

Diocese of Broken Bay

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Readings

1 MAY 2022

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Apocalypse 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

8 MAY 2022

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

John 10:27-30



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford

YEAR C

1 MAY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 MAY 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr Jim will be away on annual leave May 5-11, so we welcome Fr Arthur Givney, vice-rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd who will celebrate the vigil, 8.30am and 10.15am Masses on May 7&8, and Fr Sam French, our most recently ordained priest who will celebrate the Sunday night Mass.

Please note: There will not be adoration and reconciliation on Monday May 9th at OLHC.

It's already May! After some fantastic Easter celebrations at both churches, we now settle down for this middle part of the year which holds some wonderful opportunities for our parish.

We have created a new role in the parish called New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator which will help to connect with and engage with new parishioners, especially with young families, and to invite them into the life of the parish. There are two 10-hour per week roles which are advertised in the following page.

Dennis Porteous has begun to return to work as he recovers from treatment. He will be in the parish office on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Our new program The Wild Goose begins this week, with dozens of parishioners gathering over the next seven weeks to deepen their experience of the Holy Spirit. You can still join, with information in the coming pages.

Bake sale: On May 1st we're supporting our young adults who are raising money for youth ministry in the parish with a bake sale. Come hungry and buy something yummy.

Our catechists are back in the classrooms again, teaching children across 9 schools. We'll be inviting you to join their ministry on May 7&8.

First Eucharist: Children begin preparation for their first reception of Holy Communion this month, so we'll be seeing them as they prepare week by week.

We're also doing the annual parish census, counting the number of people at each Mass over the month of May. Be here and be counted!



Mothers' Day is always important, perhaps now more than ever after two years of disrupted family gatherings.

We'll be praying for our mothers and all mothers at each Mass on the weekend.

We invite you to bring a photo of your mother (alive or deceased) to place before the altar at the Mothers' Day Mass you come to.



POSITION VACANT: NEW PARISHIONER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR EPPING/CARLINGFORD PARISH

Permanent, part-time role. 2 positions (one based at OLHC Church Epping and one based at St Gerard's Church Carlingford)

10 hours per week, flexible hours, some from home, must have ability to work 2 hours per Sunday morning.

Our Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator for each church community, 10 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish community, promoting a sense of belonging within the Parish for new Parishioners with a focus on young families.

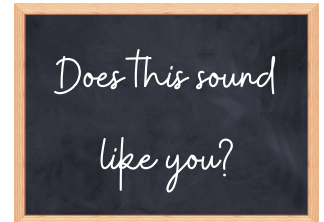
The ideal candidate will have a passion for building relationships as you'll be the point of contact for new Parishioners, families interested in the baptism program or those wanting to enrol in our schools.

You'll have exceptional stakeholder engagement experience, experience working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfort working autonomously, a high level of initiative and creativity and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule & location of work, however you will need to have availability for Sunday mornings.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Fr Jim.

Applications close Friday 13 May 2022.



The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check

PASTORAL WORKS FUND COLLECTION - MESSAGE FROM FR JIM MCKEON

I have called you to renew and rebuild.

Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.
www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks Give Now to May Appeal 2022

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

I'd like to invite you to take a moment to support our **May appeal for Pastoral Works Broken Bay**, which is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community of Broken Bay. The Pastoral Works collection supports Catholic chaplains in public hospitals (including Fr Peter Dowd), and the resourcing of our catechists for their ministry of evangelisation and catechesis in state schools.

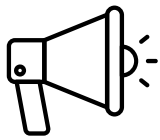
The diocese levies each parish to ensure that these important ministries can continue, and in 2021-22 our parish levy is \$56,000. We have so far raised \$11,000, which leaves us with **\$45,000 to raise** by the end of this financial year. We usually spread this appeal over three collections each year, but our shortfall is due to lockdown and church restrictions last year.

This \$45,000 averaged out across our 900 or so active parishioners is **\$50 per person**, and while some people can't afford to give, we know that many people are generous and have the means to give more to cover others.

The good news is that donations are fully tax deductible and a receipt can be offered before the end of the financial year. We'll take up this collection on **Sunday May 15th**, but you can also donate now at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners**
Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital.
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**
Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.
- St Lucy's School**
Serving year K-12 students with disability.
- St Edmund's College**
Serving year 7-12 students with disability.
- Ephpheta Centre**
Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.



HEALING MASS - ST GERARD'S

Parish Team

Parish Secretary:

Dennis Porteous Ph: 9876 2853

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Parish Facilities & Operations Coordinator

Richard Houwing Ph: 9876 2853

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Admin. Assistant

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Coordinator of Sacramental Programmes, Children's Ministries & Communications

Lynn Siau Ph: 9876 2853

Email: Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Joanna Mak Ph: 0404 710 588

Email: Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

Missionary Discipleship Coordinator:

Denis McNamara Ph: 0410 041 944

Email: Dennis.McNamara@bbcatholic.org.au

Bookkeeper:

Karen Price Ph: 9876 2853

Email: Karen.Price@bbcatholic.org.au

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



Please join us in the Parish Meeting Room for the Healing Mass at St Gerard's on **Tuesday 3rd May at 10am**. ALL MOST WELCOME. Followed by morning tea, good conversation and laughter!

ANZAC Day Reminiscence

We celebrated a moving ANZAC Day Mass at St Gerard's on Monday. Our parishioner, Paul Whittaker (pictured below with his wife, Helen), is a Vietnam War veteran. This was a solemn day for Paul and his family.

His medals were displayed in a frame and his army hat was also on display at the front.

Paul read the Ode to the Fallen from the ambo after the Thanksgiving hymn.

Here are some photos to share:



BEWARE: PHISHING EMAILS - WHAT ARE THEY?

Some of you may have received an email seemingly from Fr Jim, asking you to contact him. Other past scam emails have purported to be from him asking for money. **It is important that you report this to the parish office and delete the email if you receive one, without responding to the sender.** If you hover over the name of the sender of an email you'll see an unofficial sending address. **Fr Jim will only ever email you from the official parish/diocesan email account**, never from any other email address. A recent example of what a scam email can look like is on the right:



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Enrolment for First Eucharist closes this Sunday 1st May 2022.

The Parent Information Session will be held on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th May on Zoom, as we continue to carry out our programme in a COVIDSafe way and also bearing in mind some are in isolation. We always look forward to sharing the evening with parents. The evening encompasses aspects of First Eucharist which are important to assist parents in the understanding of their child's faith journey and their partnership with the parish.

The Rite of Enrolment for the children will be held on the weekend of the 15th May (including the Saturday 14th May 6pm Vigil Mass).

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

10:15AM WEEKLY SUNDAY MASS



Children at 10.15am Mass: 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 and parts rehearsed. There is no need to sign up! Whoever's there are most welcome to participate.

Children's Liturgy AKA Kidz Word at St Gerard's is thriving! A huge thank-you to the wonderful leaders we have who bring the Word alive to the children in various creative ways.

We would really like to invite you to consider volunteering in this ministry. Although the children's attendance has been great, it has been the same leaders on a rotation each term. The number of leaders had dropped due to some whose children have started high school, some still housebound due to illness and some just simply wanting to take a well-deserved break.

If you have children who are enjoying Kidz Word, please have a think about leading a group one Sunday. It's not difficult at all and can be explained over Zoom! You will have plenty of support and resources provided. There is no set roster but a volunteer signup sheet so you pick when and how often without any pressure. We would love to hear from you! Please email Lynn.

For any queries on our parish Children's Ministries, please email Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au



COMMUNICATIONS

Please Note

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 11th May 2022**. Please send only in a Word doc and not a PDF. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format, and do remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

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.

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

Cana youth group (year 6-9)



6th May, Friday
7:30-9pm @ St Gerard's Hall

Come make
your own spider
drink!



What will you make?

Creaming soda

Passiona

Lemonade

Lime

Coke

Vanilla
Strawberry
Chocolate

Cana (Year 6-9) - Cana youth group is back on! Cana will resume on 29th April 7:30-9pm at St Gerard's Parish Hall.

- 6th May is our 'make your own spider drink night'!
- 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.

Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) -

Join Antioch for our meetings:

- 1st May 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room.
- No meeting on the 8th May due to Mother's Day.

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



Pictured here: Antioch on Good Friday

Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds) - Our young adults group meets on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm.

Join us:

- 3rd May for our Gospel night where we are reading the Gospel of Mark.
- **Special event** - 10th May, guest speaker Simon Carrington is coming to give a talk on 'A call to love', 18-30 year olds invited and free dinner!



FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

Help our youth get to
World Youth Day 2023

Saturday
MAY 21

At St. Gerard's
School Hall,
Carlingford.
From 7-10pm

\$20 PP
Form a team of
8-10 people, or join
as individuals /
couples to be placed
in a team

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Lots of prizes to be won!

Write your name and contact details on the
sheets provided at the back of the church
or RSVP to Joanna Mak on Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au



Special guest speaker
Simon Carrington



SEXUAL DESIRE: A CALL TO LOVE

10th May
7-8:30pm
Free dinner
provided

All 18+ invited.
Have you wanted to hear
about authentic love and
the true meaning of
sexual desire?
Then come along on the
10th May!
No RSVP needed

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

Joanna Mak

Youth Coordinator

Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

0404 710 588



Pictured here: Emmaus' games & prizes night on the 19th April.



Prepare for Pentecost: How does Jesus rising from the dead make a difference in your life?

Receive the Holy Spirit: Discover who is the Holy Spirit. Be surprised how the Holy Spirit is alive and life giving. Learn for yourself The working of the Holy Spirit.

Visit the parish website here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/groups-and-ministries/wild-goose>

The Wild Goose series, uses a Celtic image for the mystery of the Holy Spirit. The videos present the Spirit as the Breath of God, as a Baptism and Fire and much more. You will grow to recognise the Holy Spirit in your life.

Join others at Carlingford this Tuesday 7.30 pm, Wednesday 10 am, or at Epping next Friday 7 pm or watch and pray on Zoom. Your own group or family can use these videos and guide to pray Come, Holy Spirit.

We will help you prepare for Pentecost, to pray Holy Spirit, come then receive the Holy Spirit.

Choose where and when and let us know. Sign-up at the church entrance or sign-up on the parish website using the [online form](#).

Denis McNamara

Missionary Discipleship Coordinator

Denis.McNamara@bbcatholic.org.au

0410 041 944

CATECHISTS' CORNER



Catechists are those who're called to serve through teaching, witness, prayer, service and building community.

Give the Gift you were given, by Giving, we Receive.....

Catch the Vision...

From the work of a small group of concerned Catholics in the 16th Century has grown one of the most prolific ministries in the Catholic Church. These few passionate souls dedicated themselves to teach people and share their knowledge about the Faith and this has grown into a ministry that extends beyond the boundaries of culture, language, age and resources. It is supported by years of faithful service and changes the lives fo thousands of young people. Welcome to the world of a Catechist!

By Giving, We Receive...

Sharing in love what we know brings new life. Proclaiming the Good News profits not only those who hear it but those who proclaim it. Truly, *"It is giving that we receive"* (St Francis of Assisi)

Remember ...

You won't be 'thrown in the deep end' and many people start as a classroom helper. You will receive quality training in the curriculum and classroom management so that you feel confident in the classroom and can focus on sharing the gift of the faith.

interested in being
I'M A CATECHIST

If you are interested to become a catechist or to obtain more information regarding this ministry as well as the days and times of the scripture classes, 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.

HOW CAN MY PARISH HELP REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS?

The Parish Social Justice Team invites you to be part of our 'Community Conversation' to explore this challenging topic.

Both Epping and Carlingford churches have participated in the Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank collection for a number of years now, during the Lenten season and last year on Mothers Day. However, how many of us understand the difficulties faced by refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced people who are living in our community?

Our 'conversation' will be guided by our friends from JRS, a Catholic organisation, whose mission is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and other people who have been forcibly displaced.

In small groups we will discuss our shared values in relation to refugees, hear and learn from those who have experienced these situations, then together agree on practical initiatives through which we can offer support to them.

Please join us on Sunday May 29th 11am to 1pm in the St Gerard's meeting room with morning tea from 10.30am.

We would ask that you indicate your intention to be with us by contacting John Whealy johnwwhealy@gmail.com or Mark Smith mark.luciasmith@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.



A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
with refugees & people seeking protection

You are invited to this Community Conversation where you will hear personal stories from someone seeking asylum and someone who has been a refugee in our community. Join us to learn about the challenges that refugees and people seeking asylum are facing in NSW and hear from experts working in the field.

Sunday 29 May 2022
11am - 1pm (with morning tea from 10.30am)

Carlingford Parish Meeting Room
543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford
(parking available behind the church)

This event is being run by The Epping - Carlingford Catholic Parish in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Service Australia



RSVP using this QR code
For more info:
John Whealy - johnwwhealy@gmail.com



OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES

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

Celebrations this Week

Easter Week 3

2 May Monday: St Athanasius

3 May Tuesday: Saints Philip and James

7 Apr. Thursday: Memoria St John Baptist de la Salle

Easter Week 4

10 May Tuesday: Saint John De Avila

12 May Thursday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras

13 May Friday: Our Lady of Fatima

14 May Saturday: St Matthias

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning: Please join us on **Saturday 7th May** in the parish hall of Hunters Hill. Rev Professor Gerard Kelly will lead our reflection. His topic/theme: "We are not living in an era of change, but a change of era"- The Church in this change of Era.

9.30am – 12.30am. All most welcome. Tea & coffee available. We do ask for a donation. No need to book.

Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036.

A time to be still. "Come and See".

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!

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



Oakhill College
P&F
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Gala Day 2022

Oakhill College is having our annual Gala Day on Saturday 14th May

Join us for rides, sports, stalls and so much more

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes including a brand new Hyundai i30.

Visit: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends

Tickets \$10 each
scan QR code to purchase



Responsorial Psalm Response

3rd Sunday of Easter – 1 May 2022

PS 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

3rd Sunday of Easter – 1 May 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people

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

There will not be adoration and reconciliation on Monday May 9th at OLHC.



Did you know: Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The role of Safeguarding in our Diocese seeks to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice. If you would like to know more, please visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding>

Please pray for.....



Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:
Recently deceased: Brian Mayhew, Robyn Brown

Anniversaries: Herbert Tchobauk, Bev Alliprandi, Christopher Cross

Also for: Edith & Ivan Almeida, Teresa Auyung, Mary Anne, Anthony Maureen, Hugh & Sarah Mulligan, Sarah & Phillip Curry, Edward Mulhare

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering:

- Nancy Walker (family of Aileen 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)

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

Responsorial Psalm Response

4th Sunday of Easter – 8 May

Ps 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

4th Sunday of Easter – 8 May 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.