

# Diocese of Broken Bay

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## Readings

7 AUGUST 2022  
Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:32-48

14 AUGUST 2022  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



The Catholic Parish  
of Epping & Carlingford

YEAR C

7 AUGUST 2022 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 AUGUST 2022 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us this Sunday at St Gerard's for our social justice forum on the environment. We'll share stories of why the environment is important to us, hear from experts, learn its context within Catholic Social Teaching and find practical ways in which we as a parish can live in a more ecologically sustainable way. 11am – 1pm in the parish meeting room Sunday Aug 7th.



Also on this Sunday we invite you to bring your recycling to an **Arnies Recon specialist recycling pickup in St Gerard's carpark from 8.30am – 12pm**. Arnies recycle computers, laptops, mobile phones, computer games and consoles, servers and server racks, stereos, speakers, DVD players, Foxtel boxes, phones, heaters, fans, televisions, calculators, printers, medical equipment, tools, washers, dryers, air conditioners, microwaves, dishwashers, cables, remotes, chargers and batteries. Everything is re-used or recycled, and nothing goes to landfill. *Please enter via North Rocks Rd as usual, and then drive through to Roselea Rd.*

**Lights at OLHC:** Earlier this year Richard Houwing arranged new floodlights at the front of OLHC Church, and this week improved lighting to highlight the front of the church itself. As well as to improve safety, the lights along with the new plants and benches help to highlight the church's significance on Oxford St, particularly during the redevelopment. We want Epping to see that OLHC is open and vibrant, and ready to welcome them.



Our Lady Help of Christians new floodlights

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



### The Feast of the Assumption is Monday August 15th

Mass times are as follows:

- St Gerard's 7am
- St Gerard's 9:30am with St Gerard's school
- Our Lady Help of Christians' 6pm (in lieu of Adoration)



## GIVING - THANK YOU

Last week Fr Jim wrote to over 300 people who are committed givers to the parish with a letter of thanks and a receipt for their donations during the previous financial year. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you are a planned giver and did not receive your letter by mail.

In that letter, he provided two bank account numbers to which you can regularly contribute through Direct Debit or EFT. The two separate bank accounts are for; i) clergy support, and ii) the church account, which goes to the running of the parish. This is the same order in which they are collected at Mass.

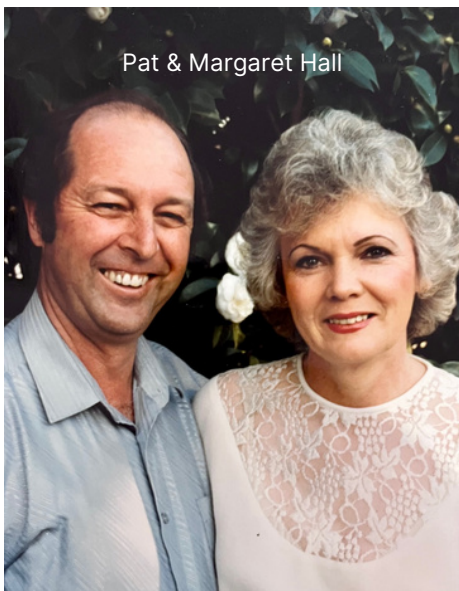
Some people have already contributed to both funds by asking the parish to split their single donation across both accounts. We ask that you please use the different account numbers in the letter to allocate your donation. This is to help us to streamline the processing of receiving donations electronically and reduce running costs. To keep our donation processes clearer, we will no longer split single donations from next week and transfer funds from one account to the other in the Office. Instead, donations will remain in the account to which they were deposited. Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9876 2853 if you need clarification about how to give to these accounts.

## ST GERARD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - 16TH OCTOBER 2022

### *A Golden Jubilee Reflection from Margaret Hall*

My husband Pat and our three children, made Carlingford home in 1963, the same year St Gerard Majella became an independent parish, separating from what had been the Dundas/Carlingford Parish. As a young family, pursuing the Australian dream to acquire our own house, we moved from my parents home, to the suburb of Carlingford where new homes were being built. Our place of worship was what is now the parish hall, having been constructed into a modest church after being decommissioned as the Pennant Hills Wireless / Radio Station.

Whilst facilities were somewhat make-shift, the community was growing and vibrant. For Pat and I, and what would eventually grow into a family of seven children, this parish community was our extended family, a place of friendship, support, warmth and comfort.





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Within less than 10 years, we were planning for a new church, not only something bigger, but more beautiful. Whilst the budget was modest, and compromises had to be made, but with the drive and vision of Father Nolan, we made it happen.

My own children have very fond memories of watching a new church beginning to form, and the dusty slope known as Wattle Grove, that had been a play area named for the shrubs that provided shade there.

This Golden Jubilee of our church is an occasion for me to give thanks for the parish community, including it's school, that brought it to life. We took pride in our new church, but of more value has been the community that has worshipped in it and from which so many friendships and good works have been emanated.

~ Margaret Hall



Margaret with 6 of her grandchildren



Brother David Hall - Ceremony of Perpetual Profession

## Parish Team

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### New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - OLHC

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### 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](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.



Recent photo with Bishop Anthony, Anne Kilby & Marie Saul



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Confirmation 2022:** Preparation sessions for the Candidates have begun after the Rite of Enrolment last week. We certainly started the Confirmation journey with a party for the children! After being presented at Mass with their parents, everyone had great fun with a bigger than usual morning tea and a jumping castle. I am so grateful to everyone who made a wonderful morning possible, especially the parents who accompanied their children and the hospitality team for coming together to support our parish Sacramental Programme. There are lots of exciting things happening in the coming weeks as the children progress through the preparation. Please keep us all in your prayers.

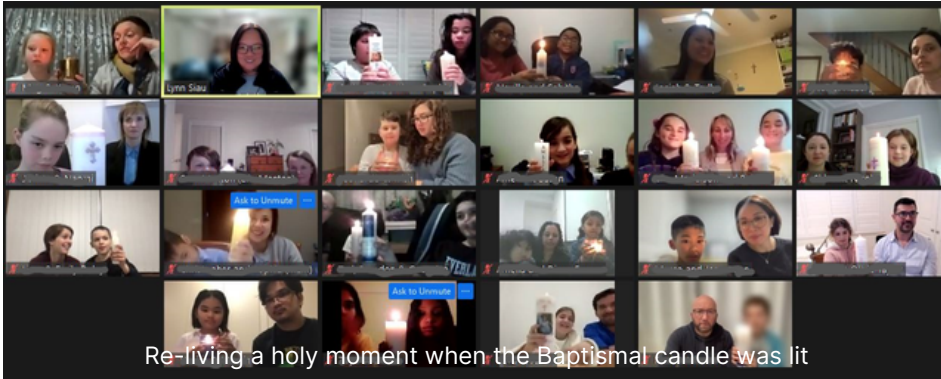
~ Lynn Siau



Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at the 9:30am Mass



Adults having a jump before packing up!



Re-living a holy moment when the Baptismal candle was lit

This week, we discuss why each child's baptism story is so important, that it marked the beginning of his/her life as a follower of Jesus and as a member of the church. We show the children the symbols used at their baptism to help them further understand how significant that day was and how it ties in with Confirmation. As the children were baptised when they were babies, they did not know so much was involved, how many people were present, etc. Through our discussion we laughed at how the adults fussed whilst the baby slept through everything!

Kidz Word at St Gerard's during the 9:30am Mass has resumed and is always fun whilst our awesome leaders engage the children in activities that relate to the Sunday's Gospel.



## 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 17th August 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)

### Having problems receiving our Bulletin or correspondence by email?

Sometimes people encounter issues with receiving the fortnightly email from us. This is partly because we have been marked as Spam by some of the email providers. This is not uncommon for legitimate organisations that send out bulk emails. We have been taking steps to improve our profile as a genuine provider, but we ask if you could assist us by adding us as a Safe Sender in your email program. The email addresses to add are: [lynn@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:lynn@eppcarl.org.au), [Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au), [Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au)

Please see more details on our parish website: [bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter](http://bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter).



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Retreat update:** Our Antioch and Emmaus youth groups had their first getaway retreat at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, to celebrate the 39th anniversary of Antioch and 2nd anniversary for Emmaus. We had a great time bonding, hearing from special guest speakers and many get-to-know-you games including table tennis, reverse charades, an exploration adventure to locate the flying fox, praise and worship, creative craft time and faith filled encounters in the talks, prayers and share groups. We also had our wonderful clergy Fr Jim and Deacon Adrian supporting us. Some photos below:



**Cana (Year 6-9)** - Cana is back! We are meeting on the *5th and 12th August*, Fridays 7:30pm-9pm. 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.



**Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds)** - Join us on *7th and 14th August* 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 *16th August* for our next meeting! We will be having a pizza, popcorn and movie night!

**Listen to the July GRACE podcast!** Click the Spotify icon below or visit [anchor.fm/grace2020](https://anchor.fm/grace2020)

Here's a picture of some on the recording team:



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WEBSITE

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)

## CONNECT - OLHC EPPING

As part of the NPEC role I am looking at ways to better enable connection between each person/group and the church, and also each person in relation to others in our lovely OLHC church community.

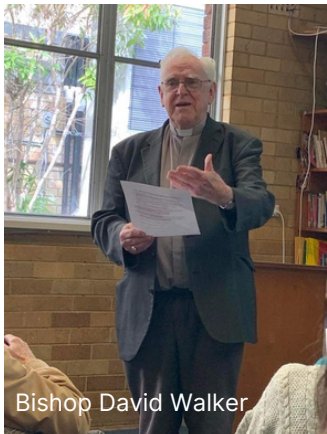
To aid with this I would love to know your thoughts and ideas about things that have worked in the past, things that are going well now and what you think might be cool for the future. Can you think of anything that might fit in any of those areas?

If you do please contact me in person, email [Serena.Kozanic@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Serena.Kozanic@bbcatholic.org.au), or through phone or text 0414 753 799 by the end of August. ~ **Serena Kozanic**



## SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO BECOME MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**The Gospel of John:** Bishop David Walker (pictured below) is giving a series of 5 talks on John's Gospel on Wednesday mornings following Mass at *St Gerard's*. 10.15am – 11.45am in the meeting room. Bring your bible and learn from Bishop David's 60 years as a priest, bishop, retreat giver and theologian. See you there!



Bishop David Walker



Wonderful turnout 3rd August



## PARISH SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

Essential items for many in the community are often in short supply. Our practical support for JRS this month is to request donations of three items listed in the previous bulletin. Marked boxes will be in the churches for:

- 1) Cooking or olive oil
- 2) Green or red lentils (1 kg or 375 grms)
- 3) Liquid clothes detergent.



### JRS currently has an employment opportunity open:

The role is for a Schools Engagement Officer, and is a five day per fortnight role, so could be a great fit for someone who is currently studying, someone who's a youth leader or someone that has been volunteering but wants a job in the sector too. This is an exciting role for someone with a passion for engaging and educating school communities on issues facing people seeking asylum and refugees. In this dynamic role the officer will be creating and delivering workshops, supporting young people in their advocacy and action, coordinating school engagement events and developing educational resources for a range of audiences. For further details here is the link:

[www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/JRS/schools-engagement-officer](http://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/JRS/schools-engagement-officer)

### What does Catholic Social Teaching Say about Refugees and Asylum Seekers?

#### *The option for the poor*

The question of how we should respond to strangers is the same as the one posed by the lawyer when he asks Jesus: 'Who is my neighbour?'

Jesus answers with a story of a man his hearers despised – a Samaritan:

*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them.*

Luke 10:30-34



Jesus asks, 'Who proved himself a neighbour to the man?' and the lawyer replies, unwilling to even name the Samaritan, 'The one who took pity on him.' The one who is neighbour is the one who acted because he was moved by compassion.

The first step in showing a special concern for the poor is *to notice*. Jesus notices. He turns to people who are scorned, rejected or overlooked in the society of his time: the children, the widow with only a small coin to offer in the temple, the outsiders – even lepers, extortionists and prostitutes – and finally the criminal who is crucified with him on Calvary. He shows that God loves them unconditionally.

In the story of the Good Samaritan we see that our understanding of 'who is our neighbour' and what we owe them is not limited by borders, race, caste, religion or politics. Our neighbour is the person before us in need. Those kept faceless and nameless behind the veil of border security operations are now revealed to be our brothers and sisters – the mother and child fleeing war, the father desperate to secure a future for his family.



## OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES



**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

### COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass  
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August.  
Or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/homelessness](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/homelessness)

**There is no place like home** – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 6th & 7th August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

### Fr Jim Ordination Anniversary - 13th August

Congratulations to Fr Jim on his 23rd anniversary of his Ordination!

### Music Ministry - Musicians, Instrumentalists, and Singers.

*"Music is part of our faith. It can connect us to God in a way beyond words".*

Our parish is blessed with many generous musicians, singers and instrumentalists who volunteer in our Music Ministry. We currently have a need for additional singers at St Gerard's for the following masses:

- 6pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We would welcome all ages.
- 9.30am Sunday Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month. We invite 10 to 16 year old volunteers for this School Age Choir.

If you would like to sing in any of our other choirs @ St Gerard's.

- 6 pm Saturday night adult choir (Vigil mass).
- 7.45 am and 9.30 am on Sunday morning.
- Youth choir – 5pm Sundays and the Men's Acapella group.

Please indicate your interest, by emailing your details (name, contact number, email address) to Elizabeth Austin: [dneusti@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dneusti@optusnet.com.au)

**Farewell to Marie & Laurie Byrne:** On Sunday August 21st at the 8.30am Mass we will farewell Marie and Laurie Byrne who are leaving our parish after 30 years at OLHC to move to Wahroonga. Laurie and Marie and their five children have made a significant contribution to the parish, including with the St Vincent de Paul Society, Prison visitation ministry, and hosting Lenten programs and Christian meditation groups. Marie was a Pastoral Worker in the parish for several years. Join us as we thank them at Mass and with a morning tea afterwards. And if you are moving out of the parish at some stage, please let Fr Jim, Fr Vincent or someone on the parish team know so that we can farewell you.

### Celebrations this Week

#### Ordinary Time Week 19

- 8 Aug Monday: **St Mary of the Cross**
- 9 Aug Tuesday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- 10 Aug Wednesday: **St Lawrence**
- 11 Aug Thursday: St Clare
- 12 Aug Friday: St Jane Frances de Chantal
- 13 Aug Saturday: Sts Pontian and Hippolytus

#### Ordinary Time Week 20

- 15 Aug Monday: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 16 Aug Tuesday: St Stephen of Hungary
- 19 Aug Friday: St John Eudes
- 20 Aug Saturday: St Bernard

### 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.

### 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!



### Epping Development – Would you like to learn more about how things are going?

A Community Drop-in Session has been arranged for *21 September 2022 at 6pm-8pm at The Epping Community Centre* (9 Oxford St, Epping NSW 2121). This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions of the Builder, Richard Crookes Constructions, relating to construction activities such as traffic management, dust suppression, noise and working hours. Regular updates are also available on this website - [olhc-develop.com.au](http://olhc-develop.com.au)

**50++ SOCIAL GROUP:** Thank you to those who have responded, all welcome and room for more! Our first gathering will take place on EITHER *Monday 15th August or Thursday 18th August*. **Venue:** The Sydney Rowing Club (Abbotsford). Which ever day is most suitable for the majority of people, that is the day we will gather. Please let me know your preference ASAP. By email to [carole.wilson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:carole.wilson@optusnet.com.au) or phone 9869 1036. Please leave a message if I am unavailable. Transport will be organized if necessary. MORE DETAILS ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE DATE.



## Responsorial Psalm Response

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 August 2022

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own.

## Gospel Acclamation

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 August 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when  
the Son of Man is coming.

### 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)

**PLEASE NOTE: St Gerard's Adoration and Reconciliation changes**

**\*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 Goretti Yeung)
- Leo Lazarus (catechist)
- Zachary & Mackenzie
- Stephen Lo
- Edward Ngu (Li May's dad)
- Richard McCarthy (Brian's brother)



### Obituary:

Maree Pickering nee Day passed away 29th July 2022 after a long illness. Aged 57.

Maree was a student of St Gerard's and the elder daughter of long serving St Gerard's teacher, Anne Day.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10am on Friday 12th August 2022 in the Magnolia Chapel of Macquarie Park Crematorium. Cnr Plassey & Delhi Rd, North Ryde. Condolences may be emailed to [Allen.pickering001@gmail.com](mailto:Allen.pickering001@gmail.com)

**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

**Anniversaries** - Roger & Jessica Brennan (Cliff Brennan's parents), Gregory McShane (Brian's son), Mark Hillier, Richard Barry, Christine Hyde

**For the repose of the souls of** - John, Elizabeth & Kathleen McEneaney, Jack & Noon Barry

## Responsorial Psalm Response

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 August 2022

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

Lord, come to my aid!

## Gospel Acclamation

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 August 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.