

# Diocese of Broken Bay

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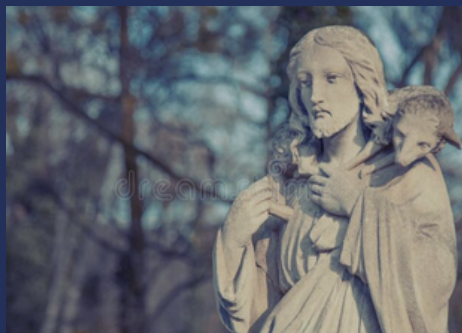
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## Readings

4 SEPTEMBER 2022  
Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

11 SEPTEMBER 2022  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32



The Catholic Parish  
of Epping & Carlingford

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4 SEPTEMBER 2022 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
11 SEPTEMBER 2022 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy Father's Day! 

This weekend we celebrate the fathers and father figures in our lives. And we as a parish want to help support men to be the best men, husbands and fathers they can be. We want to invite the men of our parish to join with us for a Men Alive weekend on September 24th & 25th hosted at St Kevin's Eastwood. This is for all men 18 + whether you're married or not. Expect to be inspired, encouraged, and revitalized in your faith! Contact Lou Youssef on 0400 303 733, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/344064023757> to register.



**Clergy retreats:** Fr Jim will be on retreat *Mon Sept 5 to Sat 10th*. Fr Vincent will be on retreat from *Mon Sept 12th to Friday 16th*. The only change in parish schedule is that there will not be adoration and reconciliation at OLHC on Mon 5th. Apologies for this inconvenience.

**Safeguarding homily:** On Sunday Sept 25th as part of Safeguarding month and in the lead up to the celebration of St Gerard's 50th anniversary I will give a homily at each Mass at St Gerard's acknowledging and apologising for clergy sexual abuse in the history of our parish. This is such a *delicate issue* that I want to give people forewarning so that those for whom this would be distressing can avoid these Masses. - Fr Jim



**Nappy Change Table:** We are constantly working to ensure our Churches are as family-friendly as possible. At St Gerard's, we now have a nappy change table in the large accessible toilet with ample room for wheelchair manoeuvring. Thank you to Anita and Allen Kuang for contributing this. At OLHC, we will soon have special semi-permanent toilets instead of the ones we have now. We also hope to provide a change table in these semi-permanent toilets.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISING

BAKE  
SALE

Sunday September 18th, 2022

After morning Epping masses  
at OLHC Church

Cookies, Cakes & Cupcakes



**Spring Fair!**

In celebration of **50 years** of St. Gerard's Church

Sunday 10.30am  
**16** St Gerard's School Grounds  
543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford

Jumping Castle | Historical Display | Face  
Painting | Craft | Music | Food | And more!

For more info contact Joanna Mak, 0423 717 550 | [joanna.mak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:joanna.mak@bbcatholic.org.au)

GOODBYE

**Farewell to Denis McNamara:** For several years Denis McNamara and his wife Maureen have been familiar faces in our parish. Fr Peter Dowd contracted Denis to lead our Missionary Discipleship development of which the Alpha Program and Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible have been a large. Denis has now retired from his time of leadership in our parish and we want to celebrate this with him and Maureen with a morning tea after the 10.15am Mass on Sunday Oct 2nd. Please come join us and celebrate the contribution which Denis has made to the life of our parish. Part of what Denis has done well is to equip parishioners for leadership so that we as a parish can continue to run these faith formation programs, as you'll see in the next paragraph below.



We are excited to announce that we will again be running the *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* series in October and November. This video series gives an overview of the whole bible in just 8 weeks and becomes a lens through which all the bible can be understood. Suddenly the scriptures proclaimed at Mass have a context and come alive! We're starting on Tuesday nights from **Oct 4th in St Gerard's Hall**, with other times possible as well. Contact Geoff Childs [childs2@bigpond.com](mailto:childs2@bigpond.com) to find out more.

## ST GERARD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

### *The First St Gerard's Playgroup*



In 1974, there were many young families at St Gerard's. Robyn Bacon and her boys attended a playgroup with her sister at St Agatha's and realised that a playgroup would be ideal at St Gerard's.

Robyn approached Fr Nolan who was very supportive and mentioned that another parishioner, Elizabeth Single, had also broached the idea. Robyn and Elizabeth then got together and placed a notice in the church bulletin asking for expressions of interest. One of the first to contact was Maureen Berkley.

In March 1974 on a Thursday from 10am-12 noon, playgroup started. The first day saw approximately 36 adults attend plus many children. A fee of 40c per family helped with the costs of cordial and biscuits for the children's morning tea and also the supply of playdough and paints. For this first day, Robyn's husband built a slippery slide, see saw and paint easels. Father Nolan offered cupboard space for the storage of playgroup equipment in the hall.

Over time, word spread and the playgroup grew. It was a great social outlet for young mums as well as an introduction for children starting school at St Gerard's to have a familiar face on their first day.

Many lifelong friendships have been formed through playgroup. Over the years, playgroup was involved in many parish activities including Fetes where they ran a very successful stall.

### *Our Time in the Parish - by Marie Black*

For 50 years St Gerard's has offers offered many opportunities for parishioners to get involved and serve this vibrant parish community while making friends. As a family we have taken up some of these opportunities.

John and I moved into our Beecroft home in April, 1983 a week before the birth of our son, Douglass. We began attending Mass at St Gerard Majella Church and our son was baptised soon after. Our family grew over the years with the addition of our daughters Eileen and Sarah.

Serving our public schools, our daughters, John and I have been catechists. John and I have also been involved with the family based sacramental program as hosts and leaders in our home along with many other parish families. John has served on the Parish Pastoral Council and as a member of Vinnies. I am one of the many parishioners who are involved in the reading ministry.

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St Gerard's have had a youth group for high school students, years 7-9 for many years and Sarah and I were involved in this ministry prior to Cana being established.

Since 1983 the early 1980's our parish has offered a wonderful opportunity to older teenagers and young adults to join Antioch with a "Weekend" early each year followed by weekly Sunday night meetings. Our whole family have been involved with our children joining Antioch and John and I being blessed to be Parent Couple when our younger daughter joined this energetic, fun and spiritual group of young people. Throughout our time with the Antioch community, we were witness to the deep spiritual prayer life, the uplifting, as well as, meditative music and the thoughtful talks presented by the youth to the youth of the parish. You know you are in the presence of God at an Antioch meeting, there is such a spiritual atmosphere in the room. Of course, they are teenagers and young adults full of fun and laughter, working out their place in the world while being able to practise their faith. (I still want to do the actions every time I hear an Antioch song.) Our children were part of the Antioch music and reading ministries that the Antioch community were involved in twice a month at the 6pm Vigil Mass. Our daughter Sarah was youth minister during some of her university years.

In our retirement years John and I joined Howard Carey at the Friday morning group who read, reflect and meditate on the Sunday readings together with Carole Wilson. When Howard became ill, we took over the facilitator role and these meetings continue each Friday morning at 10.10am with an amazing group of people.

We have had the opportunity to attend various talks and retreats and have been involved in leadership roles with ALPHA, the Lenten programs and Wild Goose, as well as attending the recent presentations by Bishop David Walker.

Today St Gerard's parishioners have so many opportunities to be supported and to serve others thanks to the foresight of the founding parishioners who worked so hard to establish this church community.

~ Marie Black



John & Marie

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If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to [ppcsecretary@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:ppcsecretary@eppcarl.org.au)

### After Hours Sick Calls - 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim and Fr Vincent. In the event that they are unavailable, please listen carefully to the instructions in the message recorded for you or ring the number given in the message.



Earlier days: Douglas, Eileen, Sarah and Marie

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Confirmation 2022:** Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 3rd September:

Marco Adan, Leo Armitage, Nate Broad, Abigail Broadhead, Matthew Chandler, Sophia Chandler, Liam Daley, Adrian D'Amore, Asher Dao, Iñigo Dominick Diaz, Ethan James Diaz, Keira Fernando, Amelia Ferrao, Alessandro Fitzsimon, Lachlan Freer, Emilio Graziano, Liam Guinan, Liam Hays, Chloe Hill, Rene Kat, Claudia Kat, Meg Kelleher, Pius Lee, Kora Lollback, Samuel Manton, Zoya Mareath, Luella McNicholas, Leonardo Morosin, Jacinta Murphy, Christopher Ngo, Lily Nuvoli, Yujin Oh, Ella O'Neill, Maddison O'Neill, Amelia Ostowari, Georgina Petch, Brandon Petch, Flynn Radford, Flynn Ryder, Nicolas Saez, Regina Salas, Venice San Miguel, Neville Satheesh, Hanxuan Shi, Emma Simpson, Peter Simpson, Josiah Smith, Greta Snow, Matilda Stevens, Nero Stipicic, Natali Stipicic, Katarina Stipicic, Olivia Taylor, Neil Tendolkar, Amy-Jane Trinh, William Wait, Ziyu Wang and Daniella Yanga.



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 Coordinator, for taking the youth candidates through their preparation sessions, also to our sacristans, altar society, junior and adult servers, musicians and singers, and those who helped look after the PowerPoint presentation. Their time and efforts have been vitally important in helping make the Confirmation Liturgies memorable!

We always love hearing from you! If you have any family stories to share, any queries on our Children's Ministries or Sacramental Programme, please feel free to send Lynn an email at [Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au)

### An Invitation to Public Primary Schools Mass

#### **Public Schools Mass** **October 23, 2022**

Fr Jim and the Catechists of our Parish would like to invite all children and their families to the combined Public Primary Schools Mass at:

*St Gerard Majella's Church  
on Sunday 23rd October, 2022  
9:15 am arrival for 9:30am Mass*

Followed by morning tea and Jumping Castle!

The children are encouraged to participate in the readings, offertory, procession or choir. For children who wish to participate in the Mass, please provide the following information via email to [katherine@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:katherine@eppcarl.org.au) by 23rd September 2022:

- Name of Child
- Year at School
- Contact phone and email
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences for activities : Reading, Offertory, Banner Holder, Choir

Children reading at Mass or singing in the choir need to arrive on the day of the Mass at 8:45am for practice. If you have any queries please contact Katherine Tam on 0418391048 or email [katherine@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:katherine@eppcarl.org.au)

## 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](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au) before **10am on Wednesday 15th September 2022**. Please send in a Word document. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format. Please note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Do remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

#### **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: [bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter](http://bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter)

#### **Admitted to Hospital**

A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital, please try to ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### World Youth Day update:

- Thank you to everyone who purchased a cookbook or multiple cookbooks! We sold over 180 cookbooks and we hope you are enjoying making the delicious recipes! If you would still like to purchase one, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or [Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au) or visit the parish office during business hours.



**Cana (Year 6-9)** - Next Cana meetings are 2nd, 9th and 16th September, Fridays 7:30-9pm. 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.



**Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds)** - No meeting on Father's Day, 4th September. Antioch meets on the 11th September, 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room.

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



**Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds)** - Our young adults group meets on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Join us on the 13th September for our next meeting!

## ARTISTS



### We Need Your Help!

Antioch is hoping to create a beautiful 2023 parish calendar and were hoping to collaborate with artists in the parish to do so. If you're a painter or drawer and are interested in getting involved, please contact the youth minister Joanna Mak at [Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Ignite Conference:** These school holidays, the Emmanuel Community of Brisbane are holding their annual Ignite conference for 4 days. Open for primary school, high school and young adults with different sessions for each. Activities include workshops, keynote talks, music, dance, sacraments, worship, games and a whole lot more!

- **Date:** Thursday 29 Sept 4pm – Sunday 2 Oct 1:30pm
- **Location:** Freeman College, Bonnyrigg
- **Cost:** \$275 per person (includes registration, meals, activities at Conference)

Catholic Youth Broken Bay are subsidising accommodation costs (at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Bringelly) for \$45 for 3 nights. The discount codes will be released by the Diocese shortly and can be found on their social media pages. More information here <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus. If you would like to join or would like more information on our 3 youth groups, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or [Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au)



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## RCIA – JESUS’ BIG ASK . . . BY DENNIS PORTEOUS

In this article, the first of three, let’s consider Christian initiation and the commitment made at our baptism to be a disciple of Jesus, and the responsibility we have as a Christian Community to support one another in faith.

In the second article we will consider how we can further live out our baptismal commitment with a renewed invitation to become more actively involved in the life of our parish community.

In the final article will consider how we can be actively involved as the initiating community we are called to be.

*Meanwhile the eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”*

*Matthew 28:16-20*

This passage is often referred to as the “great commission” because Jesus directs his disciples to go out, proclaim the Good News, and make disciples. This is the essence of our commitment, our ‘yes’ at the time we were baptised: Jesus calls us to go out and make disciples, by living the Christian life. The Church, the community of all the faithful, exists to continue this mission of proclaiming the Gospel message – that salvation comes through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the Paschal Mystery.

As the early Church grew, adults who accepted the message and made their declaration of faith in Jesus, often faced the prospect of persecution and potentially death, but their faith prevailed. In time, Christianity became accepted and so today the story is much different, the threat of persecution is often far from most of us. So how does this “great commission” involve us today – how are we to respond to Jesus’ challenge to make disciples?

Among the renewals of Vatican II, the ancient process of Christian Initiation was reestablished, where adult initiation is the norm, making their own profession of faith. While this is the case, what we experience is the more often celebration of infant baptism. The place of infant baptism, where a child is unable to make the baptismal promises, adaptations to the adult baptismal ceremony were required. At this time only the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated. The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are deferred at this time until the child is able to be prepared for these Sacraments.

Two major additions are present, in which the parents (and godparents) make their commitment.

The first occurs during the ‘Welcome’, where the priest first speaks to the parents:

“You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

The priest then speaks to the godparents:

“Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?”

The second addition occurs at the ‘Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith’ where the priest speaks to the parents and godparents: “... On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised.”

The parish community too has its place in the process of assisting parents in the faith development of children. The Catholic Schools assist parents in the faith development of their children. The parish, through Special Religious Education Teachers (Catechists) have a similar role within the State School System. As children reach the age to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, they are further assisted through the Diocesan Sacramental Programmes at the appropriate times by the parish.

*This is our call, to respond to Jesus’ big ask ... “Will you be my disciple?”*

How will you respond? The next article will focus on some ideas.

**~ Dennis Porteous**

## PARISH SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

Our next foodbank collection will be the weekend **10th and 11th September ONLY**. Marked boxes will be in the back of each church. JRS has asked for :

- CANS of brown lentils
- CANS of red kidney beans
- Long life milk.

Your practical support and prayers are most appreciated.



If you are considering what help you can give, there are many opportunities to volunteer at the Jesuit Refugee Centre, Parramatta. Jane Turner, their volunteer co-ordinator, will welcome you and has various options on offer. It may be on a regular weekly basis or once in a while. Examples are food parcel packers, delivery drivers and dispatchers (who work from home). If gardening is your thing, Thursdays 1-4pm, they work on their small garden. Please contact Jane on 9098 9336 or email her [jane.turner@jrs.org.au](mailto:jane.turner@jrs.org.au)

**- Social Justice on Caring for Our Common Home**

**The Season of Creation** is celebrated by Christian churches throughout the world in the month of September. For us as Catholics this accentuates our commitment to caring for our Common Home as endorsed by Pope Francis in Laudato 'Si. It is a way of honouring the Creator by respecting creation. A great way to mark the Season of Creation is to give yourself a challenge to do one thing which has a positive impact on our common home such as: not use any disposable coffee cups (BYO reusable cup), not use any plastic shopping bags (remember to bring your reusable bags), compost food scraps, walk a short journey which you'd usually drive, switch off more lights and appliances around the home and then look at your next electricity bill to compare with the same quarter last year. While we want to encourage governments and businesses to do more to address environmental challenges, each of us taking small steps can also make a big difference

~ the Parish Social Justice Team

**OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES**

**Celebrations this Week**

**Ordinary Time Week 23**

8 Sep Thursday: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9 Sep Friday: *St Peter Claver*

**Ordinary Time Week 24**

12 Sep Monday: *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

13 Sep Tuesday: *St John Chrysostom*

14 Sep Wednesday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

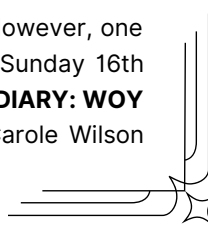
15 Sep Thursday: *Our Lady of Sorrows*

16 Sep Friday: *Sts Cornelius and Cyprian*

17 Sep Saturday: *St Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bingen*



**50++ SOCIAL GROUP:** Previously I had said our next outing to Woy Woy would be on Monday 17th October. However, one of our very observant members, Helen Barry, has reminded me of the parish celebrations taking place on Sunday 16th October. We think it a good idea to delay our trip to Woy Woy to the following week. **PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY: WOY WOY MONDAY 24th OCTOBER.** Many thanks. Look forward to our next outing. **All welcome.** Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036.



**Parish Development Update**

On February 4th this year we handed over the keys to the OLHC site (excluding the church), to Stockland as part of our obligation to provide vacant possession to them on this date. Despite the delays to the start of construction, the Parish received a Call Option Fee (effectively a deposit) of \$3.8m. There will be more payments to the parish when the development is completed in 2024, at which time we also have new parish facilities, underground parking, and a new school. Of the \$3.8m which the parish has received, \$1.4m has already been accounted for in development costs in the past few years or is allocated for the projected costs of the next 30 months.

This means that \$2.4m is now available for the use of the parish, and this is an opportunity for us that we have not had before. We need to plan and be cautious how we use this money. The Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and I have been putting a lot of thought and prayer into this in recent months and will continue to do so.

Our intention is that we hold onto \$400k as cash which we can use for some major parish projects over the next two years. These projects will be discerned with the parish in the months ahead, with a particular focus on improving OLHC to make it more comfortable while the development proceeds. The remaining \$2m will be invested with a newly created Diocesan Investment Fund which adopts an investment strategy guided by Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the ethical principles of the Catholic Church to produce an income stream which can supplement your parish donations to fund ongoing mission of our parish. Our intention is that we do not spend this principal amount, but keep reinvesting it to produce income for the parish.

Both OLHC and St. Gerard's churches were built on the faith and hard-earned money of its settlers between 50 to over 100 years ago, so that their future generation had a place to worship and call home. We want our churches to continue to be here for another 100 years to support our children and their children so that no matter what challenges the world experiences they will always be welcomed in God's house. This is why your continued financial support through planned giving is essential to our parish.

Your giving to the parish, for which some of you have been giving faithfully for decades, is because you belong and you believe in the good work the parish can do. With the money we have now received from this development, we can amplify your ongoing giving to do even greater work in the future for our Epping-Carlingford Parish and to the benefit of the growing Epping and Carlingford communities

~ Fr Jim

**Birds in the loft:** Some birds are looking to set up a home inside OLHC Church. Regrettably, we will need to discourage this. To break their nesting habits, we will need to keep the foyer doors closed for a while. Please ensure they close behind you.



## Responsorial Psalm Response

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 Sept 2022

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.

## Gospel Acclamation

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 Sept 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

### 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**

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

**Due to clergy retreat, there is no adoration and reconciliation at OLHC on Mon 5th Sept.**

**\*OLHC 12:15pm Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are temporarily on hold until further notice.**

*Please pray for.....*

#### For those who are sick and suffering:

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



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

**Recently deceased** - Katherine Michniewicz (mother of Zenon), Matthew Lam, Nhuan Tuyen Lieu, Marie Karam, Rylee Sum Cheng Lai, Ana Matijasic, Yuki Chan

**Anniversaries** - Yung Chi Li, Padoor Achutha Achar

**For the repose of the souls of** - Mato Matijasic, Nikola & Anastazia Matijasic, Tomo & Kata Medved, Neville Wilkin, Zac Egan, Ellie Egan, Richard Barry, Mark Hillier, Elizabeth & John McEneaney, Patricia & Donna Barr, Noon & Jack Barry

## Responsorial Psalm Response

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 Sept 2022

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17. R. Lk. 15:18

I will rise and go to my father.

## Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and  
the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.