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The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford

YEAR A 25 DECEMBER 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 1 JANUARY 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Welcome to Epping Carlingford Parish! We're glad that we can share Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ with you today. Please make yourself at home. If you need anything, ask one of our friendly welcoming team at door. Have a look through this bulletin or website to see what you'd like to get involved with in 2023, and help yourself to the resources on the benches and the back of the church. If you're new here, or back for the first time in a while, a big welcome back to you. Our New Parishioner coordinators Belinda and Serena whose details are on the next page, are here to help you get involved. We pray a wonderful Christmas and new year for you and your family. *~the Parish Team:*

Fr Jim, Fr Vincent, Belinda, Serena, Lynn, Joanna, Richard, Dennis and Michael.

& Thank You

Thank you! <u>You</u> are Epping Carlingford Parish, and together you have made great things happen this year. We launched a new youth Mass, a social justice team and a playgroup. We celebrated 50 years at St Gerard's. We've taken part in the Wild Goose Holy Spirit series, the Alpha Marriage program and bible reflection groups. Our youth and young adults have done retreats and gathered each week for fellowship. We've shared hundreds of Faith@Home prayer cards to encourage family prayer.

More than 800 people have joined in worship each week at Mass at our two churches despite the challenges of construction at OLHC, and more than a hundred children have been baptised, confirmed or received the eucharist for the first time. Young couples have married and older couples have renewed their vows. Our catechists have taught and witnessed to Catholic faith in nine state schools. Through the St Vincent de Paul Society, our communion ministers and prison ministry, we've visited the sick, the lonely and the imprisoned, given relief to the poor, and buried and prayed for the dead.

So many people's time and talent, along with financial generosity has made all of this happen and more. We are indeed the parish, for we are nothing without one another, and the power of the Holy Spirit working through one another. We can't name each individual ministry, let alone each person for fear of leaving someone out, but know that whatever you do and whatever you have done, out of love for God and God's people; singing, speaking, watering, sweeping, polishing, teaching, folding, stapling, phoning, listening, loving, caring, serving, washing, cooking, opening, welcoming, playing, waiting, visiting, discerning, praying, and much more *is of such great value* and is much appreciated. **Thank you to each and every one of you.**

~Fr Jim, Fr Vincent and the Parish Team

OUR PARISHIONER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS SAY HELLO...



Hello everyone! Our parish family here at Epping and Carlingford is a hive of activity not only during this season of Christmas but also throughout the year. All this is due to the work and efforts of all the friends and volunteers who make this church a welcoming home for all.

As any home opens its doors to family and you feel inspired by the warmth of our hospitality, maybe you would consider taking on a small role yourself to spread this experience. I am here to assist you take this step so feel free to contact me for a chat on **0414 753 362 or Belinda.Shi@bbcatholic.org.au**. I am also usually around at the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's.

I hope this Christmas season enlightens your heart and mind and brings you joy, peace and happiness. God bless.

We'd love to hear from you.

~Belinda Shi



Hello and welcome to our parish of Epping & Carlingford! My name is Serena and I am the Parishioner Engagement Coordinator for OLHC Epping. Whether you are an existing parishioner, a new parishioner or even if you are just passing through – *I would love to meet you and get to know you.*

If you are interested in getting involved in the vibrant community at OLHC Epping or you are not sure but would like to find out what it is all about, then feel free to come and have a chat with me. I am usually at the 8:30am mass, otherwise you might see me at the OLHC school drop off and pick up, or walking around with my children. If you prefer you can also text or call me on **0414 753 799** or email me at **Serena.Kozanic@bbcatholic.org.au**.

I always love a chat and together we could discover where we could use your strengths at OLHC – so make it your resolution to contact me! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and hope to see you lots in 2023! **~Serena Kozanic**

THE SEARCH

The Three Wise Men searched for the baby Jesus and gave him the unusual gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. All of us are searching for something. Happiness? Meaning? Truth? Love?

Join us in February 2023 for **The Search**, a 7-part video series which explores the bigger questions: What are you searching for? Who are you? Why a God? What's our story?

Times available for you to pick from:

- Mondays 7pm at OLHC from Feb 13th,
- Tuesdays 7pm at St Gerard's from Feb 14th, or
- Thursdays 1.30pm at St Gerard's from Feb 16th.

Watch the trailer at **youtu.be/QOwZFL5Wpj8** and contact **Jim.Mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au** to register your interest or you can do all that by simply visiting our parish website here:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/groups-ministries/faith-and-education/the-search to watch the trailer and submit your interest online.



To receive Communion at Mass is to say yes to Jesus' invitation to follow him in the community of the church. With stricter hygiene standards now due to covid we now offer the Body of Christ on the hand, and no longer offer the chalice. If you are Catholic come forward to receive Communion on your hand, or if you are not Catholic, or for children who have not yet prepared for First Communion come forward with your hands crossed on your heart to receive a blessing.



GIVING

If you'd like to support our parish financially there are a few ways to do this. The cash collection we'll take up during Mass will be divided evenly between the support of our parish and the support of the clergy of our diocese. A \$10 tap & go machine at the entrance to the church gives a donation to our parish, and the QR code at the door of the church or on the front page allows you to give different amounts of \$10, \$20, or \$50 to support our parish via the Square App/portal. Thank you for your generosity.

OUTREACH

We have a team called the **Circle of Friends** who phone parishioners on our parish list from time to time. This began during lockdown, but continues, because we still want to reach out to the many people who are elderly or housebound and isolated from the parish. We know that people are wary of scam callers, so if you are concerned, please ask the name of the caller and **contact the parish office on 9876 2853** to confirm. Our Circle of Friends callers will never ask you for money or financial details. Rather, they will ask how we can best support you in your faith life, which might include giving you a lift to Mass, a visit at home, or the sacraments of anointing and Communion brought to you at home. If you or a family member need help please contact the parish office to see how we can assist you.

Worship together: As Catholics we live our faith in many ways, but the heart is always our gathering together for Mass each week. We have four Masses at each of our churches. *OLHC Epping has Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 6pm. St Gerard's Carlingford has Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 7.45am, 9.30am and 5pm.* This gives lots of options for people's busy lives! Everyone is welcome at every Mass, and we have a *particular focus on families with school aged children at the 8.30am and 9.30am Masses, and on teenagers and young adults at both Sunday night Masses.*

Getting Involved: Everybody has some gift or talent to offer to the service of God in the Church. Keep an eye out in this bulletin in the new year for some new opportunities to get involved. Invite a friend!

Not Catholic? Perhaps you're here with your spouse who is Catholic, a friend who is Catholic, or you've just started your spiritual search and it has brought you here. You are very welcome! If you'd like to explore Catholic faith and what becoming Catholic can do for you in 2023 contact Fr Jim or Fr Vincent and a member of our team will walk with you as you learn and discern where God is calling you.

Need help? *CatholicCare* is the social care agency of our diocese. They offer services for domestic and family violence, homelessness, parenting, relationship counselling, aged care, foster care and emergency relief. Take a flyer from the back of the church or find them at <u>catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>.



Be the Best Man: Have you ever been the "best man" at a wedding? How about at your own wedding? *Do you want to be the best man, husband, father and friend you can be?* We recognise that lots of men are doing well but want to do better, and that lots of men struggle in their most important relationships and in finding a sense of themselves outside the workplace. This year we're offering a Men Alive weekend on *June 17th & 18th* to help men become the best man they can be. Find out more at <u>www.menalive.org.au</u>.

Social Justice: This year our parish launched a social justice group to learn about, pray about and do something about a range of issues grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. Our areas of focus in 2022 have been environment, refugees, and women and children at risk. We've partnered with Arnies Recon (*arniesrecon.com*), Jesuit Refugee Services

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New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - St Gerard's Belinda Shi Ph: 0414 753 362 Email: <u>Belinda.Shi@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

Parish Pastoral Council:

If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to <u>ppcsecretary@eppcarl.org.au</u>

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.



(*jrs.org.au*), St Vincent de Paul (*vinnies.org.au*) and Prison Fellowship to take practical action, and met with Bennelong MP Jerome Laxale to advocate for these issues (photo on the right). Join us in 2023 as we deepen our action and learning in these areas.



FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023

Enrolment for First Reconciliation will commence on Friday, 27th January 2023. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and who are in Year 4 or above are invited to enrol.

Enrolment information will be emailed to all who celebrated Confirmation in 2022 and to all who have previously enquired and are on the email list.

Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. If you know of anyone who may wish to enrol their children, please feel free to spread the word for us and have them drop me a line (contact details below).

You can also join our Kidz Facebook group to keep up to date with all our Kidz ministries by tapping on the Facebook icon on the right or by using this link: www.facebook.com/groups/255948268913440/



Kidz Word - resumes 29 Jan 2023

Kidz Word is taking a break during the school holidays. The parent leaders deserve a HUGE round of applause for all they have done to support this ministry.

In the past year, the participation of children in Kidz Word has increased 150-350%! This is all thanks to the parent leaders who take turns to lead the children each Sunday during school term. They have enhanced Kidz Word by utilising the projector in the meeting room, creating attractive PowerPoint presentations to pray together, watch a video of the Gospel, do some craft and dance activities. We are so blessed to have them bring God's Word alive to our children. Thank you to this AMAZING team of parents!

Special thanks to Hannah who donated countless glue sticks, scissors and a huge box of twistable crayons to Kidz Word. Also to Toby, Sabitha and Li for more glue sticks, candles, wreath and the little things that make your activities possible!



Whilst Kidz Word is on a break, please remember we have printed the "LOOK" Kidz Bulletin and colouring sheets for your children to help them continue to engage during Mass. Feel free to take one!





Since the start of term 4, the KidzPlay Playgroup started with a roar! Over the past 10 weeks we have sung and danced and crafted our way to forming great friendships. Our kids have had a great time doing craft such as lanterns for All Saint's day, wreaths for Advent and most recently

hand print reindeers for our Christmas trees. See photos:

Merrv Christmas from all at **Playgroup!**





See you in 2023!

It has been so exciting to see so many young families getting involved in the playground and having a great time. A few of our little friends will be starting Kindy next year so best wishes to them, and we hope we can continue seeing others in 2023 as we watch our little parishioners flourish. Playgroup will recommence on Friday 3rd February 2023. Please contact me at Belinda.Shi@bbcatholic.org.au or 0414 753 362 if you would like to find out more.

~Belinda Shi

At OLHC we are constrained by the lack of a meeting space to have Children's Liturgy. This will be overcome in 2024 when the new parish centre is built, but until then, we still want to engage our primary school aged children.

At the 8:30am Mass, the children can be engaged in learning songs and actions to lead the congregation, in leading prayers of the faithful and the penitential rite, in entrance, gospel and offertory processions, in coming close to the altar during Mass, and other possible activities during special seasons or Feast Days. While OLHC School will still occasionally lead a year group Mass, most of our parish children are in our many state schools, and we want to engage all children, no matter what school they attend. Please contact Serena.Kozanic@bbcatholic.org.au for more details on how to participate.

Lynn Siau

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Sacaramental Programme & Communications

Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Thank you to everyone who supported us in our World Youth Day fundraising for 2023. Thank you also to our artists who designed the art for our cards - to *Mint, Amanda, Kate, Bernadette, Inigo, Annie, Pat, Fanny, Esther, Rachel, Jacinta and Casey*, thank you! We still have these cards available for you to purchase. If you would like to purchase any, contact Joanna Mak. They are \$2 for 1 or \$10 for a pack of 6.



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds) - Emmaus at our final dinner for the year! See photos below. Merry Christmas and see you in the new year!



We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus. If you would like to join or would like more information on any of our 3 youth groups, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or email her at Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au







Cana (Year 6-9) - Cana is on a break! We wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Antioch will be on a break until January 22nd. Look out in future bulletins for our social events in January 2023 including an

interparish sports day and games day!



SAVE THE DATE: ANTIOCH RETREAT (16-23 years old) 11-12th Feb, 2023. Celebrating 40 years in our parish! You can register now! <u>www.trybooking.com/events/landing/994367</u> or scan QR code above with the hard copy of the bulletin.







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 <u>Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au</u> before **10am on Wednesday 4th January 2023**. *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 remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.



The cost of living crisis is hurting many families

How to donate :

- Envelopes are available on the seats and at the entrance to the Church.
- You are invited to make your donation with the assistance of one of the members of SVDP at the entrance to the Church after Mass. They will also be able to accept your credit card donations utilising an EFTPOS Terminal. A receipt can be provided to you straight away.
- Alternatively donations can be made by completing the 'Vinnies Envelope' and placing it in the 'Second Collection Box'. We will mail the receipt to you.

Please also note that at St Gerard Majella Carlingford you may make your donation at the Piety Store. Thank you for your generosity.

Your support will provide the relief they need to survive.

Thank you ...

Prison Fellowship, along with the chaplains and inmates at Long Bay Correctional Centre and Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre thank our Parish for the wonderful support given to Angel tree, providing a Christmas gift to children of an incarcerated parent.

Each parent is able to give their child the gift when they come to visit over Christmas. You gave a total of 50 gifts and donated \$770. Beautiful Christmas bags were bought for each family along with a Christmas card for each child. Extra gifts were also purchased and lots of chocolates and goodies were added to each bag. Also included were a gift of chocolates and a card for each carer of the children.

I particularly thank Natalie Viset for her wonderful and dedicated work in bringing this all together, also Doug Viset, Joanne and Christine for all your help in sorting and wrapping the gifts. Thank you to our Prison ministry team, St Vincent de Paul conference and Women's Justice network for all your support.

May you all have a joyful and peaceful Christmas. ~Margaret Wiseman





CATECHIST CORNER

Is your child attending a Public School in 2023? All NSW public schools are required to allow authorised churches and religious groups to teach special religious education for half an hour per week. Our generous volunteer catechists teach at 6 primary schools (Epping Heights, Epping North, Epping Public, Epping West, Roselea and Murray Farm) and 3 secondary schools (Carlingford High, Cheltenham Girls' and James Ruse Agriculture). Catechists from other parishes teach in schools elsewhere.

However these Scripture classes are an opt-in system, so **be sure** to notify your school office that your child is to attend Catholic **SRE**. They won't be missing out on any school subject, as a separate time slot is provided for SRE when other lessons aren't taking place.

To find out more, please contact **<u>katherine@eppcarl.org.au</u>** for primary school or **<u>trish@eppcarl.org.au</u>** for secondary school.

The Catechists of Epping and Carlingford wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year of 2023!

OTHER PARISH NEWS & NOTICES - LOTS TO TAKE NOTE OF!

Celebrations this Fortnight

The Nativity of the Lord - Octave of Christmas

26 Dec Monday: St Stephen

27 Dec Tuesday: St John

28 Dec Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

29 Dec Thursday: St Thomas Becket (commemoration)
30 Dec Friday: The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph
31 Dec Saturday: St Sylvester I (commemoration)

Mary, Holy Mother of God - Week before Epiphany

2 Jan Monday: St Basil and Gregory

- 3 Jan Tuesday: Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 7 Jan Saturday: St Raymond of Penyafort

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 the form on our website: <u>bbcatholic.org.au/epping-</u><u>carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter</u>

thank You

Message from Sr Pauline: Thank you to the many Parishioners who have been praying for me over the last couple of months. Your prayers were much appreciated. Blessings to all. ~Pauline Wicks rsj.

The 2023 Scripture Diaries have been delayed because of COVID affecting staffing. Those who have ordered a diary will be contacted as soon as the diaries arrive. Thank you for your patience. ~Felicity Macdonald



Our parish is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in listening to **"The Catechism in a Year"** podcast, *starting January* **1st**! This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

You can listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like! Find it on any podcast app, on YouTube, use this link: <u>www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish</u> or via the QR code above from the hard copy.

You can also join others on this journey with us via our parish Facebook group using this link here: **www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/** or find us by tapping the Facebook icon on the right.



Farewell to Fr Vincent: Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vincent Trung to Lower North Shore Parish from January 20th, so we will farewell him from OLHC on Jan 8th and from St Gerard's on Jan 15th. We will welcome Fr Aldrin Valdehueza as our new assistant priest from Jan 20th.

Changes to Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation at OLHC: From Mon Jan 2nd we will move Monday night adoration to Wednesday nights *from 5.30pm to 6.30pm*, preceded by *Mass at 5pm*. In January we'll announce some additional weekday Mass times for OLHC to commence in February.

Fr Jim will be away Jan 2nd – 9th. Thank you to Fr Raphael , Fr Stephen and Fr Vincent from St Agatha's Parish who will be filling in at St Gerard's on Jan 8th & 9th.

Healing Mass: There will be NO Healing Mass at St Gerard's in January 2023. The next Healing Mass will be held on *Tuesday 7th February*, *10.00am* in the meeting room. All are welcome.

Epping Redevelopment: As you can see at OLHC Epping demolition of the school, presbytery and offices has been completed ahead of a major redevelopment which will include a new school, parish centre and underground parking for the parish, and a 29 storey tower featuring independent living operated by Levande and aged care provided by Opal. Our builder, Richard Crookes Construction will commence construction works on Monday 9 January 2023 which will include the installation of piles and capping beams. Bulk excavation works and installation of ground anchors to be completed as part of the CC1B scope once the ground anchor deeds are executed and Sydney Water has approved the Outof-Scope Building Plan Approval application. See https://www.levande.com.au/community/epping/ for more information. OLHC Church will continue to be open and operational throughout construction. Weekday Masses will resume in February with Mass times announced in January.

Feast Days After Christmas:

Friday Dec 30th	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday Jan 1st	Solemnity of the Mother of God
Sunday Jan 8th	Solemnity of the Epiphany

50++ Social Group. Next outing will be in February 2023. Watch this space. **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL.** Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036.



St Gerards is playing host to a number of local churches for the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3, 2023.

The service will focus on Taiwan. Christianity here is a minority religion. Roughly 7% of the population are Christians, yet they have put together a prayer service of gratitude and praise that is very beautiful. Come along, if you've not been before, we think you will enjoy this morning service.

More helpers will be needed. Please contact Lorraine 9872 4005 or at <u>robaine2@bigpond.com</u> if you think you will be able to help.

Gospel Acclamation The Nativity of the Lord - 25 Dec 2022 Alleluia, Alleluia!

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

WEEKEND MASSES								
Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am (Family/Children) and 6:00pm							
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am (Family/Children) and 5:00pm (Youth)							
WEEKDAY MASSES								
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.		
EPPING	No Mass	*	6:00pm	*	*	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 Thursday 10-10:30am								
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,								
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								
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From Jan 2nd, Monday night adoration at OLHC will move to Wednesday nights from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, preceded by Mass at 5pm.								
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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 Yeates
- Dennis Porteous (our Parish Secretary)
- Eric Yeung (brother of Goretti Yeung)
- Zachary & Mackenzie
- Sandro Oselli (family of Anne Campbell)

- Stephen Lo
- Edward Ngu (Li May's dad)
- Richard McCarthy
- Beryl Heslin
- Margaret Floyd
- Graham Kelly
- Ivan Castaneda Charvez



Thank you for your prayers! The family of Owen Harrison would very much like to thank everyone for your prayers. His health is very much improved.

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

Recently deceased - Marjorie Molloy, Calvin Wijeweera, Nancy Morrissey

Please also pray for Rose Crowley (mother of Trish Lucas), whose funeral was held on Monday 19th Dec. and also for Doug Weeden, a long time parishioner of OLHC, who died peacefully on 18th Dec. having spent the day with his wife Monica and family, and being anointed by Fr Jim. His funeral will be held soon after Christmas.

Anniversaries - Teresa Dobosz, Mary Anne Whealing

Responsorial Psalm Response Mary, The Holy Mother of God - 1 Jan 2023 Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gospel Acclamation Mary, The Holy Mother of God - 1 Jan 2023 Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

May God bless us in his mercy.