it was decided to launch a new Mass. It is a public parish Mass, to which everyone is welcome, but the ministries will be led by our youth and young adults. We expect this to be a rather low-key beginning, but Marist College Eastwood, St Leo's Wahroonga and Mt St Benedict College have expressed interest in connecting with this Mass as the year progresses.

Thank you to Maree: Maree Balzulat will be retiring from her position as Assistant Parish Secretary on February 28th. For 18 years Maree has both worked and volunteered in this position. She has been the friendly voice on the end of the phone when you call the parish office. She has been behind the scenes, working alongside Dennis Porteous, looking after rosters, liturgies, correspondence, and every area of parish life. She has worked tirelessly, above and beyond the call of duty, taking on more and more responsibility as parish life has grown increasingly complex. Although Maree will continue to be a parishioner, this is a significant step and it is fitting that we thank Maree for all she has done. The vigil Mass at OLHC on February 26th will be a Mass of thanksgiving for Maree, with a supper to follow after Mass. You might take your own opportunity to thank Maree in the coming weeks, and also to sign the cards at the back of each church.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to both of Fr Bogdan's farewells these past weekends.

It's only one month till Lent! As always we'll have a range of opportunities to deepen your prayer life, including Stations of the Cross, ecumenical liturgies and a second rite of Reconciliation, each of which we'll have more details about next fortnight. This weekend we extend to you an invitation to join one of our many small Lenten Groups who will meet weekly to read and reflect upon the scriptures and more contemporary stories of faith. Groups will be: Mondays 10am, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7.30pm, Fridays at 10:15am and 7pm. Also, Mondays online at 8pm.

Put your name on the list at the back of the church this weekend (each group will have a maximum of ten) or contact the parish office 9876 2853 parish@eppcarl.org.au next week.



Readings

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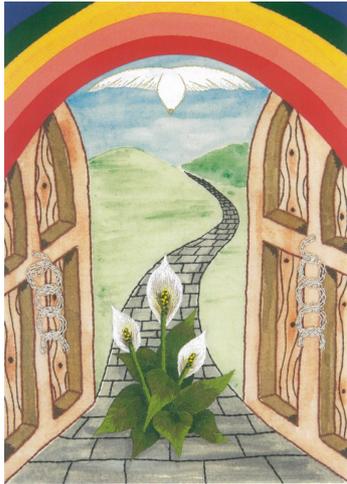
Isaiah 6:1-8
Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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Jeremiah 17:5-8
Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

The World Day of Prayer is an annual ecumenical gathering which takes place in churches around the world on the first Friday of March. It is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year's hosts are Epping Baptist Church, Cnr Carlingford Rd and Ray Rd. Please join us on **Friday March 4th at 10am**. Contact Lorraine Lobsey at robaine2@bigpond.com to find out more.



*For I know the plans
I have for you,"*

declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

A New Look! PARISH BULLETIN

We bring a fresh new look to you and hope that you enjoy keeping up to date with what's happening at our parish. In the editions ahead, we hope to add a few new columns to our bulletin. One of this would be to feature some of our parishioners each fortnight so we get to know who's who, what they do, why they do it, what they'd like to share with us and what makes them tick!

The bulletin continues to be printed with these hard copies available at the back of both churches. However, if you would like to stay connected by subscribing to receive the electronic version of the bulletin, please scan this QR code to fill in the subscription form on our website:



For submission of articles and advertising enquiries, please contact Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

OLHC Redevelopment: On Friday February 4th the Parish handed over possession of the OLHC site (excluding the church) to our development partner, Stockland. Temporary fencing has already been erected, and more sturdy hoarding will be erected in the coming months, with demolition and construction to follow. With the exception of the toilets, which will remain in use until temporary toilets are delivered to the north side of the church, we no longer have access to the fenced-off area. This marks the beginning of the 22-month construction period, with the new Parish and School facilities to be handed-back at the end of 2023.

OLHC Church will continue to be open, and weekend Masses will continue as usual throughout the development. However, construction noise between 7am and 4pm on weekdays and Saturdays may make weekday Masses unsustainable at some stage. We don't know when this will be, so, let's continue to have weekday Masses as scheduled, and then parishioners at weekday Masses will be able to decide when the time comes to change the Mass schedule.

Parking at OLHC Church: If you are visiting OLHC Church on weekdays to clean, deliver or serve in some way, you will be able to park on the forecourt of the church which will be left clear for this purpose. However, no one can park for any purpose from 8-8.30am and 2.45-3.30pm on weekdays when OLHC students will be dropped off and picked up from their school bus to and from Pennant Hills. There will be 50+ children on site during these times.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Parish Plant Event, as we were able to rehome a large number of the plants from our OLHC Epping site before the redevelopment of the site begins. We were able to remove plants from across the site - from the Parish, Presbytery and even school grounds. A big thank you also to the team of helpers: Mark, Morgan, Kevin, Helen, Astria and Mervin, who not only assisted on the days but also shared their horticultural expertise.

Covid restrictions have been extended by the NSW Govt until February 28th. These include a 2sqm density limit, QR code check-ins and mask wearing in indoors spaces. Instructions on singing are rather unclear. There seems to be a general ban on congregational singing, with an exception for weddings, but the Health Minister has also said that singing is allowed in worship services. However, given the level of caution in the community at present we have decided not to have congregational singing at this time, with only the cantor or choir singing.



Welcoming ministry: A friendly face can make all the difference when you come to church, especially for the first time. We'd love a couple more friendly people to join us welcoming at St Gerard's. Contact Li and Abigail liziliang09@gmail.com

Music ministry enhances our Masses, even at times like these when the congregation cannot join in singing. We have an opportunity for a couple more musicians and singers to join us at OLHC Epping at any Mass. Please contact Jon on 0411 862 218 or jkish@optusnet.com.au

Online Liturgy of the Word: We know that for some people, getting to Mass is difficult, whether that's because of illness, exposure to covid, or out of caution, or because of travelling or having very young children to care for. We're gathering online on Sunday afternoons once a month for an interactive Liturgy of the Word where we pray, read scripture, share our faith and reflect on our lives. It's also a way for people who don't usually come to Mass to put a toe in the water as they return to involvement in the church. Come join us on Sunday, Feb 27th, 4.30pm – 5.15pm. The link to join the Zoom session can be found on our parish Facebook page under "Events". For more information, please email Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au

Reconciliation at St Gerard's on Saturdays will move from 5pm-5.30pm to 5.30pm-5.45pm. Although this is a shorter timeslot, it will allow people coming to the vigil Mass to access the sacrament closer to Mass, and the time can be extended, eg from 5.15pm if there is need for it.

The National Church Life Survey is undertaken by churches across Australia, both Catholic and protestant every five years. It provides valuable data for understanding how people who attend churches think and feel, and what they believe. We were due to do this survey last year, but have postponed it until March 13th. The survey is confidential, and you do not put your name on it. The survey will ask questions such as how long you have attended this church, how often you attend, and how often you pray. It will ask you what you value most in your church and what you think is important that we do in the future. We will receive the results for our parish, along with a comparison to ourselves in 2016, and a comparison with the diocesan averages. This will help us in planning how best to serve you in the future.

Did you know - there are other ways you can stay connected with our parish. If you have always wanted to try and see what's on Grace Radio, or what we do on our social media pages such as Facebook and Instagram, please scan the QR codes below and you can follow us to keep yourselves updated with our parish activities. You can even buy Bibles on our Facebook page or join in our various groups such as our Bible Reading Group, Prayer Ministry, Kidz Word, etc.

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After Hours Sick Calls - 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim and Fr Vincent. In the event that they are unavailable, please listen carefully to the instructions in the message recorded for you or ring the number given in the message.

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Enrolment for First Reconciliation closes this weekend on Sunday 6 February. In our diocese, children who have been baptised, confirmed and are in Year 4 or above, are invited to enrol to prepare for this sacrament. All families whose child/children celebrated Confirmation at our parish in 2021, kindly note that enrolment information was forwarded to you by email with the link to enrol online. If you are yet to enrol and would like to enquire about the preparation of this sacrament, please contact me as soon as possible.

The Parent Information Session will be held on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February at 7:30pm on Zoom. We are looking forward to sharing the evening with parents and carers! The evening encompasses aspects which are important to assist parents in the understanding of your child's faith journey, the sacrament and your partnership with the parish.

At select Masses the following weekend, we welcome the children who will begin their preparations towards the reception of their First Reconciliation. This Rite of Enrolment marks the continuation of a faith journey for the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last year or for some, at Baptism. This journey in particular also highlights the continuous companionship of their parents in teaching the children about the Catholic faith and the vital role we as a community play in ensuring our ongoing support and encouragement for them.

After this Rite, the children will stick a special 'Please Pray for Me' printout on the church wall. Whenever you walk pass this wall, please remember to pray for the children and their parents as they prepare for their First Reconciliation. This is the most wonderful support we can give them! The families will also be presented with their Reconciliation preparation pack at these select Masses.

The preparation sessions will commence on the 16th February and conclude on the 13th March.

For further queries, please contact me at Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au or call the parish office on 9876 2853.

FROM LYNN'S DESK

THE LATEST HIGHLIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: 20TH FEBRUARY

**JUMPING CASTLE & MORNING TEA
AT ST GERARD'S
AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS!**



Family/Children's Masses are now on the third Sunday of every month during school term at both OLHC and St Gerard's. We are always delighted to allocate roles to the children! They can read or participate in processions. Roles allocated will depend on the number of children participating at that Mass. If you are keen on having your child/children provide these ministries, please contact: Therese for OLHC - olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com Lynn for St Gerard's - Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au



Children's Liturgy AKA Kidz Word is now only available at St Gerard's every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass during school term. As Epping undergoes redevelopment, we are regrettably unable to provide Kidz Word at OLHC due to the lack of a suitable room.

The good news is, Kidz Word has had a rejuvenation! The parish meeting room at St Gerard's is equipped to run an interactive, fun and fulfilling session. It has been trialed successfully following the structure that I used online when we were in lockdown. I am really looking forward to another awesome term ahead with a team of dedicated and spirit-filled parent leaders! Go team!!

Antioch Weekend - Antioch is our parish's flagship youth ministry, a group run by young people for young people (aged 16-23). For almost 40 years in our parish Antioch has held a weekend retreat as an entry point for new members, especially focused for those in Years 10-12. The annual weekend is a jam-packed opportunity for new members to come and experience the best of Antioch; bonding with others and connecting with their faith. The Weekend consists of a series of talks presented as personal reflections by the youth. Topics of talks focus on hearing God's call in our everyday life, understanding what it's like to live as a Christian, and how we as young people are advocates for Christ. After hearing each talk, the talk is discussed in share groups, and implications on daily life are reflected on. However, it's not all talk and no action! The weekend is filled with many activities such as competitions and games. Also, let's not forget the copious amounts of delicious food kindly donated by our parishioners! Ultimately, The Antioch Weekend provides an invaluable experience to take time out of the craziness of everyday life and reconnect to your faith. The theme of this year's weekend is 'The Climb' which symbolises our walk with God and each other as we journey the ups and downs of life. So, if you're in Year 10 to aged 23, come along for one of the most exciting and memorable weekends ever!!

The Weekend will be held on Saturday 12th February (10am to 10pm) and Sunday 13th (10am to 9pm) at St. Gerard's, Carlingford. Considering the covid outbreak there are several safety implementations which will be undertaken. These briefly include participants completing RATs before participation on the weekend, having easy access to disposable masks and hand sanitiser, frequent sanitising of equipment (e.g., chairs, tables etc.), many of the activities previously held indoors we will hold them outdoors instead and social distancing.

If you are able to assist us on the weekend, especially with obtaining RATs, please contact our Youth Minister Joanna (0423 717 550 or Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au) or our Parent Support Louise (0404 496 554) and Kirk (0420 874 824). Thank you so much in advance for your prayers and assistance. We can't wait to see you there!

CANA YOUTH GROUP



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

Cana (Year 6-9) - Join us for Cana on Friday 4th February 7:30-9pm at St Gerard's Parish Hall!

543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Road.

Note: No Cana on 11th February due to the Antioch retreat.



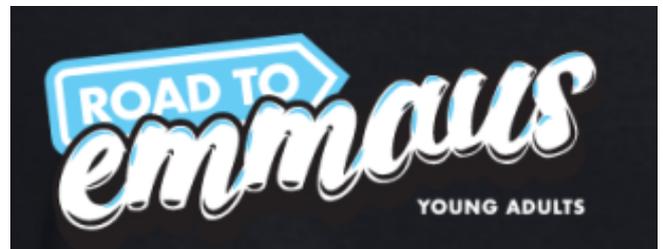
"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians"

Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Join Antioch on Sundays 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room!

Annual Antioch Weekend 12-13th February. Details to the left.

Welcome back BBQ & games 20th February 6-8pm

Contact the parent support if you have any questions: Kirk Koelmeyer (0420874824) or Louise Koelmeyer (0404496554).



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds) - Our young adults group meets once a fortnight on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Join us on the 8th February at St Gerard's meeting room!

We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus. If you would like to join, please contact Joanna.

The QR code below will take you directly to the youth ministry page on our parish website:



'Come join the opening night 'Glorious' on Wednesday, 16th February 7-9pm at the Light of Christ Centre. At the fortnightly Glorious meetings, there will be a meal, worship, fellowship and opportunities to help out on Mission nights.

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GLORIOUS IS A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE (18-35 YEARS OLD) WHO WANT TO SHARE AN EXPERIENCE OF JESUS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH COMMUNITY & CREATIVITY...

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WED 16 FEB. 7PM. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE, WAITARA.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH
BROKEN BAY

THIS FORTNIGHT'S FEATURE ARTICLE: TEN THINGS TO PRAY FOR TEACHERS, SCHOOLS & LEADERS

If the past year has taught us anything, it should be pretty obvious that we don't have as much control over our lives as we once thought we did. So many things we used to rely on are vulnerable (our health), confusing (our media and government), or unpredictable (well, most everything). It's a sweet relief to remember that God has not been surprised by any of this chaos. Still, trusting Him is hard work for us human beings, and we want to be able to do something in the midst of our circumstances. With that in mind, we'd like to invite our community to pray together. This fortnight, we pray for teachers, schools & leaders as the new school year begins. Each day, we hope you will join us in lifting each other up to our good God. There is one prayer for each weekday for the next fortnight:

1. **Wisdom/discernment** – Father, as the school year starts, we know that our teachers and school leaders are already worn out with the strain of making weighty decisions. You promise that when we ask for wisdom, you will give it. Today we pray that our leaders will wisely and humbly seek your wisdom for the welfare of our students, community, and schools.
2. **Endurance** – Father, as this pandemic wears on, would you give our leaders a supernatural strength to persevere in the face of constant pressure and change. You have called our nation's teachers to teach; help them to rest in you, knowing that you have given them everything they need to carry out the work. Help them to take one day at a time, waiting on you to renew their strength each morning.
3. **Creativity** – Lord, this is a time for innovation in our schools and classrooms. Our teachers need your creativity for educating in a pandemic. Please give our leaders and educators fun new ways of connecting with our children, especially those who have learning differences. Please help educators see new ways to use the tools they already have to teach their students.
4. **Encouragement** – Father, we ask that you encourage the hearts of educators. Remind them that you have called them to serve you by leading and teaching children. Help them to sense your steadfast love, to see your new mercies daily, to be satisfied with the good you give them, and to be renewed by your redemptive love. (Psalm 103: 2-5).
5. **Health** – Lord, we ask that you protect the health of the teachers, assistants and other school workers – anyone who might be exposed during the course of working with children. We ask that you protect each person in each school. Please guard the families of the teachers and staff, so that they remain healthy.
6. **Provision/protection for their own families** – Father, many of the teachers and educators in our schools have their own children and families, and they are concerned for the health, education, and well-being of their own kids. We ask that you meet their needs please, according to your will. Our teachers may come to school burdened with concern for their own loved ones; we pray that they will be able to cast their cares on you and to come to work ready and able to focus because they trust in you. (1 Peter 5:7)
7. **Justice** – Father, many nations are oppressed with inequality and injustice. We pray that children be protected from further injustice, Lord, and that you would grant us leadership in classrooms, cities, states, and that nations would begin to right these wrongs. We pray that our children's eyes would be opened to see your image in each other, and that they would truly, genuinely love their neighbours, regardless of outward differences. We pray that all places where children are educated – home, church, and school – would be places of grace, mercy, safety, and healing for every single child.
8. **Support from the people they serve** – Lord, in the face of so many divisions and so many opinions about this pandemic, make us generous and kind people. Help us to be thankful for and gracious to the officials and teachers who have worked so hard to develop plans for the good of our children.
9. **Gratitude** – Father, we take this time to give you thanks for the men and women who are being asked to put themselves at risk in order to educate our children. We know this is not what they signed up for when they dreamed of teaching young people. We thank you for their courage, their wisdom, their perseverance, and their willingness to go above and beyond what they ever dreamed of being asked to do as part of their job descriptions. Throughout the year, continue to imbue us as parents with this sense of thanks for the teachers of our children, and that we would pour forth those sentiments generously.
10. **Government Leaders** – Whether we agree or disagree with our government authorities, Lord, you have called us to respect them and pray for them. Our leaders desperately need your guidance at this moment in time. We ask that you grant them your wisdom, endurance for the road ahead, a willingness to work together, and a profound desire to seek your will for the good of our city, state, and nation. Jesus tells us that whomever would lead must be willing to serve. We ask that you (re)awaken in our leaders a desire to serve, that they would be able to set aside their own ambitions and pursue the good of all. Grant our leaders the unity of a common goal- to seek the thriving of every human being.

Closing: Though we can get tired in the waiting, Father, we know that your Spirit is right alongside helping us. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our circumstances, and keeps us present before you. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives is worked into something good. May we live our lives absolutely convinced that nothing will get between us and your love because of the way Jesus has embraced us. Amen.

OTHER GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Time Week 5

10 Feb. Thursday: Memoria St Scholastica

Ordinary Time Week 6

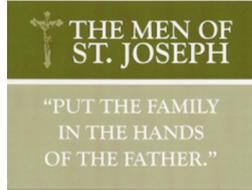
14 Feb Monday: Memoria Sts Cyril & Methodius

Reflection on next Sunday's Scriptures

A reminder that our weekly time of reflection on the coming Sunday's Scriptures will take place each Friday, at Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!

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.



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 Every Thursday in the parish meeting room, Carlingford at 6:30pm

Dads' Club

The monthly gathering of the parish Dads' Club (for all dads in both the Epping and Carlingford communities of the parish) takes place the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. For details contact John Williams 0416 064 460. Dads are welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening!

SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY

The First Collection: Money collected from the first 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 in caring for elderly priests.

Income from other sources includes Easter and Christmas offerings (via envelope contributions made at these times), Wedding and baptism donations are also added into the first collection.

The Second Collection (Parish): Money from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings and pastoral programs. The parish must work within its own budget and is unable to draw funds for expenses from any source other than its own parish income. Loans for church works are permitted as long as they can be serviced.

Some of the expenses are:

- Parish running costs, e.g. administration, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
- Parish staff salaries including superannuation.
- Priests' car expenses.
- Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

The collection combines income from planned giving envelopes and cash (in the boxes at the back of the church)

Internet Banking—Commonwealth Bank of Australia: If you wish to give via EFT, please note the details below.

Pastoral Revenue Account (1st Collection) Please use your surname as a reference.

BSB: 062784 Account No: 100001604

Church Account (2nd Collection) Please use your envelope number and surname as the reference.

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Responsorial Psalm Response

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PS 137:1-5.7-8 R. v. 1

In the sight of the angels
I will sing your Praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord.
and I will make you fishers of my people.

WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm.
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am and 5:00pm Youth Mass (from 20 Feb)

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	6:00pm	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	

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 5:30—5:45pm
Also, Epping Monday 6pm and Carlingford Friday at 6pm **OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT

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Please Note

On Monday Feb 7th there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at OLHC at 6pm as usual, but no Reconciliation available as Fr Jim will be away with the seminary retreat.

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

Recently deceased: Pauline Denton, Agnes Wong, Lup Eoon (Stephen) Fung

Please pray for **Betty Brennan** who died on 21st January.

The funeral Mass was held at OLHC Epping on 31 January 2022

Anniversaries: John Noakes, Joseph De Lima

Also for: Ivan & Edith Almeida, Norma Barlow, Henry Leigh

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, Andrew Hannam, 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, Noelene Viset, Eileen Brownlow, Leonie Hale, Elaine & Graham Yeates, Anne Kilby, Cohen Hadden, Yuqin Li, Paul Kelly, David Wakeling, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, 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, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Alex Benjamin Zaragoza, Janice Lemon, Mary Lou Petony, Donald Wong, Joyce Heidke, Dennis Porteous, Tony McEneaney.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to submit an article from your ministry for inclusion in the next edition of our parish bulletin, please send it to Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au before 10am on Wednesday, 16 February 2022.

Articles can have pictures and texts. Please also provide an email address and a contact name and number. Thank you.

Responsorial Psalm Response

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ps 1:1-4.6 R Ps 39.5

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.