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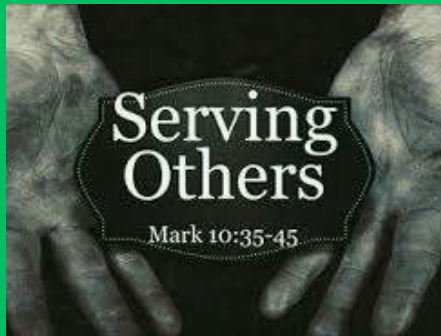
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Readings

13 OCTOBER 2024

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-27

20 OCTOBER 2024

Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45



The Catholic Parish
of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR B

13 OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gratitude: Six weeks ago I set out to walk the 800km pilgrimage through Spain the cathedral of St James in Santiago Compostella. It was a wonderful journey filled with challenges and blessings, during which I remembered and gave thanks for the 25 years (so far) that I have been a priest. The fruit of my pilgrimage was overwhelming gratitude and to quote the poem by John Paul Moore "I'm drinking from the saucer, for my cup has overflowed". Thank you for your interest in my journey and prayerful support from afar. Thank you to everyone who took up additional duties in my absence. I have returned refreshed and look forward to sharing parish life with you again.



~Fr Jim



Fr Aldrin's anniversary of ordination is on
Friday October 18th.

As mentioned in the last edition of the bulletin, we have a few **upcoming special celebrations in October:** the installation of a relic of St Gerard during Mass and our parish pilgrimage. Also worth noting, there is a HSC blessing for students at this Sunday's 5pm youth Mass (13th October), and the start of pastoral discernment at our parish. Details are within this bulletin.

State School Students and their families are taking part in our **annual SRE students Mass at OLHC on Sunday Oct 27th at 10.15am Mass.** We had hoped that this would be an opportunity to showcase the new OLHC facilities but even without these let's welcome these students and their families in our parish community.

November is our month of remembrance for all the faithful departed. Our remembrance book will be at the back of the church for the next two weeks for you to add any names not already included in previous years. The book will then be on or near the altar as we pray each Mass during November.

All Saints Day is Friday November 1st. This day is a solemnity and Mass will be at **9.30am at St Gerard's** as usual. You may like to bring an image or statue of a saint to place in front of the altar during Mass to symbolise the Communion of Saints.

All Souls Day is Saturday November 2nd. We will have **Mass at OLHC at 8am** as usual and you are invited to bring a photo of somebody you love who has died to place in front of the altar.

There will also be **Mass at 11am**, followed by **the blessing of graves in North Rocks Cemetery** which belongs to our parish. You will need to bring your own folding chair for this Mass.



SAVE THE DATE



A parish celebration of All Souls Day on **Sunday November 3rd, from 11:30am to 2pm.**

All parishioners are welcome to join a brief prayer service followed by luncheon at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium. Cnr of Delhi and Plassey Roads, North Ryde.

DEVOTION TO ST GERARD MAJELLA

We are honoured to announce the arrival of a first-class relic of St. Gerard Majella, entrusted to the parish for veneration. **This relic will be installed during Mass on October 16, 2024, the Solemnity of St. Gerard Majella, celebrated by Very Rev Dr. David Ranson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay.**

Feast of St. Gerard Majella

Inviting all parishioners, particularly those who are planning to start a family, expanding their family, having difficulty conceiving, or who have been blessed with children through the intercession of St Gerard.

Join us on this great day to celebrate the feast and the installation of the relic.

Novena will be held after 9:30AM mass on weekday and Sunday beginning Tuesday, October 8th.

Feast Day Program

- Novena
- Holy Mass
- Installation of the Relic
- Light Supper



St. Gerard's Carlingford

Bring a plate to share if you can.

Main Celebrant of the Holy Mass:
Rev Dr. David Ranson, VG

Starts at 7:00 PM

16 October
2024

On **October 19**, the parish will host a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville. This event will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Gerard and conclude the Traveling Mary initiative held throughout the Holy Rosary month. The shrine houses a collection of other sacred relics of saints, furthering opportunities for veneration and prayer.

EPPING & CARLINGFORD PARISH PILGRIMAGE

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville



SATURDAY, 19 OCT



MEETING PLACE
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville



TIME
Arrive at the shrine at 9:00 AM, and return by 3:45 PM



FOOD
Please bring your own lunch. Morning tea will be provided at the shrine.



TRANSPORT
Please carpool or use own transportation.

PROGRAM

- Arrive at 09:00 AM
- Morning Tea
- Stations of the Cross
- Talk by Fr. Pascal
- Rosary

- Holy Mass
- Lunch (BYO) at 1:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Leave by 3:45PM

The registration form is at the back of both the Epping and Carlingford churches. While there is no cost for the pilgrimage, a donation of \$10 to the shrine is greatly welcomed.

Our Sacristan Marie Saul tells us her story:

Our community came together to celebrate our first Mass at St Gerard Majella's Carlingford on May 13, 1962, in the parish hall that served as our Church at the time. As part of Dundas parish, we later became a separate parish on May 3, 1963, under the guidance of Fr Robert Nolan.

Interestingly, Fr Nolan chose the name St Gerard Majella, inspired by parishioner Pat Brady, a devoted mother of seven who was expecting her eighth child. This was particularly fitting, given St Gerard's patronage of families, mothers, and children.

Personally, I found solace in St Gerard's intercession after experiencing two miscarriages and nearly losing my first child. Through his prayers, I was blessed with six more children. Even in challenging times, including another miscarriage five years later, St Gerard's protection remained a comfort. Following the birth of my next two children, I spent four weeks in the hospital, where I cherished the opportunity to care for babies awaiting adoption – a truly uplifting experience during my recovery.

~cont'd...

Marie shares her family photo:



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY



A GREAT WAY TO WELCOME AND KEEP IN TOUCH

Did you know that we have many, many parishioners who are **new to Epping & Carlingford parish** this year? Some have moved from New Zealand, others from India, some from South Korea, some from Vietnam and some from Sydney suburbs. Some are students at Macquarie who know very few people in Australia...

Wouldn't it be sad if they attended mass a few times and no one knew them by name? Wouldn't it be sadder if they drifted away from our parish and no one even noticed? Most of us have realized what a difference name tag Sunday makes. Most of us turn willingly around to meet and chat when Fr Jim invites us to do so at the start of Mass. It makes us smile, doesn't it? To build on this, how wonderful would it be if we all got to know someone new (or old 😊) every now and then?

We need some help to facilitate this "getting to know" each other and maintaining contact: **this building of community**. We would love to keep offering a cup of tea and a little treat after Mass on a Sunday at Epping. If, once or month or every few weeks, you can buy or bake a slice or some biscuits, make a cup of tea, mix some cordial and have a small chat, we would love to hear from you. You would not be rostered on your own.

Text me: 0414 753 799

Email me: Simone.Noel@bbcatholic.org.au

It has been so lovely to have such a positive response from those I have already approached! Hurray and thank you!

May we become an even more welcoming community, one that reflects Jesus' hospitality!

~Simone Noel.

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New parish email address for general enquiries: eppcarl@bbcatholic.org.au

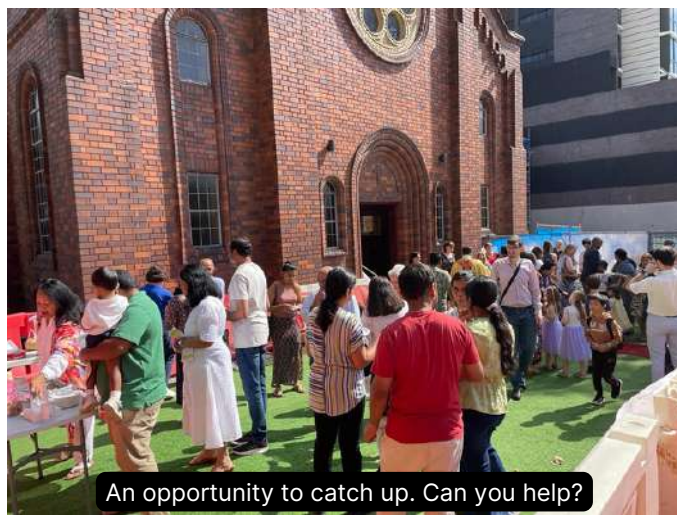
Please note parish@eppcarl.org.au will be obsolete.



Updating your contact details for the Parish Office:

Please contact our Parish Secretary, Marcella Letteri, if you need to update your contact details, for eg: mobile number, email address, home address.

You can either pop in to the parish office to see Marcella in person, contact her using details above.



An opportunity to catch up. Can you help?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Year One Family Mass at St Gerard's 20th October

In preparation for our first Family Mass in Term 4, we would like to invite **Year 1** children to provide some ministries at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 20th October. The children can be involved in a number of ways such as leading in the prayers, processions, etc. We would love to see as many of you as possible! Please visit this link to sign up **by Wednesday 16th October: volunteersignup.org/KJKQA** or sign up via the QR code on the right. Any questions, please contact Lynn (details below).



Kidz Word will resume on **Sunday 27th October** in Term 4. Looking forward to another great term!

ST GERARD'S
KIDZPLAY PLAYGROUP
We're taking a little break with more fun craft and games to resume on the **1st November 2024**.
Join us on Fridays 9:30-11:30am in the Parish Hall
CONTACT PERSON:
belinda.shi@bbcatholic.org.au
0414 753 362

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO A SPECIAL
Baptism Renewal Mass
NOVEMBER 10, 2024
ST GERARD'S • 9:30 AM
Children are encouraged to bring along their baptism candle and receive a special blessing on the day.
Please join us after mass for some morning tea and kids activities
Any questions please contact Belinda 0414 753 362

Term 4 is packed with family-friendly activities for kids and cuppa & cake to enjoy! On **Sunday 27th October**, the State


School Children's Mass is on at OLHC at 10:15am; all are welcome. Our annual Christmas Family Kidz Mass planning is also underway. There is much to look forward to. Keep your eyes on this page so you don't miss out on signing your kids up!

Lynn Siau

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Sacramental Programme & Parish Communications

Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au or phone Parish Office 9876 2853

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 before **10am on Wednesday 23rd October 2024**. 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 provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

Other ways to connect:



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

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Cana (Year 6-9): Cana is on holidays! Cana will resume in Term 4 on the **18th October, 7:30-9pm** in the parish hall.
Entrance to the premises is via 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford.



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds): Antioch will meet on the **13th and 20th October, 6-8pm** at St Gerard's meeting room. All welcome!

Contact parent support if you have any questions: Cres & Lui Yparraguirre Mobile: 0449228514.



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds): Emmaus are meeting on the **15th October, 7-8:30pm** at St Gerard's meeting room, for paint n sip.



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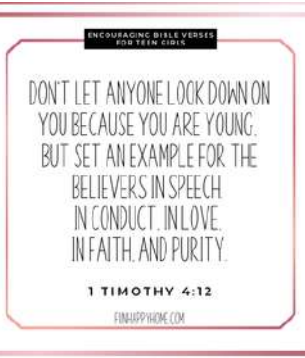
HSC blessing will be on the 13th Oct at the 5pm St Gerard's Youth Mass.



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Some of our youth (pictured below) attended the 4-day Ignite conference, where over 1100 young people gathered for catechesis, prayer, adoration, talks and rallies, praise and worship and a lot more.

2025 Ignite will be focused on the theme 'The Light' and will be held in Broken Bay Diocese, Sydney from 10-13 July 2025.



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Areté Centre is a one year long program dedicated to forming and equipping laypeople for missionary leadership in the Catholic Church. The program provides comprehensive personal, practical, theological, and spiritual formation to individuals seeking to deepen their commitment to serving the Church and its mission. It includes 4 weekend retreats that deepen one's relationship with God in significant ways. Both Joanna and Simone have been through the program.

THE ARETÉ CENTRE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP IS FOR EVERYONE. THAT'S WHY OUR PROGRAM IS AFFORDABLE AND REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY. WE STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE ARETÉ CENTRE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERS OF ALL AGES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Key Dates

- 16-19 January** 4-day live-in Intensive 1 (Course 1)
- 5 February** Semester 1 begins (Course 2)
- 21-23 March** Intensive 2 (Course 1)
- 13-15 June** Intensive 3 (Course 4)
- 18 June** Semester 2 begins (Course 3)
- 12-14 September** Intensive 4 (Course 4)

Costs + Inclusions

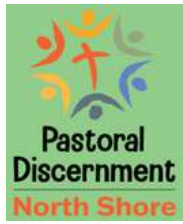
The Foundations Program costs \$2,600 per person, with a discounted rate of \$2,500 if paid upfront. This includes:

- 4-day live-in intensive
- 26 weeks of classes
- 1 retreat weekend
- 2 intensive weekends
- 8 monthly mentor sessions
- Program materials

The fee includes accommodation, linen, resources, and all meals at each intensive.

Registrations close end of October 2024, if you have any questions about the details of the course, please contact our Youth Minister Joanna Mak on Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au or contact the Arete centre.

PASTORAL DISCERNMENT



DISCERNMENT - SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION: Bishop Anthony is asking us to discern the needs and opportunities for our part of the diocese, which is the North Shore and Pennant Hills – Epping & Carlingford. We will do this in small groups where we can engage in a spiritual conversation about drawing on our own experience and our own faith.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL DISCERNMENT:

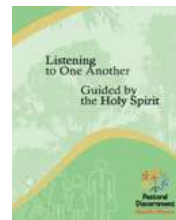
1. The data highlights a clear and significant decline in participation in the pastoral and sacramental life of our communities. How does this shift impact our sense of identity and mission within our local communities? What resourcing initiatives or areas of mission should be considered to address this decline in Catholic identification in the North Shore Deanery?
2. What pastoral synergies exist across our North Shore Deanery? How might clusters of parish communities collaborate more effectively? What may be possible across our cluster of parishes in our Deanery?
3. What do you consider to be the most pressing issues for people living in the North Shore Deanery and how best might parish communities respond to these?
4. The data highlights an increasing demand and stress on community members due to high living costs and housing distress. How can the Church's pastoral mission be adapted to address these challenges? What specific pastoral initiatives can the Church implement to support individuals and families facing financial hardship? What areas for outreach may need to be thought through and considered?
5. How does the current configuration of Catholic Communities on the North Shore facilitate or limit mission, ministry, worship, liturgy, and catechesis? What may need to be considered or reviewed to enhance and strengthen Catholic Communities on the North Shore?

Our sessions at OLHC Church will be as follows:

- Saturday Oct 26th 9.30am – 11am following 8am Mass & adoration
- Tuesday Nov 5th 6.30pm – 8pm
- Sunday Nov 10th 11.15am – 12.45pm following 10.15am Mass

And at St Gerard's in the meeting room:

- Tuesday Oct 22nd 7.15pm – 8.45pm
- Wednesday Oct 23rd 10am – 11.30am
- Sunday Oct 27th 10.30am – 12pm



For more information, pick up a green booklet available in both churches.



You can also visit the Diocesan website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/pdns> or via QR code on the left.

MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTICES



We recently celebrated our first **Season of Creation** Ecumenical Service with Covenant churches, hosted by Rev. 'Oto V Faiva and West Epping Uniting Church. On a warm spring day, hymns, readings, and prayers, prepared by the Anglican community, centered on the theme "To Hope and Act with Creation." Rev. Paul Weaver shared a thoughtful reflection. Over a light meal, participants from various Christian traditions discussed topics like waste, bushcare, and lifestyle changes. The gathering served as a reminder of individual responsibility in caring for our common home, united in Christ.

"Hoping and acting with creation means first of all joining forces and walking together with all men and women of goodwill". Pope Francis message for this year Season of Creation 2024.

~Lorraine Lobsey.

St Gerard's Primary School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year and **warmly invites parishioners to join the celebration**. Over six decades, the school has expanded from three classrooms to fourteen and continues to serve an ever-growing community. A Mass will be held at St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church on **Thursday, November 7, at 9:30am**, followed by morning tea. The event will bring together students, teachers, families, parish members, and the local community to mark this special milestone. We are looking forward to it!



OTHER NOTICES

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Week 28

14 Oct Mon: *St Callistus I*

15 Oct Tue: *St Teresa of Jesus*

16 Oct Wed: *St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

17 Oct Thur: *St Ignatius of Antioch*

18 Oct Fri: **St Luke**

19 Oct Sat: *St John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross*

Ordinary Week 29

22 Oct Tue: *St John Paul II*

23 Oct Wed: *St John of Capistrano*

24 Oct Thur: *St Anthony Mary Claret*

NORTH ROCKS CATHOLIC CEMETERY - AVAILABLE GRAVE

PLOTS: There are **a set of five** empty plots (two side by side, one on its own) that are the last remaining in North Rocks Catholic cemetery, located on North Rocks Road in Carlingford.

- **Two empty grave plots side by side**

1. Section A, Row 2 – Grave 005

2. Section A, Row 2 – Grave 006

- **Two empty grave plots side by side**

1. Section B, Row 2 – Grave 010

2. Section B, Row 2 – Grave 011

- **One empty grave plot**

1. Section B, Row 3 – Grave 019

These are \$17000 per plot, which includes the transfer fee. More information available if you are interested in all 5 plots.

All enquiries welcome. Please phone Nellie Kelleher on **0409 235 386**.



'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd', a Catholic formation program for 3-6 years and 6-9 year old children, is commencing at **Broken Bay Diocesan Centre, 2/423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills**. It is a Christocentric 'Montessori methodology' in catechesis, using scripture and liturgy in a prepared atrium; and a powerful means of facilitating a child's relationship with God. Applications/enquiries for Term 4 for your child 3-6yrs (morning) or 6-9 yrs (after school) are welcome.

Please contact us at cgs.marymount@gmail.com or Mary on **0435 496 624**

National Children's Week begins on October 19th, 2024, with a focus on **safeguarding children**. This year's theme, based on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child UNCRC Article 24, emphasizes children's right to a clean and safe environment. The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of creating safe spaces for children to achieve optimal health. The event also highlights how children and young people can actively participate and contribute to society. For more information, visit <https://www.nswchildrensweek.org.au/>

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Footprints Mass

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Mass

Whether the death of a child happened recently or many years ago, parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, to honour the brief life of the children who died too soon through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

Tuesday 15.10.2024 6:30pm

All are welcome to join us after Mass on the forecourt for light refreshments, and to meet others that share this missing piece of your heart.

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish, 94 Archer Street Chatswood

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY

Catholic Vocations Broken Bay Young Adult Event

Encounter

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 6PM

Special Guest Speaker
Seminarian Matthew French

The Top Ten Things You Didn't Know About Mass.

St Agatha's Parish
Pennant Hills

VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH
TREBOR ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120

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E: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

EVENTS @ BROKEN BAY
[HTTPS://HERO.PAGE/VOCATIONSMINISTRY/VOCATIONS-OFFICE-BROKEN-BAY](https://hero.page/vocationsministry/vocations-office-broken-bay)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 Oct 2024

Ps 89:12-17 Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	-	6:00pm	-	-	-	8:00am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	-	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

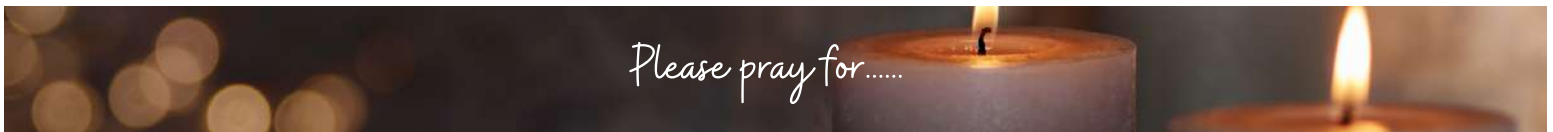
POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: PO Box 369, Epping NSW 1710

ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 7256 2140 Email - sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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



Healing Mass: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford



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

- Katherine Barnett
- John Donnellan
- Glenn Smith
- Elizabeth Barton
- Helen Orban
- Regina Yip



The Slattery family would like to thank the Prayer groups and the Parish community for their intercessory prayers on behalf of our grandson Peter Vanderheld who is now in remission. Thank you one and all.
 Matt & Robin Slattery.

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 - Richard Davies (father of Michael Davies)

Anniversaries & Remembrance - Ruby Chetty, Mary Wong, Antonio Trimarchi, Geoffrey Coonan, John Rigney (brother of Margaret Coonan), Eric Yeung (brother of Goretti), Daniel Scarfe (son of Kay Scarfe)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 Oct 2024

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.