

# The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

**Our Lady Help of Christians' Church**  
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**Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford** consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's Church at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians' Church at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebration of the Eucharist together will provide both

**YEAR A**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11-10-20**

**Isaiah 25:6-10**

**Philippians 4:12-14.19-20**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last Wednesday marked the beginning of ordinations to the transitional diaconate of three seminarians from our diocese on their way to priesthood. **Roger Delmonte**, who began his time in the Broken Bay diocese in our parish, was ordained at Hornsby Cathedral by Bishop Anthony, and next Wednesday **Aldrin Valdehueza** who also spent some time here on two occasions at Epping and Carlingford, will be ordained at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions this is an invitation only celebration. The final diaconate ordination will occur on Wednesday week when **Sam French** will be ordained at Pennant Hills. We give thanks to God for these signs of hope for our diocese and pray that their ministries of service will be fruitful for those they serve and provide an important period of preparation as they journey towards the Order of Presbyter (priesthood).

**During the month of November**, a number of our young families will have the opportunity to celebrate First Holy Communion with their children. Due to Covid restrictions, these celebrations were postponed in June and will now be spread over a number of weeks during our parish Masses. On occasions, we will require all parishioners to register for certain Masses. Please keep an eye on the bulletin through November and a listening ear as to when registering will be required.

I also draw your attention to our next offering of **"Unlocking The Mystery of the Bible"** which commences next Tuesday evening at Epping. Last year we held this programme as a next step on from Alpha as part of equipping us all as missionary disciples in our love and knowledge of the scriptures. **"Unlocking"** offers an overview of the Bible which can provide us with a "helicopter view" in contextualising the various books/writings of the sacred authors and generally deepen our appreciation of God's Word for our lives. It also is a wonderful opportunity to meet new parishioners and become reacquainted with others. **Please consult the bulletin for more information** and give serious thought to being part of this exciting journey. Physical numbers are restricted so please register!

Finally, this coming weekend we have our annual **Parish Leadership meeting**, consisting of representatives from our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Parish Team, as part of our preparation for our new parish plan. My thanks also to everyone who has responded to our parish survey, the results of which will be made avail-

able to the entire parish and will be seriously considered at our coming meeting. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

## Musicians and Singers Needed!

One of the essential elements of our Masses is the ministry of music. I am sure we all know how uplifting our Masses can be when this ministry is carried out well by talented and faith-filled parishioners lifting our minds and hearts to God.

Especially during this pandemic some of our regular participants in this ministry have been unavailable and many other generous members of this ministry have attempted to fill in where possible. I thank them sincerely for their generosity!

Regardless of the current situation, over the next twelve months, I want to have a particular focus on this essential aspect of our prayer together by asking **all** parishioners to consider whether they or people they know who are gifted either as singers or musicians could assist our parish in this most important ministry. Even if you are only able to fill in occasionally I would love to hear from you!

**Please don't presume that "someone else will do it!"**

Could anyone who can assist please contact me directly by email at [peter@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:peter@eppcarl.org.au) or by phone via the parish office on 9876 2853.

Fr Peter



CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING AND  
CARLINGFORD

## LOOKING FOR A HELPING HAND

IF YOU WANT TO HELP CHILDREN  
LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH  
JOIN US!

AGE APPROPRIATE LITURGY OF THE  
WORD  
SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO HELP  
LEAD OUR

CHILDREN THROUGH READING

REFLECTION & PRAYERS



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY KIDZ WORD

DURING SCHOOL TERM AT:  
9:30AM MASS CARLINGFORD  
10:15AM MASS EPPING

Adult volunteers are needed to lead  
and to assist  
with the supervision of children. This  
is also a great  
opportunity for middle/high school-  
ers and youth to help the young ones  
celebrate God's Word.  
A working with Children's Check is  
required which  
we can assist you with to apply at  
RMS online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
EMAIL: [LYNN@EPPCARL.ORG.AU](mailto:LYNN@EPPCARL.ORG.AU)  
OR CALL: 0407 255 593

### Hello Catholics!! Grow in your faith: Unlock the Mystery of the Bible!

Our Epping Carlingford Parish will begin "*Unlocking of the Mystery of the Bible*" on:

**Tuesday 13 October at 7:15 pm in the parish meeting room Epping,**  
**Wednesday 14th October in the parish meeting room Carlingford at 7:30pm**  
**Thursday evening 15th October "Online" 7:30 at home.**

Those sessions in the parish meeting rooms will begin with pizza. Come and experience belonging to the Catholic community. There is plenty of space for social distancing.

We meet to watch a video presentation followed by a group discussion.  
Ask someone to come with you. Invite someone new to join you.

Fill in the tear-off slip below and place in the box provided at the back of the Church or contact Maree in the parish office on 9876 2853

Denis McNamara (Supporting Disciples To Become Missionary Disciples)  
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✂..... **Tear-off slip**.....✂

**please detach and place in the box provided at the back of the Church**

**Tuesday evening 7:15pm at Epping** I can come to the First Session of "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*".

Name:..... Email:.....

**Wednesday evening 7:30pm at Carlingford** I can come to the First Session of "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*".

Name:..... Email:.....

**Thursday evening 7:30pm at home** I can join online to watch the First Session of "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*".

Name:..... Email:.....

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	11/10/20	7:45am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		8:30am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon.	12/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Tue.	13/10/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Wed.	14/10/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	15/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		8:00pm	PMR Epping Men of St Joseph
Fri.	16/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church
Sat.	17/10/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:20am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at OLHC Church
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

PH—Parish Hall, CH—Church, PMR— Parish Meeting Room

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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 **ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au**



## The Charitable Works Fund

The first CWF Appeal for this Financial Year is currently being held in both our churches.

Envelopes are available at the bulletin boxes. Our parish quota for the Appeal is \$19,258. Please give generously, as any shortfall needs to be made up from parish funds.

**SHORTFALL AFTER 5 WEEKS**  
**\$10,387**

## St Gerard's Piety Store

The piety store is located just down from the main doors to the Church. It stocks many suitable gifts for First Holy Communion.

It is open after the Sunday Masses and on weekdays after the 9:30am Masses except on Tuesdays when there is no liturgy.

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## Antioch Community, Cana Youth, Emmaus Young Adults Youth Group & Bible Reading



### OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday 11th October



Why not come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time get into some awesome music, take time out for **prayer** and **meet** people.

The meeting starts at 6pm in the **parish meeting room** at Carlingford.

So head on down and bring a friend.

For more information call

**Joanne 0416 030 927, Karen (parent support) 0421 506 577**

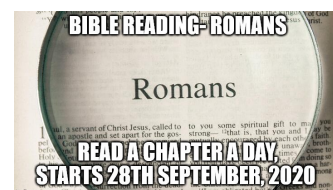
"It was at Antioch the believers were first called Christians"

### Bible Reading

We are reading a chapter a day of Romans.

Join via our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148887152176778/>

or join our Whatsapp group by texting Romans16 to Joanna on 0404 710 588.



### CANA: OUR 7-9 yrs YOUTH GROUP

CANA is on a **BREAK**  
for the school holidays

We'll be back Friday,  
16th October



### MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS AT EPPING

A reminder, that our monthly Children's Mass at Epping, will take place next **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October** at the 10:15am Mass. If you would like your child/ren to be involved in one of the active roles at this Children's Mass please email Therese at [olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com](mailto:olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com)

## COVID-19 Safety Plan

### WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

- ☐ We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (80 people at Epping and 100 at Carlingford).
- ☐ Coloured cards on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation.
- ☐ All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving and sign in the book.
- ☐ We ask the parishioners to sanitise the pew where were sitting after every Mass
- ☐ There is no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- ☐ All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the

### FACE MASKS THANK YOU !

Thank you to all those that have been wearing masks to mass.



If you have forgotten your mask there is a supply available. Check with the Greeter or with the Sacristan in the Sacristy.

We strongly encourage our parishioners to continue to care for each other and wear a face mask when attending Mass.

### Position Vacant—Accountant

The Chancery is recruiting for a full time Accountant (Maternity Leave Position).

Please see the Diocesan website for the advertisement:  
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/position-vacant>

### Position Vacant—Administrative Asst,

Toukley—Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to a casual Administrative Asst to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. For the full advertisement, please see the Diocesan website:  
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/position-vacant>

**Book of Remembrance** Once again this year, we will have our "Book of Remembrance" in each church—displayed in its place of honour on the sanctuary throughout the month of November, to remember our past family and friends, and it will be placed in position during the first week of November. Should you have a new name you wish to add please email [parish@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:parish@eppcarl.org.au) with the name or visit the parish office.



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## Who is a Catechist?



### Who is a Catechist?

**A Catechist** ((SRE) teacher) is a person who gives her/his time voluntarily to provide Special Religious Education to children in our parish public primary and secondary schools.

**An SRE Assistant** helps the catechist in the classroom.

**Catechists** are those who're called to serve through teaching, witness, prayer, service and building community.

**Give the Gift you were given, by giving, we receive.....**

### Catch the Vision...

From the work of a small group of concerned Catholics in the 16th Century has grown one of the most prolific ministries in the Catholic Church. These few passionate souls dedicated themselves to teach people and share their knowledge about the Faith and this has grown into a ministry that extends beyond the boundaries of culture, language, age and resources. It is supported by years of faithful service and changes the lives for thousands of young people. Welcome to the world of a Catechist!

### By Giving, We Receive...

Sharing in love what we know brings new life. Proclaiming the Good News profits not only those who hear it but those who proclaim it.

Truly, "**It is giving that we receive**" (*St Francis of Assisi*)

### Remember ...

You won't be 'thrown in the deep end' and many people start as a classroom helper. You will receive quality training in the curriculum and classroom management so that you feel confident in the classroom and can focus on sharing the gift of the faith

### Primary Schools

Epping Public School (Tuesday: 9:20, 9:50am)  
Epping North Public School (Thursday: 9:10, 9:40am)  
Epping West Public Schools (Tuesday: 11:40am, 12:10, 12:40pm)  
Epping Heights Public School (Friday: 9:10am)  
Murray Farm Public School (Tuesday: 9:00, 9:40, 10:20am)  
Rpselea Public School (Wednesday: 11:30am, 12:00, 12:30pm)

### Secondary Schools

Carlingford High School (Friday, am)  
Cheltenham Grils School (Thursday, pm)  
James Ruse Agricultural High School (Wednesday, pm)

### I am interested in being a Catechist!

Please call Parish Office weekdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm at 9876 2853 or contact Katherine Tam for Primary Schools at [katherine@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:katherine@eppcarl.org.au) and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at [mary@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:mary@eppcarl.org.au)

## Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—Listen ~ God promises. Jesus calls.

This summary prepares you to hear God speaking or to reflect after listening to the Word of God.

In the first reading, the **prophet Isaiah**, speaking for God promises us ~ *The Lord of hosts will prepare a banquet; remove the shroud enwrapping all nations; destroy Death for ever; wipe away the tears from every cheek; take away his people's shame; for the Lord has said so.* Our response ~ *We exult, and we rejoice, our God has saved us.* Is 25:6-10

In the Gospel, **Jesus told this parable** to the chief priests and elders. Mat 22:1-14

'The **kingdom of heaven** may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent servants. Call those who had been invited, but **they would not come**. He sent more servants. "Tell those who have been invited - I have my banquet all prepared. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. His troops destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.

Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; **invite everyone** you can find to the wedding." These servants **collected together everyone, bad and good alike**; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

The king came in to look at the guests. He said to one person not wearing a wedding garment, "**How did you get in here without a wedding garment?**" The person was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind this one and throw this one out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." (Jesus challenges us) **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

Our response is to pray the psalm ~

**The Lord is my shepherd**; there is nothing I shall want. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. **You have prepared a banquet for me.** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. Ps 22(23)

In the second reading, **Paul prays for us** ~ There is nothing you cannot master with the help of the One who gives you strength. **God will fulfil all your needs**, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen. Phil 4:19-20

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel...The Many Faces of the Eucharist

*Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." (Mt 22:42)*

Christians argue a lot about the Eucharist. What does it mean? What should it be called? How often should it be celebrated? Who should be allowed to fully participate?

So, there are lots of views on the Eucharist.

- For some it is a meal, for others it is a sacrifice.
- For some it is a ritual act, sacred and set apart, for others it is a community gathering, the more mess and kids the better.
- For some it is a deep personal prayer, for others it is a communal worship for the world.
- For some its very essence is a coming together, a communion of those united in a single denominational faith, while for others part of its essence is its reaching out, its innate imperative to wash the feet of those who are different from ourselves.
- For some it is a celebration of sorrow, a making present of Christ's suffering and the thus the place where we can break down, for others it is the place to celebrate joy and sing alleluia.
- For some it is a ritual remembrance, a making present of the historical events of Jesus' dying, rising, ascending, and sending of the Holy Spirit, for others it is a celebration of God's presence with us today.
- For some it is a celebration of the Last Supper, something to be done less frequently, for others it is God's daily feeding of his people with a new manna, Christ's body, and is something to be done every day.
- For some it is a celebration of reconciliation, a ritual that forgives and unites, for others unity and reconciliation are pre-conditions for its proper celebration.
- For some it is a vigil act, a gathering that is essentially about waiting for something else or someone else to appear, for others it is a celebration of something that is already present, something that is asking to be received and recognized.
- For some it is understood to make present the real, physical body of Christ, for others it is understood to make Christ present in a real but spiritual way.

• Some call it the Lord's Supper, others call it the Eucharist, others call it the Mass.

• Some celebrate it once a year, some celebrate it four times a year, some celebrate it every Sunday, and some celebrate it every day.

Who's right? In truth, the Eucharist is all of these things, and more. It is like a finely-cut diamond twirling in the sun, every turn giving off a different sparkle. It is multivalent, carrying different layers of meaning, some of them in paradoxical tension with others. There is, even in scripture, no one theology of the Eucharist, but instead there are various complementary theologies of the Eucharist.

For instance, we already see variations among the apostolic communities as to how they understood the Eucharist, what it should be called, and how often it should be celebrated. Some early communities called it the Lord's Supper, connected its meaning very much to the commemoration of the Last Supper, and celebrated it less frequently. But the apostolic community that formed around John connected its theology and practice very much to the concept of God feeding his people daily with manna and they celebrated it every day, given that we need sustenance daily.

As well, we see some of its paradoxical elements right within its central symbols, bread and the wine: bread is both is symbol of joy, togetherness, health, and achievement (the smell of fresh bread and the primal beauty of a loaf of bread) even as it is made up of broken kernels of wheat who had to be crushed in their individuality and be baked in fire to become that bread. Wine is both a festive drink, the drink of celebration, of wedding, even as it is crushed grapes and represents the blood of Jesus and the blood and suffering of all that is crushed in our world and in our lives.

How does one put this all together?

During my theological training, I took three major courses on the Eucharist and, afterwards, decided that I didn't understand it. But the fault was not in courses, which were excellent. The fault, which is not a fault at all but a marvel, lies in the richness of the Eucharist itself.

In the end, it defies not just theology professors, but metaphysics, phenomenology, and language itself.

There is no adequate explanation of the Eucharist for the same reason that, in the end, there is no adequate explanation for love, for embrace, and for the reception of life and spirit through touch. Certain realities take us beyond language because that is their very purpose. They do what words cannot do. They also are beyond what we can neatly nail down in our understanding.

And that is true of the Eucharist. Any attempt to nail down its full meaning will forever come up short because it will always eventually get up and walk away with that nail!

Ron Rolheiser

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### All Souls Day Masses

All Souls Day falls on Monday  
2nd November.

During Mass the Book of Remembrance, containing the names of those who for whom we pray in November, will be put in its place of honour in each of our churches. Mass times:

Carlingford 9:30am

Epping 12:15pm  
(Please note additional Mass)



**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**THE NICENE CREEED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, **(all bow)**  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

**ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS** Our parish is strongly committed to ecumenism and a formal Covenant has been signed with the Anglican Parish of Epping, Epping Uniting Church, West, Epping Uniting Church and Epping Baptist

**After Hours Sick Calls— 9876 2853**

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Bogdan at home. In the event that they are unavailable, their answering machines will record your message or ring the number given in the message. However, if possible please restrict routine enquiries to office hours.

**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.

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**Have You Told Us?**

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For parishioners who give by credit card, does your credit card expire in the near future? Please give the parish office a call on 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

  
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**Responsorial Psalm Response**

Ps 22 R. v. 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

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**Gospel Acclamation!****Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of  
our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which  
we are called. **Alleluia!**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Please note, we must  
adhere to social distancing  
within the churches.**

**EPPING:**

5:00 pm Vigil Mas  
8:30 am Mass  
10:15 am Mass  
6:00 pm Mass

**CARLINGFORD:**

6:00 pm Vigil Mass  
7:45 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass

**Healing Masses**

No Healing Masses at the  
moment.

**Exposition of the Eucharist  
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am-10:15am

**Carlingford**

4th Thursday of the month

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Please note, we must  
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within the churches.**

**EPPING:**

Monday—No Mass  
Tuesday—12:15 pm  
Wednesday—9:15 am  
Thursday—12:15 pm  
Friday—12:15 pm  
Saturday—9:15 am

**CARLINGFORD:**

Monday—9:30 am  
Tuesday—No Mass  
Wednesday—9:30 am  
Thursday—9:30 am  
Friday—9:30 am  
Saturday—9:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Epping**

Sat. 9:45am—10:15am

**Carlingford**

Sat. 5:00pm—5:30pm

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

**Recently deceased:** Paul Wilkinson, Ken Harman (father of Jeanette Brady), Alfred (Alf) Sharpe, Michael White, Jean from Rayward Nursing Home, Rocco Mesiti, Stephen Chan, Eric Pedemont, Amarech Zewdlde, Eddy Allen, Greg Watts, Fr Slawomir Kaczmarek.

**Anniversaries:** Gafura,

**Also for:** Dorothea Arnaldo,

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsys, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Margaret Floyd, Barbara Madafiglio, John Lyons, Bev Gibbeson, Alison Deane, Radhi Riley, Patrick Thornton, Jan Doherty, Greg Walsh, John Gilbert, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley, Agnes Wong, Irene De Nadi, Fidela Frez, Alex Benjamin Zaragoza, Amarech Zewolde,

**Supporting our Parish Financially**

A number of people have enquired as to how they can continue their financial support for the parish during this difficult time. We realise that this may not be possible in the light of growing unemployment and reductions in superannuation returns at the moment and **there is absolutely no pressure on anyone to contribute!**

**The First Collection** Supports the needs of the priests of the parish, the retired priests of the diocese and the Bishop.

**The Second Collection** Money from the Second Collection supports the running costs of the parish including the payment of staff. If you are able to contribute, the Church account details are shown below:

**Epping and Carlingford Parish Accounts for Internet Banking with the Commonwealth Bank**

**First Collection BSB 062 784 A/C No 858 8002**

**Second Collection BSB 062 784 A/C No 858 8001**

In order to record planned giving in the parish office, we would suggest the reference be planned giving number where applicable and surname.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
17/10/20	5:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
18/10/20	8:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
18/10/20	10:15am	Fr Bogdan Skupien	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
18/10/20	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien		

FOR MANY ARE  
CALLED, BUT FEW  
ARE CHOSEN.  
MATTHEW 22:14