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YEAR C

12 JUNE 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

19 JUNE 2022 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

St Gerard's Church 50th Anniversary: This year we celebrate 50 years since St Gerard's Church was built. The official opening date was in April, however we have postponed the celebration until the Feast of St Gerard Majella on Sunday October 16th. We'll celebrate at the 9.30am Mass, and afterwards with a BBQ brunch. In celebrating the church's 50th anniversary, we are not only celebrating the building, but the people who built it and have worshipped in it over the past five decades. Also in the coming months we will tell some of the stories of those people, our pioneering parishioners, and reflect on how we can carry their legacy forward. If you'd like to be part of this storytelling (in the bulletin, on the GRACE podcast or by photos), or assist with the lunch on the day, please contact Fr Jim.

Clergy Conference: All clergy in Broken Bay Diocese will be gathering with Bishop Anthony for the annual clergy conference from June 13-17. 9.30am Mass on June 13th will be as usual. There will be no 6pm Mass on Wednesday June 15th at OLHC, and no adoration or reconciliation at OLHC on Mon June 13th. There will be Mass or a Communion Service at the other usual times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday depending on the availability of supply priests, which may vary at the last minute. As the Priests and some staff will be away from 14 - 16 June, the Parish Office will only be open from 9:00am to 12:30pm. When the Office is unattended, the telephone will be diverted to our mobiles, and we will respond as soon as practical.

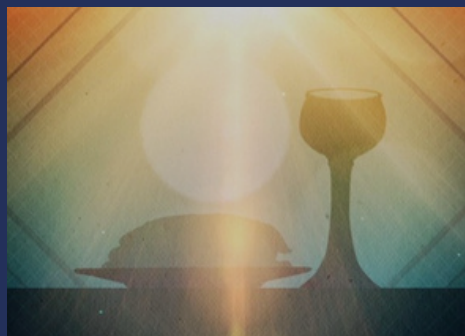
Fr Vincent Trung will be on annual leave from June 21st to July 21st, travelling to Vietnam to visit family and friends. During this time Fr Geoff Bugden will be assisting with weekend Masses at OLHC and St Gerard's. Fr Geoff is well known to the parish, having been assistant priest here some years back. You might like to invite Fr Geoff for Saturday night dinner or Sunday lunch while he is here.

Friday Mass hiatus: Fr Jim will cover all weekday Masses during Fr Vincent's holidays, with the exception of Friday 12.15pm Mass at OLHC. It is likely that the long awaited start of construction at OLHC will commence in the coming weeks and the noise of this will likely preclude daytime weekday Masses at OLHC for a time, so we will simply commence the hiatus of Friday Masses early, with the last Mass to be on Friday June 17th for the time being. We will evaluate the viability of other weekday Masses closer to the time. Note that Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses will not be affected, as construction will be prohibited during these times.

Reconciliation at St Gerard's: During Fr Vincent's leave we won't be able to have reconciliation, adoration and benediction on Friday nights. Starting Friday June 25th we'll have adoration and reconciliation available after Friday morning Mass from 10am - 10.30am, and extended reconciliation time on Saturday evenings from 5.15pm - 5.45pm. Upon Fr Vincent's return he can evaluate with parishioner whether it is preferable to return to Friday nights or to continue with Friday mornings and Saturday evenings.

Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday June 19th is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Come and join us as We will celebrate with a small procession out on Oxford St after the 10.15am Mass at OLHC.

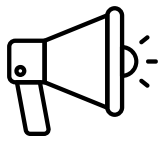
~ Fr Jim



Readings

12 JUNE 2022
Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

19 JUNE 2022
Genesis 14:18-20
Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17



NEW TEAM MEMBER!

Parish Team

Parish Secretary

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New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - OLHC

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New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - St Gerard's

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Missionary Discipleship Coordinator

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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 ppcsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

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.



Holy Land Commissariat

The Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land sincerely thank Fr Jim and the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford for your generous contribution of \$4,725 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2022. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers.



My name is Belinda Shi and I am your recently appointed New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator for St Gerard's. This position is a newly formed role established by Fr Jim and the Parish Council, as they saw a need for an individual to be a point of contact for new and existing parishioners.

Having a young family myself with 3 kids embarking on their faith and sacramental journey, I will endeavour to connect and share my experiences with other parents. I will act as a point of contact in particular to young families and those undertaking the sacrament of Baptism. If anyone requires any further information or has any questions regarding this, I would be more than happy to assist.

An exciting project which I am working towards is re-establishing the St Gerard's Playgroup and the invitation to this is not exclusive to those within our Church, but to all within the wider community. This is a great means for parents and guardians of young children to meet and establish great and long-lasting friendships in a wholesome and safe environment. I hope to bring you more information regarding this soon.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas or suggestions on ways I can assist the community of St Gerard's, please feel free to contact me for a chat.

OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

Bequest: The parish has received a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of a lifelong parishioner who died last year and whose funeral was celebrated at OLHC Church. The family have requested that the donor's name not be published, however Mass will be offered for her, and her name will in time be added to the remembrance wall at OLHC. In consultation with the donor's family part of this bequest will be put toward a gold paten (large bowl for holy Communion) as OLHC Church does not have one, and most of the bequest will go toward a pastoral project which seems in keeping with the life of faith and generosity of this donor.



Have you considered leaving a bequest to the parish in your Will? Any amount can be a legacy to extend your generosity to your church. Family members will be consulted to ensure that the bequest will be applied to something which accords to your wishes.

To find out more, contact Mr David Armstrong confidentially on 8379 1664 or David.Armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au, or Fr Jim at Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend and next weekend in St. Gerard's:

Isabella Abdulnour, Jaiden Chow, Quentin Feliciano, Elijah Gamboa, Savannah Hogan, Harrison James, Patrick Mahoney, Zac Pinto, Oliver Rixon, Margaux Rondilla, Lotsie Simpson, Gabriella Yanga, Diego Zubiaga Terrazas, Owen Byrne, Sophira Chenery, Avaleigh Chenery, Charlotte Childs, Lucas Coleman, Cameron Gallo, Timothy Loo, Amber Melhem, Noah Rhee, Lucas Ripamonti, Andi Samson, Elijah Samson, Makayla Texier, Hope Xavier, Annalise Isaac, Kenneth Chia, James Buoro, Lachlan Teulan, Mia Rees, Keana Glayjo, Juliette Corne, Julia Klimkeit, Erin Andrews, Samson Burrell, Joshua Bennett, Emilio Mirenzi, Ethan Jones, Baxter Judges, Jermaine De Mello,

Lily Leung, Annaliese Smith, Mikayla Zammit, Sophia Zammit and Jack Dargan.

The parish would like to thank the parents and carers, our Parish School Principals, Barbara Yee and Dominique O'Sullivan, teachers, catechists/volunteers who have helped support these children as they prepared for their First Eucharist. A special thank-you also to our sacristans, servers, music ministry and those who operate the PowerPoint presentation, for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families!

First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish at the following dates and time:

- Sunday 12th June at 9:30am St Gerard's Church;
- Saturday 18th June at 6pm St Gerard's Church;
- Sunday, 19th June at 9:30am St Gerard's Church;
- Saturday, 25th June at 5pm Our Lady Help of Christians' Church; and
- Sunday, 26th June at 10:15am Our Lady Help of Christians' Church.

A morning tea celebration prepared by St Gerard's school parents will be held after the morning Masses under the school shelter shed on the 12th and 19th June. All are invited to come and congratulate the children and their families!

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as the children journey towards becoming fully initiated members of the church.



Confirmation 2022: In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above are invited to enrol. If you would like to be placed on our email list to be sent information about Confirmation and enrolment, please contact Lynn to have this organised. Children enrolled in this sacrament's preparation will attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. Upon completion, the children will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 3rd September.

Lynn Siau

Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

Children's Involvement at OLHC 10:15am Mass: At OLHC, due to current space constraints, we have a different way for children to celebrate Children's Liturgy. Instead of Kidz Word, we welcome the involvement of our children at the 10.15am Mass every Sunday. This could include being involved in songs with actions, processions, and prayers of intercession.

If your child would like to be involved, please bring them to the back of the church at 10am where roles will be allocated by volunteers and parts rehearsed just before Mass begins.

Kidz Word at St Gerard's was a full house last Sunday!



COMMUNICATIONS



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 22nd June 2022**. Please send in a Word document. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format. Please note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Do remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

World Youth Day: Meet another of our potential pilgrims who shares why she is excited about WYD.

Also, thank you to everyone who came to our parish trivia night, we raised over \$2500 for our pilgrims to attend world youth day!

Thank you!

Getting to know your World Youth Day pilgrims

Hello, my name is Elise from Antioch. I've been a part of this parish since I was a baby, attending St Gerards in primary school and then continuing to build friendships and my faith through Cana and Antioch. Along my faith journey, there have been times when I felt confused and lost with so many questions about Christianity and the bible, and it's through conversation and community that I've been able to grow closer to God.



When I talk with diverse people, I am able to learn many new ways of developing my faith and finding answers into the confusing aspects of our beliefs. Understanding our reach and impact as a global Christian community is the driving factor to bringing change in tackling global issues and achieving sustainable development.

World Youth Day isn't just a single day, it's a pilgrim journey with young people from across the globe, all trying to learn how to better follow Jesus.



In Lisbon next year, I hope to encounter the strong feeling of our church community, answer my unanswered questions and discover mission opportunities so I can have a more positive impact on the world.



Cana (Year 6-9) - Cana youth group is on Fridays! Cana will have a meeting on 10th June and 17th June at St Gerard's Parish Hall! 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.



Cana pizza and bonfire night on the 3rd June!

Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Join us on 12th June and 19th June 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room.

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 on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Join us on 21st May for our next meeting to hear about faith and anxiety.

We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus. If you would like to join or would like more information on our 3 youth groups, please contact Joanna.



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WEBSITE

'Listen to the latest GRACE episode 'May: The Month of Mary.' Featuring Fr Jim and Deacon Adrian, hear about Fr Jim's morning schedule and how Deacon Adrian received his calling to be a Deacon. Scan the QR code above or visit anchor.fm/grace2020



Antioch's Pentecost evening on 5th June

Joanna Mak

Youth Coordinator

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PARISH TIDBIT: MASS ATTENDANCE

During May we counted the number of people at each Mass, as we have done for many years. Happily, the average number of people attending our 8 weekend Masses was 830, up from 755 last year. This growth is remarkable, especially considering the lack of parking at OLHC. It is a tribute to people's devotion and commitment to the eucharist that people are parking further away and making their way to the church, even in poor weather, and even people with limited mobility. There has been only a small decline in the number of people at OLHC, more than offset by an increase at St Gerard's including the addition of the Sunday night 5pm Mass. The numbers for each Mass, with comparison to 2021 is:

	<u>OLHC</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>St Gerard's</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
5pm vigil		107	86	6pm vigil	98	97
8.30am		92	77	7.45am	82	80
10.15am		139	146	9.30am	120	160
6pm		117	99	5pm	--	86

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: THE ART OF FORMING NEW MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



Our parish welcomes enquirers seeking to know more about Christianity, and in particular the Catholic faith by joining with them on a journey of self-discovery and the building-up of a relationship with Jesus. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID, we had developed a listing of parishioners who would be willing to host a gathering in their homes – a tradition we had in place for about twenty years.

As we all know, COVID put a damper on group meetings, and only now we can look to resume our past practice by reconnecting with those volunteers to confirm their availability and to seek new volunteers who could assist.

We are now getting into the swing of revitalising our process, as we are about to welcome several people who have indicated an interest in our Catholic faith. We are hoping to re-commence our meetings in a couple of weeks – towards the end of June.

If you are aware of anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, please invite them to make contact with the Parish Office for further details.

Also, if you are interested to know more about the process and getting involved in actively supporting our enquirers, please make contact with the Parish Office for further details.

Contact can be made via phone 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au.

OUR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

A group of more than forty of us from the Epping and Carlingford Parish gathered at the St Gerards Meeting Room on Sunday 29th May to hear about the challenges facing refugees and asylum seekers who are living in our community. We were there to consider our response to their problems and discern what initiatives we could offer in support that could build on our history as a parish of assisting refugees.

We were welcomed by Fr Jim then were led through the “conversation” by Zoe Grant from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). We heard directly from Idrissa, a young man forced to leave Sierra Leone because of his strong beliefs and advocacy on behalf on women in his country. He left behind his wife and family and now resides alone in Australia on a restrictive bridging visa. Mustafa, whose parents insisted he leave Afghanistan as a teenager to evade the Taliban, told us how he travelled via India, Malaysia, Indonesia and Christmas Island before coming here. Now, nine years later he is on a Temporary Protection Visa. He has relatives in New Zealand who have gained citizenship in that country however Australian authorities will not allow him to visit them. Both young men are appreciative of the many Australians who have offered their support. They are full of hope for their future and that, ultimately, they and their families can be united.

Our groups then discussed the impact their stories had on us and reflected on the issues which emerged. Suggestions were called for as to what actions we in the Parish could put in place to support refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with JRS – short or long term, large or small.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the gathering and the great spirit of engagement that you brought to the gathering. We invite all parishioners in the coming weeks to look for suggestions that come out of this gathering and to be open to offering your support. For further information please contact John Whealy johnwwhealy@gmail.com or Mark Smith mark.luciasmith@gmail.com or call the Parish Office on 9876 2853.

~ Parish Social Justice Team



CATECHISTS' CORNER

In the 16 Century, a few passionate souls dedicated themselves to teach people and share their knowledge about the Faith and the liturgy of the Church. This has grown into a ministry that extends beyond the boundaries of culture, language, age and resources. Welcome to the world of a Catechist!

Be a CATECHIST, go out among our students at the Public Schools, spread the Good News of God and lead our children to come to Jesus Christ, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.



Let the little children
& COME TO ME,
& do not hinder them,
for the KINGDOM of GOD
belongs to such as these.
LUKE 18:16

Here's where we are needed:

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, 12:05, 12:30pm)

Secondary Schools

- Carlingford High School (Wednesday: 10am, 11am)
- Cheltenham Girls School (Thursday: 10am)
- James Ruse Agricultural High School (Wednesday: 2pm)



We have continuous need for experienced or new catechists in both primary and secondary schools so we invite you to please contact Fr Jim at Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au for Secondary Public Schools **or** Katherine Tam at katherine@eppcarl.org.au for Primary Public Schools or call the Parish Office during office hours at 9876 2853.

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES

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

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Time Week 11

13 Jun Monday: St Anthony of Padua

18 Jun Saturday: Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary

Ordinary Time Week 12

21 Jun Tuesday: St Aloysius Gonzaga

22 Jun Wednesday: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

23 Jun Thursday: St Paulinus of Nola

24 Jun Friday: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

25 Jun Saturday: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Live in the Power of the Holy Spirit - DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Join people across the country and around the world for a short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional video that you will receive in your inbox every morning to help you live in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Daily Devotionals are FREE, and you can sign up here: BruceDownes.org/HolySpiritDaily or go to BruceDownes.org

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!

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 St Gerard's Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!!! 26 June 2pm:

All families are invited to join Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm to celebrate the 10th World Meeting of Families. This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More details to come!



Pregnancy Help Sydney, a life-affirming organisation, has been receiving calls of help Australia-wide for over 40 years. Our free, confidential and non-judgemental 24/7 telephone support service has helped thousands of women who have reached out to us.

Embarking on motherhood should be a joyous occasion when a baby is planned for and welcomed into the life of its mother. Yet, for a significant number of women, this is not their reality. Our organisation provides an empathetic listening ear to support the woman who is challenged by her pregnancy, and together, explore the best options for her and her baby. We are thrilled to be launching, as another tool to help women facing a difficult situation, our refreshed website - <http://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com>

Pregnant? Worried, confused, feeling alone? Want to chat? Call our 24/7 support line 1300 792 798 or visit our website.

O Lord our God, how wonderful your name
in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am and 6:00pm
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am and 5:00pm Youth Mass

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 Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,

Carlingford 1st Thursday 10am and Friday 6-7pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,

Carlingford Friday at 6-7pm and Saturday 5:30-5:45pm, **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 MAJELLA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9871 1633 **Email:** sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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

PLEASE NOTE: Clergy Conference 13 - 17 June.

Please refer to the front page for changes to our Mass and Liturgical schedule.

Please pray for.....



For those who are sick and suffering:

- Nancy Walker (family of Eileen Nicoll)
- Martin McGuire (family of Eileen Nicoll)
- Patrick Thornton (family of Pat & Margaret Mcardle)
- Cohen Hadden (family of Pat & Margaret Mcardle)
- Graham & Elaine Yeates (elderly couple in nursing home)
- Dennis Porteous (our Parish Secretary)
- Eric Yeung (brother of Goretti Yeung)
- Leo Lazarus (catechist)
- Zachary & Mackenzie
- Stephen Lo
- Edward Ngu (Li May's dad)



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

Recently deceased - Jim Christie, Eustracia Erapiepillai, Abdin Bayross

Anniversaries - Megan Barnett (daughter of Anne Kilby), Babette Salazar, Matthew Gemmell

For the repose of the souls of - Elizabeth Marlin, Loretta Fare