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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Sacrament of Reconciliation



Readings

15 SEPTEMBER 2024 Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

22 SEPTEMBER 2024Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16 - 4:3
Mark 9:30-37



15 SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22 SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Camino 2.0 begins... Fr Jim's reflections and memories take us through his rich experiences that have no doubt shaped him to be who he is and how he ministers. His natural humility, joyful, prayerful and compassionate disposition is felt when you read his story. You can follow his progress of his Camino journey and his reflections via his blog using this link https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/ or QR code on the right.



Fr Jim returns on Monday Oct 7th. Once again, **we thank Fr Andrew Murray and Fr Geoff Bugden** who are celebrating weekend Masses along with Fr Aldrin while Fr Jim is away.

"Your generous contributions to our church enable everyone to flourish in Jesus' ministry. Through your donations, we can offer contemplative programs, prayer groups, and small group gatherings, creating an environment where individuals can grow spiritually and emotionally."



Financial Report 2024: Your parish financial report for 2024 is available as of this weekend the 14th/15th September. Please feel free to take home a copy. The Parish Finance Committee will be giving a short presentation at every Mass this weekend. Your ongoing support has enabled the inevitable growth of parish ministries. Thank you for all you do.

Travelling Mary recipients: If it is your turn to receive the Travelling Mary, would you kindly arrive before Mass begins, to remind the servers in the sacristy who will in turn help you inform the presiding priest. This is especially important for any visiting priests as they may not be aware of what they need to say or do. Thank you for your assistance.

PATHWAYS TO BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year we have people approach the parish who are interested in exploring becoming Catholic. Whether they are the spouse of a Catholic, a friend of a parishioner, or someone who has just discerned on their own that God is calling them, this is always wonderful news.



It is a challenge for the parish though, as it is in every parish to know what is the best program to offer to assist them to learn and discover Catholic faith, because each person comes with their own experience, their own starting point and their own questions. An RCIA group such as in our parish and many parishes may have people of all ages, some baptised in other churches, some not baptised, some who already have a strong personal relationship with Jesus, some who are only just learning to pray, some who have been coming to Mass with their family or friend for years, some who have not yet stepped into a church, etc.

The good news though is that the RCIA is not a program whose content every person must learn from scratch and answer questions to pass. Rather RCIA stands for Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. The Rites are the various public rituals which take place, mostly in the season of Lent, which connect the soon-to-be Catholics with the liturgy and the parish community. As in many parishes we have adopted these rites and adapted them for other sacraments, hence the blessings and presentations we have before Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We are going to try a new approach to assisting people to become Catholic which honours both the unique journey of each enquirer, and wisdom of the Church's liturgical rites in the RCIA. We want to diversify the pathways by which people will journey to become Catholic, and in doing so harness the extraordinary faith of so many of our parishioners.

If you have a family member or friend who is interested in becoming Catholic, then you can be the person to mentor and accompany them. You can also introduce them to others in the parish who you think might be able to assist them. Then, you can make use of the existing parish faith formation programs who we run, such as Alpha, Friday bible study, Emmaus young adults, Men Alive, etc. We have already had people take part in these groups, each of which offers a community to support them as they explore their way to Jesus.

Our New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator Belinda Shi will coordinate this process of enquiry, discernment and accompaniment. You can contact her **Belinda.Shi@bbcatholic.org.au**

Then, at the end of the year, if a person and their accompanier feel that they are ready to make a commitment, they will come together with an experienced team led by Dennis Porteous during the season of Lent for their final preparations which include the public Rites. There is however no hurry, and a person may choose to continue in their discernment and accompaniment for another year, or as long as is necessary to allow the evangelization of their heart and their readiness to make a commitment as a disciple of Jesus.

OTHER PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Accommodation needed for our Diocesan Youth Conference, Ignite: Is anyone able to provide accommodation for a mother with 2 girls aged 17 and 15 years old who are coming to Sydney from Brisbane to attend the Ignite Conference 2024 at St Leo's Wahroonga from Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 September? There may also be another mother coming with a 14-year-old daughter for Ignite.

Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office: 9876 2853.





Keyboard: We are in desperate need of a keyboard that could be used in the St. Gerard's meeting room for rehearsals with the G Majors, and other music groups if needed.

Would anyone have a keyboard at home that is no longer in use?

We need one with at least four octaves. If you can help in any way, please contact Pat Fernandes on 0407908640 or cedpat@internode.on.net
Many thanks!

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ~2 Corinthians 9:8





Defibrillator Training: Recently the local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference were given a Government Grant to purchase an automatic defibrillator to install in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Gerard's Carlingford**. This unit is for the use of all groups that use the room. **A training session** on how to operate it will be held in the meeting room on **Monday 23rd September at 7.00pm**. RSVP Pat on 0417219234 or the Parish office. The Society would appreciate at least one representative of each group who uses the Parish Meeting Room to attend the training.



Hands, Tablecloths & Vision for our Parish: How on earth are hands, tablecloths and vision for our parish connected? Read on... Some people in our parish dream of a united Epping and Carlingford church. Others dream of having more young families involved. Others wish for little ones to be catered for. Still others want a welcoming place where people feel they belong, where those who are needy may feel warmth and may receive a meal, where some might be able to know Jesus.

A few volunteers (pictured here with me) met on Saturday 31 August to share these thoughts, pray and then use their hands to measure, cut and sew some tablecloths. Why? So that we can have beautifully set tables; So that we might be able to join young and old, newly baptized, cradle Catholics and "nones", immigrants from all around the world, people drifting in from Oxford Street; So that we can 'break bread' together and be Jesus' hands on earth! Thank you to those who donated fabric and those who donated their time! One small step towards a beautiful vision! ~Simone Noel

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New parish email address for general enquiries: eppcarl@bbcatholic.org.au Will be obsolete.

After Hours Sick Calls (for emergency only):

9876 2853 Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim or Fr Aldrin.

Updating your contact details for the Parish Office:

Please contact our Parish Secretary, Marcella Letteri, if you need to update your contact details, for eg: mobile number, email address, home address.

You can either pop in to the parish office to see Marcella in person, contact her using details above.

Appeal from The Benedictine Sisters of Jamberoo Abbey: Urgent funds are needed for property maintenance and restoration. For the first time in 175 years, they've issued an open letter requesting financial help. There is a separate box for your cash donation at the back of both St Gerard's and OLHC. You can also do that through the link on the left column of the front page of the bulletin – "Single Donation" - but make sure you leave a reference message that it is intended for "Jamberoo Abbey". They emphasize that all contributions, large or small, will support their mission for the future. Many thanks for your consideration to help.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES





Confirmation 2024: Congratulations to the following Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday the 7th September: Marley Akindoyin, Oliver Bennett, Arisa Castalone, Charlotte Choi, Adaline Cooksey, Emilia Corral Urzua, Charles Cullen, Olivia Dargan, Charlotte Diep, Samantha DSilva, Isabel DSilva, Alexander Egan, Lyann Fernandes, Dylan Francisco, Nathaniel Guild, Elizabeth Hannaford, Chevalier Hyun, Chavella Hyun, Charlotte Jones, Zayn Kat, Hayden Keenan, Natalie Kim, James Kozanic, Lucas Le, Yunseo Lee, Erika Lee, Ethan Leung, Hugo McNicholas, Tiffany Blair Melgar, Christy Narag, Michael Nguyen, Bethany O'Neill, Samuel Paulo, Jonah Rhee, Benjamin Caleb Rondilla, Cid Ruiz, Joshua Saba, Xavier Saez, Anya Singham, Vivienne Snow, Audrey Steele, Harry Stevens, Christian Strumendo, Jamie Strumendo, Ethan Strumendo, Grace Stutchbury, Mason Texier, Riley Tilao, Callum Truong, Skye Tsang, Giuliana Vella, Lucas Humphrey Walsh, Zoe Wang, Seth Watson, Ari White, Christopher Wong and Imogen Woodham. Well done all! The newly Confirmed will be presented with their certificate this weekend the 14th/15th September, across a few selected Masses at both churches.

We would very much like to thank the parish school principals, teachers, catechists, parents and carers who have helped these children prepare for their Confirmation. A special thank-you to Joanna Mak, our youth minister, for taking a youth candidate through his preparation sessions under a more age-appropriate setting, also to our sacristans, altar society, junior and adult servers, music coordinators, musicians and singers, and Kevin Siau who helped look after the PowerPoint presentation. Their time and efforts were *vital* in making the Confirmation celebrations memorable!

Family Mass at St Gerard's 22nd September

We would like to invite **Year 2** children to provide some ministries at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 22nd September. The children can be involved in a number of ways such as leading in the prayers, processions, etc. We would love to see as many of you as possible! Please visit this link to sign up **by Thursday 19th September:** volunteersignup.org/KJKQA

Lynn Siau

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Sacramental Programme & Parish Communications

<u>Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au</u> or phone Parish Office 9876 2853

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 25th September 2024. 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. Please note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Do provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

Other ways to connect:





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



Cana (Year 6-9): Cana is on holidays! Cana will resume in Term 4 on the 18th October, 7:30-9pm in the parish hall.

Entrance to the premises is via 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford.



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds): Antioch will meet on the 22nd and 29th September, 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room. All welcome!

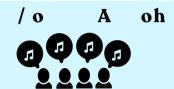
Contact parent support if you have any questions: Cres & Lui Yparraguirre Mobile: 0449228514.



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds): Emmaus are meeting on the **1st October, 7-8:30pm** at St Gerard's meeting room.

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We are looking for youth singers who want to join our choir on the **3rd Sunday of each month**. Please contact Joanna if you are able to help. Contact details below.

The upcoming **Ignite 2024 Thu 26 September – Sat 28 September** will be a particular focus for Mission Broken Bay. There are opportunities available for those who may wish to attend, or volunteer in a part time or full time capacity for the Ignite Sydney Conference. Follow this registration process:

1.Head to the IC24 SYD registration page https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24SYD

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To register for the subsidised Teen ticket:

- Enter the coupon code: "DBBHigh50"
- Select the revealed \$147.50 "Diocese of Broken Bay Ignite High" ticket

To register for the subsidised Adult ticket:

- Enter the coupon code: "DBBAdult50"
- Select the revealed \$147.50 "Diocese of Broken Bay Ignite Adults" ticket
- 2. Complete the form and submit registration.

There are also other codes for part-time volunteers or free volunteer tickets and registration information for clergy. For further information about this event, please do not hesitate to contact **mission@bbcatholic.org.au**

We would like to pray for all our school students, and especially those in Year 12 (and those doing accelerated subjects in Year 11) who are preparing for their HSC. If you would like to, please write your name (and any particular prayer intentions) and place it in the box (at the back of the church). We will pray for you at our Antioch meetings each week and also have specific people to pray for you during the next couple of months.

If you have any updated intentions, you can also email Joanna at Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au



Note: HSC blessing will be on the 13th Oct at the 5pm St Gerard's Youth Mass.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Over the past three years our small Parish Social Justice Team has led the parish in promoting projects in three areas: refugees, environment, and women and children at risk. Our projects have included:



• a forum to hear the stories of two asylum seekers which led to some parishioners volunteering for Jesuit Refugee Services and many others donating food and toiletries at our regular collections.

Solar panels installation

- The installation of solar panels at St Gerard's, regular electronics recycling collections with Arnies & Whirl, and reducing how many cups go to landfill both by washing and reusing plastic cups, and taking used coffee cups to specialized up-cyclers.
- Collections for Parramatta Women's Shelter and Silverwater Women's prison, and distribution of resources about domestic violence.

We also visited our local federal member Jerome Laxale to advocate for each of these three areas, and we have joined the Sydney Alliance to engage with others in justice issues.

As part of the maturing of our social justice engagement we now want to invite the wider

parish to take part in discernment about what areas of justice we should take up for the coming years. We'll have a date for this gathering in the coming weeks.



OUR CATECHIST WRITES...

Cheltenham Year 12 Farewell Liturgy: Last week I participated in a beautiful and prayerful liturgy for the Catholic Year 12 at Cheltenham Girls High School. These girls have been attending Catholic scripture classes at Cheltenham from Year 7. The liturgy was prepared by *Mary O'Byrne*, one of our secondary school catechists.

Mary and the Year 10 and 12 catechists had prepared for this liturgy during previous lessons. It was composed of a gospel reading, prayers, hymns and a short homily delivered by Cliff Brennan on the gospel of the day "Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand". Cliff drew a comparison between the crowds in the gospel and today's society and encouraged the girls to be "passers' on of the good news".

The message of the gospel continued as girls brought offerings of pantry items for the Jesuit Refugee Service and St Vincent de Paul which our parish supports.

We ended the liturgy with a gift from the parish of a personal bible to each of the Year 12 girls. The look on the face of each of the recipients as they received their bible was a joy to behold.

We need to thank all our catechists who have devoted their time for many years to teach these girls and others in our parish state schools about our Catholic faith and the love of God for each of us.

Will you consider becoming part of the vital ministry of The Catechist?

If so, please contact: Katherine Tam (**katherine@eppcarl.org.au**) or Patricia O'Donnell (**trish@eppcarl.org.au**) or contact the parish office between 9 am and 4 pm on weekdays: 98762853.





Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Week 24

16 Sept Mon: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

17 Sept Tue: St Hildegard of Bingen and St Robert Bellarmine

19 Sept Thur: St Januarius

20 Sept Fri: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and

companions

21 Sept Sat: St Matthew

Ordinary Week 25

23 Sept Mon: St Pius of Pietrelcina 26 Sept Thur: Sts Cosmas and Damian

27 Sept Fri: St Vincent de Paul

28 Sept Sat: St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

When: Thursday 26th September 2024

· Where: Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble

Commencing with Mass at 6:30PM

Our Mass celebrant and after dinner speaker will be Fr Gerard Moran OCD, Assistant Priest at Corpus Christi parish St Ives.

His topic: "The history of the Carmelites in Australia and Timor Leste". EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes, kindly RSVP Henry or Anna Leung: 0478 083 116 or annayytleung@yahoo.com.au, or Terry Scanlan: 0438 887 295 or terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

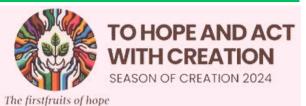


Pastoral

Discernment NORTH-SHORE







The Ecumenical Season of Creation Service. Discussion and the Sharing of a Meal

for the Covenant communities of

the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; the Epping Uniting Church; West Epping Uniting Church; and the Anglican Parish of Epping

will be held on

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 5.00pm

West Epping Uniting Church Corner Carlingford Road and Orchard Street, Epping

All welcome — please invite your friends

There will be a service of prayer and celebration, followed by fellowship over a meal with the opportunity to discuss achievable solutions and how we can each make a difference and act with creation.

While there is no charge for the dinner a financial contribution of approximately \$10 will be appreciated.

2nd Annual Careers Fair

<u>Imagining your future</u>

Subject & University Degree selection Job roles & Career path planning

A 2 hour program for Years 7 - 12, & university students

Occupation including:

- Cyber: Police Security
- Finance, Law, Data & Analytics
- Musicians, Athletes
- Healthcare practitioners
- Entrepreneurs, Writers
- Engineers, Product Designers
- Speakers including:
- Current university students
- Working
- graduates
- Industry leaders

2-4pm, Sunday 22 September 2024
Mary Mackillop Hall at Holy Family School, cnr Highfield Rd & Pacific Hwy, Lindfield



To register for the event, scan the QR code, or visit:

https://t.ly/ryWvx

Presented by Parish Pastoral Council, and: YOUNG ABUILTS

Launching the 'BE NOT AFRAID' Men's Conference 2024: Online Registrations open: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1269718 with more information. A one-day conference for men (18+) at St Mary's Cathedral Hall, 7am - 3:30pm, Saturday 21st September.

ALL ARE INVITED this Friday 20th September to a COMMUNITY FORUM

as part of our diocese's pastoral discernment for the North Shore Deanery

Venue: Caroline Chisolm Centre. Pennant Hills (Diocesan Office building)

Time: 3 pm - approx. 4:30 pm

Building 2/423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entry in City View Road)

An in-person gathering to hear what the data on our parishes and schools is saying and learn of the Guiding Consultation Questions for your community's listening and dialogue Conversation Forums.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 Sep 2024

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

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Epping 5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am 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	ŧ	6:00pm		Ŧ.	100	8:00am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am		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 - sqc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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









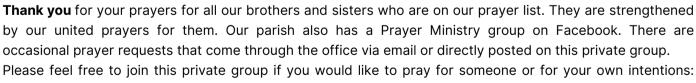
Healing Mass: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford



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

- Sophia Camilleri (Marie Saul's great-granddaughter)
- · Katherine Barnett
- · John Haydon
- · Glenn Smith

- Elizabeth Barton
- Justin Hodges
- Helen Orban
- Peter Vanderheld (Matt Slattery's grandson)
- Michaela Ji Eun Kim





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 - Helen Tiltans (Marie Saul's niece), Chloe Bae, Anna Choi

Anniversaries & Remembrance - Charles Koorbanally, Stella Nathan (Cynthia Nathan's mother), Ivan Almeida, Elaine Hunt, Tony D'Almeida, Peter Boo Jong Lee, Spencer Chan, Chris Meadows

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 Sep 2024
Ps 53:3–6, 8 Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.