

## Diocese of Broken Bay

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## The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



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24 AUGUST 2025 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
31 AUGUST 2025 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Financial Transparency:** On August 24<sup>th</sup> you will hear members of our Parish Finance Committee give you the annual financial report of our parish. This is part of our commitment to you to use your donations wisely, and to give you visibility about how the parish uses your money. Copies of the annual report can be collected at the back of the church.



**Clergy Retreat:** The clergy of our diocese will be on retreat from August 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> and Bishop Anthony has asked that in this Jubilee Year, that all clergy take part rather than doing their own retreats at other times. Mass on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> will be as usual. There will be no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday. **Bishop David Walker will celebrate Masses on Thursday at Friday at St Gerard's** and we are grateful to him for this. The parish office will be open most mornings and the phones will still divert to the priests after hours.



**St John Cassian** may not be well known, but he is one of the pivotal figures in early Christianity, synthesising the spirituality of both the Eastern and Western churches and influencing St Benedict in the formation of a rule for monastic life which has endured to this day. He explored the challenges of Christian life and prayer which are still relevant to us to today, formulating what are today known as the seven deadly sins.

Bishop David Walker will lead us through Cassian's teaching over the 4 Wednesdays of September starting **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am in the OLHC meeting rooms**, following 9.30am Mass. No sign up is required, just come along.

**Parish Business Manager:** We are seeking to hire a business manager to replace Deacon Richard ahead of his retirement at the end of the year. We are looking for someone with strong business skills and experience in both finance and facilities management. To obtain a copy of the Position Description or for a confidential discussion about the role please contact Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au). Applications close **Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Also hiring:** Lane Cove Catholic Parish are recruiting for a Parish Secretary 4 or 5 days per week. See [www.stmichael.org.au](http://www.stmichael.org.au) for details.



## Readings

24 AUGUST 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

31 AUGUST 2025

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## SPECIAL INVITATION

MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL  
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

INVITES YOU TO  
THE ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS

*of*

Huy Vincent Quang Trần, Shayne D'Cunha,  
and Tân Duy Thomas Nguyễn

*on*

Friday 12 September 2025 at 7:00pm  
Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

*at*

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,  
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

*RSVP*

RSVP TO [events@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbcatholic.org.au)  
BY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025



**Ordination:** Bishop Anthony will be ordaining three men to diaconate on **Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara**. These three men are Tan Nguyen, Huy Tran, and Shayne D'Cunha, who was with us in the parish on placement last December. Come and share in this joyful event, and pray for these men and the good work God will do through them. RSVP: Tap the QR code on the right or [here](#).



### GIVING

  
**THANK  
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CatholicCare  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**Thank you** to all parishioners who supported our recent appeal for CatholicCare's homelessness services. Your generous donations will help provide vital care across a range of programs including Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy, Dom's Place in Hornsby, street sleeping outreach, transitional housing and casework, women's refuge for families escaping domestic violence, support for young parents experiencing homelessness - and much more.

Your kindness brings hope, dignity and practical support to those doing it tough in our community. It's not too late to support if you wish to in one of the following ways:

- You can still bring back a donation envelope and place it in either collection box in the church,
- visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate) , or
- scan this QR code on the right



Have your contact details changed? If so, please contact our Parish Secretary by calling the office at 9876 2853 or emailing [Marcella.Letteri@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Marcella.Letteri@bbcatholic.org.au) to update your details.



## PARISH NEWS



**Accidental Counsellors:** 50 of our parish ministry volunteers took part in a one day course called The Accidental Counsellor to better equip ourselves to assist people in mental distress. It was a powerful day of skill development, building upon the already strong empathy and kindness of so many of our parish volunteers.

HAPPY  50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING  
anniversary



Congratulations

to **Trish and Max Lucas** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of marriage last week. We blessed them at Mass and had a lovely morning tea afterwards to celebrate.



## 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

### Parish Secretary

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### Business Manager

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### Admin. Assistant

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### Coordinator of Sacramental Programmes, Children's Ministries & Parish Communications

**Lynn Siau** Ph: 9876 2853

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### Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Holly Lawton** Ph: 0404 710 588

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### New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - St Gerard's

**Belinda Shi** Ph: 0414 753 362

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### New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - OLHC

**Christine Carpio** Ph: 0414 753 799

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### Sacristan - OLHC

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### 2025 CONFIRMATION



Join our **Children's Liturgy** team to help children learn about God's Word in an age-appropriate and engaging way! As a number of our leaders had new babies this year, they are taking a break to care for their families. We need you to help in various ways! Please consider. You could lead a 20-minute easy session with support (it is very easy to do!), or be a silent assistant if you wish (but we prefer you to lead!), or simply help spread the word around. **During school term at the St Gerard's 9:30am Mass.** Email Lynn for more information or attend one session to see what we do.



**Littlest Saints** is on formed.org! This charming series brings the lives of the saints to life—through the eyes of children! Each episode features a young actor dressed as a saint, sharing their story with heart, humour, and creativity. It's a fun and faith-filled way for families to learn about the heroes of heaven.

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/801622>

**Lynn Siau** -Coordinator of Children's Ministries,  
Sacramental Programme & Parish Communications  
[Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au) before **10am on Wednesday 3rd September 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](https://bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter)



## YOUTH MINISTRIES



# CANA

YOUTH GROUP  
FAITH . FUN . FRIENDS

COME ALONG AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
FAITH, PLAY SOME GAMES AND MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS!

FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-9



Please join our  
Facebook Group  
for Parents



St Gerards Church  
Hall



7:30PM-9:00PM



Fridays Fortnightly  
During School  
Term

Contact Holly on 0404710588 or  
Holly.Lawton@bbcatholic.org.au

# Antioch



For Year 10's - 23 year olds

Sundays 6.00pm - 8:00 pm

@ St Gerard's Meeting Room

**Cana Youth** group Yr7-9 will meet on Fridays 5 and 19 September at the Hall in St Gerards from 7:30-9pm. We hope you can join us to hear insightful talks about our faith, play fun games and make new friends.

Join us at **Antioch** weekly on Sundays from 6-8pm to grow in faith and fellowship with other young Catholics aged Yr 10-23 years old!

**Emmaus Young Adults** for those aged 23 - 30 years old continues to meet fortnightly on Thursdays and we would love for you to join us! We have begun meeting for community dinners at 6pm before heading down to the OLHC meeting rooms for a 7pm session start. If you would like to attend, please contact Holly on 0404710588



# Emmaus Young Adults



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



Our Lady Help of  
Christians Church



6:30PM-8:30PM



Thursdays  
Fortnightly

Join our  
WhatsApp  
Community!



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)



## 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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## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES



A gentle reminder that **St Gerard's Healing Mass** will be on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 10am in the meeting room**. Come join us to pray for yourself and others who are sick, and join us for morning tea. A plate to share would be welcome. Should you require transport please contact Carole Wilson at 9869 1036.

**50+ Lunch:** Please come along to lunch on **Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at Baulkham Hills Sports Club**.

Address - 11 Renown Rd Baulkham Hills.

We meet at 11.30am. RSVP Karen Kelleher 0402 143 521 by Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



### NEEDED!

#### MALE VOICES TO SING ON FATHER'S DAY WITH THE G MAJORS

A very well-known song. 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's on Father's Day 7<sup>th</sup> September. NO AUDITION NECESSARY!

**Only 2 rehearsals** required, available for the following voice types:

- Basso Profundo
- Bass
- Baritone
- Tenor
- Counter tenor
- Boy soprano
- Contralto (male)



Please see **Pat Fernandes** at the keyboard at St Gerard's on **August 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30am Mass, OR after the 5pm Mass** on August 24<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact Pat on 0407 908 640.

It should be a **STIRRING** rendition!

## Upcoming Events.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2025

<b>19</b> SEP	<b>HEALING MASS &amp; PRAYER</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EPPING
<b>16</b> OCT	<b>FEAST OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:30 AM MASS CARLINGFORD
<b>17</b> OCT	<b>HEALING MASS &amp; PRAYER</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EPPING
<b>08</b> NOV	<b>PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO JUBILEE SHRINES</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM CARLINGFORD & EPPING



## 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.**

**you  
can  
HELP**

**OLHC Piety Shop:** We have a cosy shop space 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! Make yourself a cuppa from our parish kitchen before you start a relaxing short shift! Toddlers-in-tow are totally welcome! Interested?

Please email: [Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Signs of Hope on the Edge** is this year's statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference for Social Justice Sunday on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. "Signs of Hope on the Edge" will be available from the back of the church on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> or downloadable at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



## OTHER NOTICES

### Celebrations this Week

#### Ordinary Week 21

25 August Mon: *St Joseph Calasanz and St Louis*

27 August Wed: *St Monica*

28 August Thur: *St Augustine*

29 August Fri: *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

#### Ordinary Week 22

3 September Wed: *St Gregory the Great*

### 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](mailto: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

### Every Conversation Matters

As September nears, communities across Australia prepare to mark **National Child Protection Week**. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action," calls on us to move beyond awareness and take meaningful steps to protect and uplift children and young people.

Whether at home, school, or in the community, every conversation can lead to action that makes a difference. Let's listen, act, and build a future where every child feels safe, valued, and hopeful.

**CATALYST FOR RENEWAL:** There are two events in September to which you are warmly invited. On Saturday, **September 6th**, we have Sr Elizabeth Brennan, sgs, reflecting on St. Benedict and his message for us today. **9.30 - 12.30pm**. No need to book. On Saturday, **September 13th**, we have a light luncheon. The guest speaker will be Fr Richard Leonard sj, **12.30 - 2.30pm**. \$35.00 RSVP September 4th. Bookings are essential. Both events are in the parish hall of Hunters Hill. Enquiries and bookings: Carole Wilson 9869 1036.

Caritas invites us to pray for Gaza as it launches urgent pledge. See details here - <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza>

### Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.



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**THURSDAY 28 AUGUST**  
**7pm – 8pm**

In preparation for the Season of Creation, this webinar will focus on Fr

Denis Edward's book, *Jesus and the Natural World*; Exploring a Christian Approach to Ecology. Alice Carawardine, (Mission & Formation Edmund Rice Province) will host the webinar with Dr Ann-Maree O'Bierne rsm (BBI-TAITE).

**REGISTRATION: Garratt Publishing** - [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/x1ov076t0fp96ni/?ct=t\(AllCats-JesusTheNaturalWorld-Webinar-11Aug25\)&mc\\_cid=0ece534278&mc\\_eid=290c5696ca](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/x1ov076t0fp96ni/?ct=t(AllCats-JesusTheNaturalWorld-Webinar-11Aug25)&mc_cid=0ece534278&mc_eid=290c5696ca)



**If you are not available on 28 August, a recording will be emailed if you are registered.**



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 August 2025**  
Ps 116 Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	
<b>EPPING</b>	-	6:00pm	9:30am	-	-	8:00am	
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	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](mailto:sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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

*Please pray for.....*

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

- Graham Kelly
- Leonie Owens
- Roslyn Rodriguez
- Dennis Porteous (OLHC Sacristan)
- Giulia Marzano
- Maureen Bestulic
- Janet Sloman
- Charlotte Mary Langler



*Marcella thanks everyone for your prayers. Her husband, John, had a successful surgery. Thanks be to God!*

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** - Anne Laird (mother of Carmel Breen and Brendan Laird), Cyril Dias, Yoke Cho, Val Tancred, Noelene Luther, Sinead Liddy (the family thanks you for your prayers while Sinead was sick), Rosalie Ziino, Agne Castle

**Anniversaries & Remembrance** - Gregory McShane, Delma Soria, Dorothea Arnaldo, Nolene Luther, Alice Andrade, Agnes Chia, Albert Chia, Marie & Keith Burt

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31 August 2025**

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11 Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.