

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebration of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR B

THE EPIPHANY THE LORD

3-01-21

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3.5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Dear sisters and brothers,

On behalf of Fr Bogdan and myself, I would like to wish you all a blessed and peace-filled New Year! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your greetings and gifts over the Christmas season. As always I apologise if I haven't had the opportunity to thank you personally but please know your thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers have been greatly appreciated by both Fr Bogdan and myself.

A big thank you to all those who helped in the preparation and celebration of our Christmas celebrations: members of the Altar Society, those who helped to clean the churches and arrange the flowers; those who put up the cribs, those who erected and decorated the tree and the other decorations in both our churches; all those involved in preparing for the various Masses, musicians and singers, for all the Masses; our Parish Staff, and many more.

Finally, as this will be my last bulletin message, I simply want to offer a huge, heartfelt "thank you" to everyone whom I have been privileged to meet and get to know over the past eight-plus years here at Epping and Carlingford. While we may not have always agreed on everything, in the main I believe we have worked together harmoniously as we sought to keep our eyes fixed on the central mission of why we exist and that is to further the mission of God's Kingdom in this part of God's Vineyard. If at anytime I have offended anyone I do ask your forgiveness... while unintentional, sometimes through human weakness, I too have fallen short of the mark. I especially thank our parish team and in particular, Maree and Dennis who have had to put up with their pastors' idiosyncrasies and shortcomings even more than the rest of you!!

As I have said on many occasions, I believe the parish will be greatly blessed under the leadership of Fr Jim who commences his term here in the parish next week-end. I have no doubt you will extend to him the same friendship and support as you have to me.

Blessings and with deep appreciation!

Fr Peter

THE EPIPHANY

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



2020 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies changes lives every day

Our Lady Help of Christians Epping: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be placed in the second collection box.

St. Gerard Majella Carlingford: Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and can be placed in the second collection box.

**Your Gift could change a life
this Christmas**

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13 R. v 11

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

Recently deceased: Jenny Roberts, Anthony Fernandes, Mick Atkins, Margaret McShane, May May Wong, Clara Ni Wayaan Kurniati, Evelyn Joseph, Adeline Theodore, Neville "Nev" Wilkin, Wong Fong Yee, Mamerto Amparo, Aline Eyles,

Anniversaries: Peter & Bruce Laird,

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, 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, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Alison Deane, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Maureen McKeough, Pauline Wicks rsj, Ana Matijasic, Benjamin Verco, Peter Kelly. John Goodwin, Michael & Susie Tuite, 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 Zewelde, Janice Lemon, Mary Lou Pentony, Donald Wong,

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

The following Parish Groups are on a break:

CANA Youth Group resumes Friday 29th January

ANTIOCH resumes this Sunday, 17th January in the PMR Carlingford at 6:00pm.

EMMAUS Young Adults Group resumes on 19th January.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH resumes on 14th January

RCIA—SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Next weekend at the 10:15am Mass we welcome Michelle Chan, Danielle Tsang, and Richard Fong into our faith community through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

A special thanks to all those who have been involved with their faith journey over the past couple of years!

Planned Live-Streaming of Weekend Masses

2 Jan—6pm Mass at St Gerard's Church

9 Jan—6pm Mass at St Gerard's Church

16 Jan—5pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

23 Jan—5pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

30 Jan—6pm Mass at St Gerard's Church

Please note all live-streamed Vigil Masses on Facebook are uploaded to YouTube by 7am Sunday morning.

Parish Office

The parish office will reopen on Monday 4th January.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
02/01/21	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
03/01/21	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
03/01/21	10:15am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
03/01/21	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		

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