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Readings

10 AUGUST 2025

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-10
Luke 12:32-48

17 AUGUST 2025

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



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10 AUGUST 2025 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 AUGUST 2025 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the eternal life to which we are all called, through lens of the Virgin Mary who has already received this gift completely. We will celebrate with 4 Masses in the parish:

St Gerard's Church

- Thursday 14th August 7pm Vigil
- Friday 15th August 9:30am with St Gerard's School

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

- Friday 15th August 7am, 11:30am with OLHC School

On this Vocation Sunday, August 10th, we celebrate and pray for the range of Christian vocations to which God calls each of us. While most of us will be called to the vocation of marriage, a few of us will be called to the ordained ministries of diaconate and priesthood, and some of us to religious life as a vowed sister, brother, monk or nun. If you'd like to support the seminarians of our diocese who are in formation for priesthood, see the invitation to the Seminarians Benefit Dinner on the next page. Bishop Anthony has also announced the ordination of three men to diaconate, including **Shayne D'Cunha** who was with us last December. This will be on Friday Sept 12th, with more details to come.



Welcome: It is my delight to welcome to our parish **Bishop David Walker**, the former bishop of our diocese, whom I've invited to celebrate a Mass with at us OLHC whenever he is available. Many of you know of the rich spiritual teaching which Bishop David has given to our diocese and beyond for many years. Please make him welcome.

Our Parish Business Manager Deacon Richard Houwing has given his notice that he will be retiring from full time work at the end of the year to focus more fully on his Diaconate ministry in the diocese. We will of course make plans to thank **Deacon Richard** toward the end of the year.

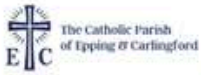
We are initiating a recruitment process with details soon to come.

~Fr Jim



Have your contact details changed? If so, please contact Marcella.Letteri@bbcatholic.org.au to update your details.

PARISH EVENTS



Please join us at our

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM



11:30AM | AUG 10TH, 2025

A chance to share your ideas & initiatives for our Social Justice Committee to take on board and implement!



LEARN
SHARE IDEAS
GET INVOLVED



Register your attendance or ideas by scanning the QR code

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall
29 Oxford St, Epping NSW 2121

BROWN SCAPULAR

Thank you for your feedback. We understand that attending weekday mass isn't possible for everyone.

A SECOND CHANCE TO ENROL FOR THOSE WHO MISSED OUT

CARLINGFORD

- ☑ Sunday, 10th Aug
09:30 am mass
05:00 pm mass

EPPING

- ☑ Saturday, 16th Aug
05:00 pm mass
- ☑ Sunday, 17th Aug
10:15 am mass

Who can enrol:

- Anyone who has not already enrolled.

How to enrol:

- Bring your Brown Scapular or use the one provided by devotions team (limited supply available)
- Be present for the blessing and enrolment prayer.

More information is available in pamphlets at the back of the church.

Brown Scapular Enrolment – Second Opportunity: The Devotions Team invites you to attend the upcoming scapular enrolment. Please see above Mass times. You can pick up an information sheet at the back of the church. On it, spiritual benefits and common questions are answered. All are most welcome.



Are you interested in learning about the Bible?

Come join us for a deep dive into Revelation. We are a well-established group made of parishioners from OLHC/St Gerard's and surrounding parishes.

Subject: Catholic Bible Study of Revelation With Material by Jeff Cavins from Ascension Press.

Hosted by: Fr Elmer Ibarra from the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in Melbourne.

Where: on Zoom using the QR code or link
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89460845496?pwd=RAeZTzamsCpy3fLUbQu2ev1Rr9haPx.1>



When: Starts August 6 Tuesday at 7:30pm to 9pm - Repeats weekly (don't worry if you miss the first meeting, join us anyway)

Contact: Philip Senger at philip.a.senger@cnggroup.com or 0404 466 846.

Upcoming Events.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2025

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HEALING MASS & PRAYER

FRIDAY
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
EPPING

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FEAST OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

THURSDAY
9:30 AM MASS
CARLINGFORD

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OCT

HEALING MASS & PRAYER

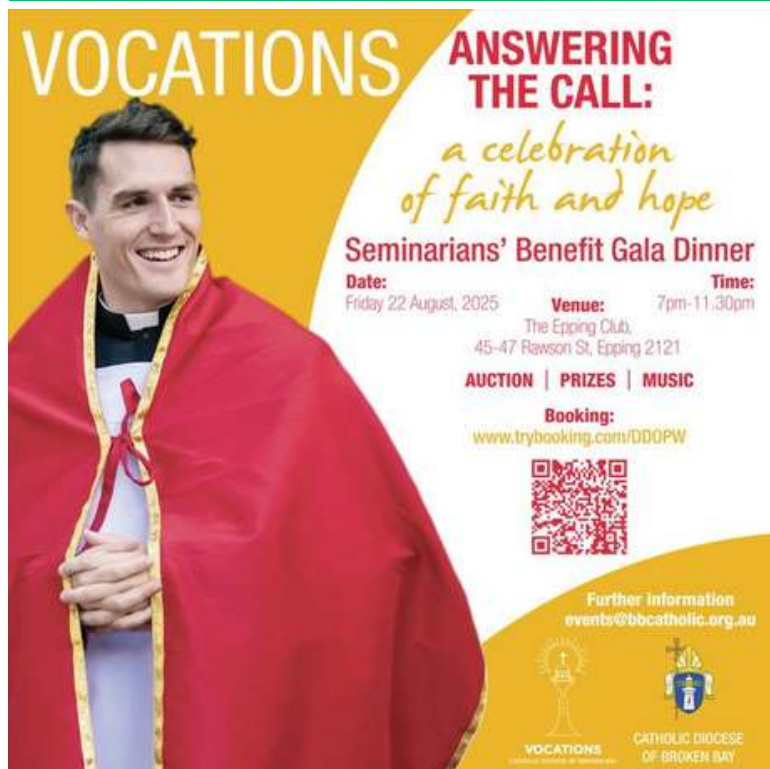
FRIDAY
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
EPPING

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO JUBILEE SHRINES

SATURDAY
7:30 AM-4:30 PM
CARLINGFORD & EPPING

VOCATIONS



Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner – Answering the Call: a celebration of faith and hope

The call to the priesthood is a call to serve. It is the means by which Christ builds up and leads His Church.

In the past few years, Broken Bay has enjoyed a resurgence in the number of young men discerning God's call to become a priest. The Diocese of Broken Bay has six young men in formation, including one currently overseas, and many more discerning. In pursuing their call to serve, these men require the prayers, support and encouragement of all the faithful on their vocational journey.

To help support our current and future seminarians, we invite the faithful to join us for the Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner – Answering the Call: a celebration of faith and hope, to be held at **The Epping Club on Friday, 22 August 2025**. With your generous support and prayers, it will be a night of fun and friendship.

This night forms a crucial part of building the vocational culture of the Diocese and providing support to current and future seminarians. Building this vocational culture is not just a job for the bishop or clergy of a Diocese, but for all the People of God.

We encourage everyone to consider attending this Benefit Gala Dinner. Come as an individual, a couple, group of friends or arrange tables of 10 from your parish for a discount!

Each ticket includes welcome drinks and canapes, a three-course dinner with beverages, auctions, raffles, and music. Bookings essential. Sponsorships available.

Parish Office Address

Parish Centre, 33 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121
(car park entry via 6 Cambridge Street)

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 3pm

Parish Team

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New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - OLHC

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Sacristan - OLHC

Dennis Porteous Ph: 9876 2853

Email: Dennis.Porteous@bbcatholic.org.au

Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/DDOPW or scan the QR code above.

With your support, we can keep building a vocational culture within the Diocese which encourages more young men to hear God's calling in their life.

If you would like more information, please contact events@bbcatholic.org.au



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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



2025 CONFIRMATION



The **Rite of Enrolment** will take place across two weekends - one church per weekend.

Celebrate with us after Mass!

- 10 August, 10:15am at OLHC
- 17 August, 9:30am at St Gerard's
- Enjoy a jumping castle and morning tea both weekends as we mark the beginning of our young parishioners' journey toward full initiation!

We want to celebrate the families whose children are embarking on this exciting journey! Please come and show your support for these families and catch up for a cuppa whilst the children play! Morning tea will be provided by our parish hospitality team at the front of the OLHC parish hall on the 10th and the undercover area of St Gerard's Primary School on the 17th. Even if you are attending another Mass, if you can, do still come and join this celebration which will begin after Mass. You might catch Fr Jim having a go on the jumping castle again this year!

Please do keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Family Enrichment Australia invites you to **Pre-Teens 2025 for parents of 8-12 Year Olds.**

- **Where:** Beecroft Community Centre, 111 Beecroft Road, Beecroft
- **When:** Sunday 2.30 - 4.30pm, Aug 24, Sep 14 & Sep 21 (see below)

Stronger Together

Unlock the secrets to connecting deeply with your pre-teens while empowering them with essential life skills! Learn to communicate effectively with your pre-teens while helping them build resilience and strong friendships. Strengthen your bond through heartfelt connection and shared growth, and empower your child with the confidence and support they need to thrive.

SESSION 1 **Communication**
AUG 24 Connecting with pre-teens

SESSION 2 **Friendships**
SEP 14 Nurturing peer connection

SESSION 3 **Resilience**
SEP 24 Teaching kids to adapt, overcome and thrive

REGISTER HERE
\$150 per couple

info@fea.org.au | www.fea.org.au

Lynn Siau -Coordinator of Children's Ministries,
Sacramental Programme & Parish Communications
Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 9876 2853

COMMUNICATIONS

DEADLINE

Article submission deadline: 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 20th August 2025**. Kindly understand I am unable to accommodate late submissions. Please send in a Word document. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format. Do note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.



Other ways to connect:



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

eBulletin: If you know someone who would like to receive the electronic version of the bulletin, please forward this link for them to fill in via a desktop, the form on our website: **bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter**

YOUTH MINISTRIES



DIocese of Broken Bay Pilgrimage Flights + 4 Nights Accommodation + REGO

Day 1	Sat 29 November	Departure (Travel Day)
Day 2	Sun 30 November	Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Day 3	Mon 1 December	Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Day 4	Tue 2 December	Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Day 5	Wed 3 December	Return (Travel Day)

INCLUSIONS

- Economy class airfare from Sydney / Melbourne / Sydney
- 4 nights' centrally located 4 star hotel (Holiday Inn Express, Little Collins)
- Breakfast daily (at Accommodation)
- Diocesan group dinner on Saturday, 29th November at Accommodation
- Return airport coach transfers on arrival and departure
- ACYF Melbourne Registration fee and Administration/Management
- Harvest group booking management
- Diocese of Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days
- Items of a personal nature

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.

\$1,620 PER PERSON, INCL GST

Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy
Reducing cost to \$1,120



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CANA

YOUTH GROUP

Mid-Year Wrap Up



RECAP OF THE YEAR SO FAR

Term 1 and 2 were action packed at Cana Youth Group. Over our sessions the youth have learnt about different aspects of their faith, grown in friendship, and developed a strong sense of community through teambuilding activities and games. In Term 2 we successfully started a parent support roster which has fostered further community building with Cana families and we look forward to seeing this continue over the next two terms.

LOOKING AHEAD



In Term 3 we will meet on Fridays 25th July, 8th August, 22nd August, 5th September and 19th September. We are looking forward to talks that will be given by some of our youth leaders and hope you and your child will be able to join us for Semester 2. Stay updated about Cana news through the Facebook Group and Parish Bulletin.

The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** gathers young people from Year 9 to 25 years from all across Australia with the opportunity to **connect**, **deepen** their relationship with Jesus, be **empowered** to live their faith in the world and **experience** the breadth of the Church in Australia. Young people can register their interest in the pilgrimage via the QR code in the poster, please also reach out to our youth minister Holly if you are interested in attending. (Holly.Lawton@bbcatholic.org.au)

Please also join us for **Pilgrimage Information Night, 7pm on Monday 11 August.**

This online session will provide details of the Broken Bay Pilgrimage including travel and accommodation. Please remember that Mission Broken Bay is offering financial assistance for those attending ACYF, via the Broken Bay Pilgrimage. Please register for the information evening via email to mission@bbcatholic.org.au



Emmaus Young Adults



For those aged 23 - 30
looking to grow in Faith &
Fellowship

Join our
WhatsApp
Community!

- Our Lady Help of Christians Church
- 6:30PM-8:30PM
- Thursdays
Fortnightly



Antioch



For Year 10's - 23 year olds

Sundays 6.00pm - 8:00 pm

@ St Gerard's Meeting Room

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRESENTS:

MONTHLY ANOINTING MASS

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THIRD THURSDAYS 11AM | ALL WELCOME
BRUNCH FOLLOWING | OLHC CHURCH

The monthly Anointing Mass at OLHC will be on **Thursday 21st August, 11am in the church**. Come join us to pray for yourself and others who are sick, and join us for a light brunch after. A plate to share would be welcome.



PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

1 SEPT – 4 OCT

St Alban' Anglican Community
invite you to an ecumenical celebration of the
Season of Creation on 4 September at 11.30am

Beginning with a Prayer Celebration, followed by lunch
Then, three interns from Sydney Alliance will share their experiences of caring for the earth in their home countries of Vietnam, South Korea and China, their Sydney experiences and hope for the future. and Q & A.

Organised by the communities of: Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; Epping Uniting Church; West Epping Uniting Church and the Anglican Parish of Epping.

St Alban's Anglican Parish Hall

3 Pembroke St Epping

Free parking in OLHC parking station

No charge, but please register on the sheet at the entrance of each church to assist with catering.

Expressions
of
Interest

OLHC Piety Shop: There is a space we have in the Parish Centre next to the hall that we are looking at setting up shop. Bibles, books, sacramentals, gifts, etc. Not onerous, just a few (split)

hours a day to man the shop and recommend items or assist shoppers. Even if you are available for just 30 minutes! Interested? Please email: Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

A LETTER TO YOU!

FROM: POPE FRANCIS
TO: EPPING-CARLINGFORD PARISHIONERS



THE LETTER

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

DON'T MISS THIS! REGISTER TODAY
CHOOSE A SESSION BELOW

THE LETTER is a documentary featuring Pope Francis and his call to hear both the **cry of the earth** and the **cry of the poor**. It builds on the teaching of Pope Francis' letter to us, *Laudato Si'*.

REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE SESSIONS
Forms are at the entrance of each Church

19 August 7pm - 9pm at OLHC Epping

~~21 August 7pm - 9pm at St Gerards~~

25 August 10am - 1pm at St Gerards

27 August 10am - 1pm at OLHC Epping

THE LETTER runs for 80 minutes. Our time together will include time for refreshments, reflection, conversation and how we might take action together as a parish community.

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baby

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jane and
Jefffer Francia on the arrival of
their new baby Jan.



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Week 18

11 August Mon: St Clare

12 August Tue: *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

13 August Wed: *Sts Pontian and Hippolytus*

14 August Thur: St Maximilian Kolbe

15 August Fri: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16 August Sat: *St Stephen of Hungary*

Ordinary Week 19

19 August Tue: *St John Eudes*

20 August Wed: St Bernard

21 August Thur: St Pius X

22 August Fri: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23 August Sat: *St Rose of Lima*



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS 2025-2026 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Register for the Launch

13 August at midday

[launch here.](#)

The Statement explores
serving people living
in homelessness and
mental ill health

Copies available late August



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please donate
to CatholicCare's
homelessness services
across the Diocese

Thank you

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday and Sunday 9 & 10 August

Our Diocesan Homelessness Services: There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you in advance for supporting this

SEASON OF CREATION BUSHWALKS

St Alban's Anglican community have organised two bush walks as part of the ecumenical celebration of the Season of Creation

FRIDAY 5 SEPT – 10.30am



A one-and-a-half-hour stroll in the Field of Mars, Gladesville. This flat one kilometre walk will be within most people's abilities.

TUESDAY 30 SEPT – 10.00am



A two hour walk starting at Waterloo Park Marsfield, walking down to Brown's Waterhole. This walk will be a little challenging, some of it on a rough bush track and includes a hill climb.

LIMITED PLACES – BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email office@eppinganglicans.org.au

Meeting place and what to bring will be advised
in reply to your booking email



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

A group of people from local churches meets once a term to **pray for Carlingford, Epping Boys', and Cheltenham Girls' High Schools.** Please join us in praying for the students, staff, scripture teachers, chaplains and ISCF groups at these schools. We will meet via **zoom from 8-9pm on Thursday 21 August.** Contact Katrina Collins for zoom details ckjsge@gmail.com or 0400 488 459.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS & DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE
[COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM](#)

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND GUEST SPEAKER AFTER DINNER WILL BE
FATHER MICHAEL SULLIVAN OSA.
HIS TOPIC WILL BE "SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS".

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 August 2025

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am (Family/Children) and 7:00pm (Youth)
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am (Family/Children) and 5:00pm (Youth)

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	-	6:00pm	9:30am	-	-	8:00am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	-	-	9:30am	9:30am	-	

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: **Epping** Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm and Saturday 8:30-9:00am
Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: **Epping** Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm and Saturday 8:30-9:00am
Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am and Saturday 5:15-5:45pm, **OR BY APPOINTMENT** at either church

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: PO Box 369, Epping NSW 1710

ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 7256 2140 Email - sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 9868 3322 Email - olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Healing Mass: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford
Anointing Mass: 3rd Thursday of the month, 11am at OLHC Church, Epping



For those who are sick and suffering (new requests):

- Sinead Liddy
- John Letteri (Marcella's husband)
- Leonie Owens
- Roslyn Rodriguez
- Dennis Porteous (OLHC Sacristan)
- Giulia Marzano
- Graham Kelly
- Maureen Bestulic
- Peter Hargreaves
- Charlotte Mary Langler



Thank you for your faithful prayers. Our brothers and sisters in need are surely strengthened by them. Our parish Prayer Ministry also has a private group on Facebook where you can post your requests directly or email us to do so. Please feel free to join this private group if you would like to pray for someone or for your own intentions: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2660800900909668> or via QR code on the right.



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

Recently deceased - Eduardo Gutierrez (Elena's husband), Anne Laird (mother of Carmel Breen and Brendan Laird), Cyril Dias, Yoke Cho, Val Tancred, Noelene Luther

Anniversaries & Remembrance - Julie Johnsson, Gregory McShane, Queenie Solomonsz, Bernard Sullivan, Bernadette O'Brien, Barry O'Brien

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 August 2025

Ps 39:2-4, 18 Response: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.