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Luke 10:6



26 JUNE 2022 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62

3 JULY 2022 Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

# The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford

#### 26 JUNE 2022 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3 JULY 2022 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Connect, worship, grow, give and serve:** These five actions are the pillars on which our parish plan is built, and are hallmarks of Christian discipleship. This week we are focusing on service, and inviting you to find your way to serve in our parish. Our hope is that every person would be involved in one ministry each as an expression of belonging to the parish community and serving God. On the seat next to you (or attached <u>here as</u> <u>a document</u>) is a volunteer form with a list of all the ministries which have vacancies at present. Simply fill in your details and tick the ministry you'd like to be part of and place the form in the donation boxes in the church, and then a leader from that ministry will reach out to you to invite you to get involved. You can also download this form from our parish website: <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/our-parish</u>

We have opportunities in practical outreach through St Vincent de Paul and Jesuit Refugee Services. We have opportunities in hospitality through greeting at Mass, serving morning tea or cooking a BBQ. We have opportunities in liturgical ministries of the Word, altar, liturgical environment, audio visuals and music. We have opportunities in teaching children through special religious education at state schools, or children's liturgy during Mass. And there are opportunities behind the scenes in maintenance and administration. *Where can you best serve?* 



**Redevelopment at OLHC:** This week I wrote to parishioners to give an update on the redevelopment, with the significant milestone of the appointment of Richard Crookes Constructions as builder. Copies of this letter are available in OLHC church and were sent by email on June 21st.

We have been advised by the builder that heavy machinery will now be moving onsite to commence demolition on Monday June 27th. Demolition will take place between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and this will make the celebration of Mass at this time impractical. Regrettably, from June 27th the **12.15pm Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be suspended until further notice.** 

The suspension of Masses is temporary. While the construction period is for the next 22 months, the demolition period is only for the next three months. Excavation will follow, but after this it may well be that we can again resume weekday Masses once we have a clearer indication of the construction program and the likely levels of noise.

Adoration at 6pm on Monday nights and Mass at 6pm on Wednesday nights will continue as these fall outside of the construction and demolition times, as do weekend Masses. There has been suggestion that we could replace the daytime Masses with evening Masses, however at present the low numbers at Wednesday night Mass suggest there isn't yet demand for this. If the number of people at Wednesday Mass increases significantly we can explore other night time options.

# SOME TEMPORARY CHANGES IN THE CLERGY ROSTER & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Fr Vincent's annual leave:** Fr Vincent is away until July 21st. We welcome Fr Geoff Bugden, a former assistant priest of our parish who will be assisting with weekend Masses. Fr Geoff is well known to many of you, and you might like to invite him for lunch or dinner (and Fr Jim might tag along too!).

**Reconciliation at St Gerard's:** During Fr Vincent's leave we won't be able to have reconciliation, adoration and benediction on Friday nights. Starting Friday June 25th we'll have adoration and reconciliation available after Friday morning Mass from 10am – 10.30am, and extended reconciliation time on Saturday evenings from 5.15pm – 5.45pm. Upon Fr Vincent's return he can evaluate with parishioners whether it is preferable to return to Friday nights or to continue with Friday mornings and Saturday evenings.

#### **REFUGEE WEEK 2022**

**Supporting Refugees:** As we mark Refugee Week 2022, we recognise there is a role for all of us to play in assisting those who have experienced the tragedy of being forcibly displaced. This year, the global theme is: *Every person has a right to seek safety - whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee.* 

Following our 'Community Conversation' on 29th May, we have reviewed the many suggestions made by those wonderful people who attended. While we consider how the Parish might best support these people in the longer term, we offer some ideas that we invite you to consider below:

- Subscribe to the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) newsletter <u>https://aus.jrs.net/en/jrs-australia-newsletter-subscribe/</u>
- If you wish to enquire about a role as a volunteer, please contact the JRS co-ordinator, Jane at jane.turner@jrs.org.au

We invite you to support the JRS Foodbank with a donation of items which are currently in short supply. **Please leave the items in the marked boxes at the Church on Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd July.** They are:

- Nappies, especially Size 1 and 6
- Soap (cake)
- deodorant
- disposable razors (for ladies and men)
- Tuna in Oil size 200 and 400 gram tins.

Idrissa, the young man from Sierra Leone who spoke to us, has written a reflection on Refugee Week and we hope to bring this to you shortly.





**Vinnies Winter Appeal:** Thank you everyone for your generous support thus far in helping the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Your contribution will go directly towards helping people in our neighborhood. You can still donate through the Vinnies envelopes on the pews and place it in the boxes at the back of the Church. Alternatively, there are Card facilities in the Piety Stall at St Gerard's Carlingford, or at the Vinnies table near the church entrance at Our Lady Help of Christians Epping.





**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Next year's Envelopes are now available for you to collect at Church. Please be aware that we may have changed some numbers to rationalise their usage. Receipts for this year's Planned Giving will be available by end-July. We sincerely thank everyone who is part of our planned giving program. It is the heart of charity that binds us and is vital for the ongoing good works of our Parish.





# **NEW TEAM MEMBER!**



Hi my name Serena Kozanic. I'm interested in connecting with our parishioners and helping you strengthen your connection with our community.

A bit about me – in my family there is me, my husband Mark, my 17 year old stepson and then 3 more kids (6, 4 and 2). I've been at OLHC since my family moved here in the 1980s and also went to OLHC. My 6 year old is now in year 1 at OLHC. I've been involved in the music ministry since my Mum put me forward as an organist when I was 11 years old. You will quite often find me at Epping singing or playing the organ, or sometimes both! Please come and say hi when you see me, I would love to meet you. If you have any questions or ideas I'll be happy to hear them.

Also, for any children who are interested in being part of the 10:15am mass, you will find me near the back of the church around 10am with roles to fill (offertory, prayers of the faithful, etc). We love when you are involved and I look forward to seeing you soon!



# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Acknowledgement of Country: Sunday July 3rd is the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly. Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. In Epping this is the Wallumedegal people and in Carlingford it is the Burramattagal people. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Parish Team

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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 <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.



**End of Financial Year Giving:** A BIG thank you for your generosity and support towards Pastoral Works appeals throughout the year! You can still give by 30 JUNE, to claim tax-deductions (all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible) and help our parish achieve quota.

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend in Our Lady Help of Christians:

Kirrana Bainey, Kimberley Bainey, Sara Bejoy, Aaron Bothello, Austen Bothello, Celine Carpio, Eliana Castalone, Rosemary Cuddy, James Dayapan, Heidi Doyle, Shanaya D'Souza, Benjamin FitzGerald, Shevaun Gamilo, Elliot Gan, Emilia Gan, Noah Heher, Connor Hodges, Toby Huntsdale, Lorenzo Ignacio, Christy Li, Ava Martin, Chloe Martin, Andi Sage Melgar, Max Minard, Sophie Minard, Olivia Park, William Sia, Ava Tanudji, Charlotte Tanudji, Joel Vellapallil, Mikayla Zammit and Sophia Zammit.

The parish would like to thank the parents and carers, our Parish School Principal,

Dominique O'Sullivan, teachers, catechists/volunteers who have helped support these children as they prepared for their First Eucharist. A special thank-you also to our sacristans, servers, music ministry and those who operate the PowerPoint presentation, for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families!



**Confirmation 2022:** In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above are invited to enrol. Enrolment commences on the 30th June. If you would like to be sent information about Confirmation and enrolment, please contact <u>Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au</u> to have this organised. Children enrolled in this sacrament's preparation will attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. Upon completion, the children will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 3rd September.

Kidz Word at St Gerard's - It's on this Sunday 26th June during the 9:30am Mass! The volunteers will then take a short break during the school holidays. Kidz Word resumes Term 3 - Sunday 24th July.



### 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 6th July 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.

#### **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.



**Peter's Pence Collection – 3 July 2022:** On 3 July 2022, we join with many parishes across the world in taking up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Your donations express solidarity with those most in need. With your support, the whole Church can continue – in the words of Pope Francis – "to walk, to search for, visit, meet, listen to, share with and stop at those most in need".

Funds assist projects including emergency help to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Last year, the Peter's Pence appeal in Australia was largely cancelled due to COVID-19 and your support this year is gratefully received by the Holy See.

Please give generously to the Peter's Pence collection occurring at Masses on the weekend of 3 July 2022. You can also donate online: **www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/giving** and use the reference "Peter's Pence".

#### **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

World Youth Day: In the past 2 bulletins, we have started sharing some of our pilgrims' stories and why they are so excited and eager to attend world youth day. As part of fundraising, we are creating a parish cookbook which we hope to sell in July. Keep an eye out for it and please consider supporting our youth to attend this amazing pilgrimage!!





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#### **Getting to know your** LEANNE 8 World Youth Day pilgrim

Hello! My name is Leanne and I'm a part of Antioch. I have been a part of the parish ever since my family moved to Sydney when I was a pre-schooler. The Parish and community have been an influence throughout my years growing up. Especially with my involvement with Antioch, I have come to appreciate the great role faith plays, and how amazing our church community is.



As a young person still forming perspectives on the world, I hope by going to World Youth Day I can broaden my horizons through engaging with people and learn about different cultures. I also hope I can continue to build strong foundations for my own beliefs and relationship with Christ.



What amazes me about our wider Catholic community is the continuity of practice and culture between people of different nationalities. My parents are originally from Mumbai, and whenever we travel back and attend Mass, it would always amaze me how people across the globe share in this tradition. I hope that by going to Portugal next year and engaging with people from different backgrounds I can appreciate this aspect of our universal Catholic community in all its fullness.

Retreat: Our Antioch and Emmaus youth groups are having a one day retreat on the 23rd July, Saturday at XVI Benedict retreat centre. This is to celebrate the 39th year of Antioch and the 2nd year of Emmaus. All 16-30years old welcome and there will be special guest speakers. Register via the QR code/trybooking or fill in the form and return to the parish office by the 1st July! www.trybooking.com/CACRU









**MU**A

meeting on 24th June and 1st July at St Gerard's Parish Hall! We will be on break after the 1st July and resume on the 22nd July. 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.

Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Join us on 26th June and 3rd July 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 5th July for our next community night with dinner and games!

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 Joanna.



For more information on any of our three youth groups, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

# CHRISTIAN INITIATION: THE ART OF FORMING NEW MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



Our parish welcomes enquirers seeking to know more about Christianity, and in particular the Catholic faith by joining with them on a journey of self-discovery and the building-up of a relationship with Jesus. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID, we had developed a listing of parishioners who would be willing to host a gathering in their homes – a tradition we had in place for about twenty years.

As we all know, COVID put a damper on group meetings, and only now we can look to resume our past practice by reconnecting with those volunteers to confirm their availability and to seek new volunteers who could assist.

We are now getting into the swing of revitalising our process, as we are about to welcome several people who have indicated an interest in our Catholic faith. We are hoping to re-commence our meetings in a couple of weeks – towards the end of June.

If you are aware of anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, please invite them to make contact with the Parish Office for further details.

Also, if you are interested to know more about the process and getting involved in actively supporting our enquirers, please make contact with the Parish Office for further details.

Contact can be made via phone 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au.

# SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO BECOME MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



We are blessed for we:

- Recognise the third Person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit
- Relate to the person and pray, Come Holy Spirit
- Rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and trust the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence
- Receive the experience of the Holy Spirit by expecting to be Baptised (immersed) in the Holy Spirit
- Reboot our lives with "The fruit of the Spirit"

We are becoming the person who brings forth "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23

For all who want to continue The Wild Goose program ~ YES, we will begin again.

- Tuesday evening 7.30, at Carlingford on 19th July
- Wednesday evening 7.30 on Zoom on 14th September (so all can continue!)
- Friday evening 7, at Epping on 22nd July
- The Wednesday morning group will continue with Bishop David Walker in August and in 2023, prepare for Pentecost by completing the last 7 videos of The Wild Goose
- The home groups will continue at their own pace

You can join any of these groups. Please contact Denis and he will get you connected! You can also watch The Wild Goose on Facebook. Click to join our parish group on Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/</u>

In The Wild Goose Program, Fr Dave Pivonka and others taught us about the Holy Spirit in a series of videos. They witnessed to the power of the Spirit in their lives. Those watching talked about their experience of being attentive to the Holy Spirit.

Our time together learning about the Holy Spirit and praying Spirit Come, has been an extraordinary experience of God's love in our lives. We have been inspired and received gifts from the Holy Spirit that are transforming our lives. For this we can only "Praise God".

# CATECHISTS' CORNER - A DAY IN CLASS BY NINA DEACON

**Father Vincent's visit to Epping West Public School:** Tuesday 31st May 2022, Fr Vincent visited the Year 4 Scripture class at Epping West Public School. The lesson of the day was about the 7 sacraments, for which Fr explained them in detail. He interacted with the class via his discussion and presentation; the class was extremely attentive and asked many questions! All too soon the bell rang.







Many thanks, Fr Vincent, for taking the time out of your busy day to be with us at Epping West Public School. I know the children enjoyed having you with us, as I heard the murmurs at class on how interesting your talk was and the hope you would visit again. Personally, as a Catechist I think it is great idea to have our Parish Priest visit the public schools from time to time in our district; the catechists and children really enjoy the visits. It also keeps the children in 'tune' with our church and allows them the chance to meet the priests and ask specific questions.

We do have an urgent need for more Catechists, so if you decide to become one, please contact Fr Jim for Secondary Schools at Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au or Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at katherine@eppcarl.org.au

# **OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES**

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>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter</u>

#### Celebrations this Week Ordinary Time Week 13

27 Jun Monday: St Cyril of Alexandria
28 Jun Tuesday: St Irenaeus
29 Jun Wednesday: STs PETER AND PAUL
30 Jun Thursday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
2 Jul Saturday: Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary

#### **Ordinary Time Week 14**

4 Jul Monday: St Elizabeth of Portugal
5 Jul Tuesday: St Anthony Zaccaria
6 Jul Wednesday: St Maria Goretti
7 Jul Thursday: Blessed Peter To Rot
9 Jul Saturday: Augustine Zhao Rong

**Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning:** We will gather on Saturday 2nd July in the parish hall of Hunters Hill. Fr. David Orr osb will lead our reflection. His topic/theme: 'The Priesthood of theFaithful'. Please join us. 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM. No need to book. Tea & Coffee available. We do appreciate a donation. All most welcome. Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036. 'COME AND SEE'. We celebrated the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic procession** at Our Lady Help of Christians last Sunday. Here are some photos below of the awesome sight of the faithful following our Lord:







Responsorial Psalm Response 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 June 2022 Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5 Gospel Acclamation 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 June 2022 Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Virtual Weekend 19-21 August 2022



This Virtual weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home

# Weekend Dates & Contact Information 19-21 August 2022

Beginning Friday at 7:00 pm through Sunday at about 4:00 pm

Book online www.wwme.org.au

OR contact Booking Couple Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676 Email- <u>vicbookings@wwme.org.au</u>

**Suggest**: Find a quiet room in your home – away from all distractions and commitments. You can join your family (Children, parents, pets, etc) when you break for meals

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)

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

#### Recently deceased - Annette Nicholas

**Anniversaries -** Emmalea Jane Gavin, <u>Gan</u> Chin Joo (father of Lynn Siau), Kathleen Mary McCarthy, Edna Gallen and Elaine Gallen

For the repose of the souls of - Mary (Molly) Sullivan

Responsorial Psalm Response 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3 July 2022 Ps 65:1–7, 16, 20. R. v. 1

Gospel Acclamation 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 July 2022 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.