The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church 31 Oxford Street, Epping and

St Gerard Majella Church 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

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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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4-10-20

Isaiah 5:1-7

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Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Peter's Pence

On 4th October we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

The annual appeal is usually taken up all over the world around the time of the feast day of St Peter and St Paul (29 June). This year, due to COVID-19, His Holiness Pope Francis has asked that the annual appeal take place on 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis Assisi.

By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity.

You are invited to donate by completing and returning to the parish the Peter's Pence collection envelope available at Masses, or online at our parish website/bank account using the reference: "**Peter's Pence**".



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 <u>peter@eppcarl.org.au</u> or by phone via the parish office on 9876 2853.

Fr Peter





Ask someone to come with you. Invite someone new to join you.

Fill in the page and place in the box at the back of the Church or contact Maree in the parish office on 9876 2853

Denis McNamara Supporting Disciples to become Missionary Disciples Email: denis.mcnamara@eppcarl.org.au

I am coming Tuesday evening to the First Session of "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Name:..... Mobile:

Email:....

I can join ONLINE to watch the First Session of "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Name: Mobile:....

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PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day Date Time			Event				
Sun.	04/10/20	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.	05/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church				
Tue.	06/10/20	12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church				
Wed.	07/10/20	9:15am	Mass at OLHC Church				
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church				
Thur.	08/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church				
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church				
		8:00pm	PMR Epping Men of St Joseph				
Fri.	09/10/20	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church				
		12:15pm	Mass at OLHC Church				
Sat.	10/10/20	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							

Promoting Rights of the Child An annual initiative of the Diocesan Office for Safeguardi

This year is the 30th anniversary of Australia ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Final Week: Spiritual Rights of the Child

SAFEGUARDING

MONTH!

SEPTEMBER

The Diocesan Rights of the Child Framework, as guided by Bishop Anthony have situated the United Nations Rights of the Child along with the Spiritual Rights, which our children enjoy as Children of God. Bishop Anthony says, "In so doing, our hope is that our children grow not only with the acknowledgement of the rights respected of them by society, but with the awareness of their God-given rights as well." The Rights of the Child Framework of Broken Bay is located here - <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/</u> <u>safeguarding/rights-of-the-child</u>

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford

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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**

Monday Night Rosary at St Gerard's

St Gerard's, Carlingford



Just a reminder that the Rosary is said at **St Gerard's, Church**, Carlingford every **Monda**y night at **6:30pm**. For further information please call Ms Gallo 9872 5181 or email Mr Khong at jornick-

hong@hotmail.com

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.

The Charitable Works Fund

The third 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 4 WEEKS \$13,418

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



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen books of the Bible tell the story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. The unique color-coded **Bible Timeline** arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture through the centuries leading to the birth of

Jesus. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

You receive a study guide to go with the video presentations of *The Bible Timeline*.

Experience of a parishioner last year

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, was a very valuable opportunity to develop some fundamentals of God's word as given to us in the Bible. The combination of home Bible reading and preparation; the excellent videos by Jeff Cavins and accompanying workbook; the great group discussions; and the warm and committed environment of parishioners made this a unique turning point in my life.

The program gave perspective to the parts of the bible already familiar; made books and chapters previously not en-countered understandable; and an overall connection with God's love for us. I was always humbled and always deeply impressed by the insights and understanding and faith of other group members. The program taught in simple and clev-er ways the 'who, what, when, where and why' of key events of the bible. For someone whose previous bible reading was very limited, this was a terrific overview set of lessons that I would recommend without hesitation.



Anthony

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Who is a Catechist?





Who is a Catechist?

A Catechist ((SRE) teacher) is a per-son 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. It is giving that we receive" (St Francis of Assisi) Truly,

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) Rpseléa 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 and Mary O'Byrne for Secondary Schools at mary@eppcarl.org.au

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

Listen carefully. The Word of God speaks to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus said, "Listen chief priests and elders of the people. A man planted a vineyard then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. At vintage time he sent servants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed, killed and stoned them. He sent a larger number. They dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son. They will respect my son. When the tenants saw the son, they said, This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance. They seized and killed him.

Jesus asked, What will the owner do to those tenants? The priests and elders answered, He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives. Jesus said I tell you. The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its *fruit.* Mt 21:33-43

What is God saying to us? What is our response?

We want to be faithful tenants who look after the gifts entrusted to us and to produce the fruit of the Kingdom of God. We respond in the words of the psalm and pray with St Paul for our community, our friends, our families and our neighbours.

God of hosts, visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. Give us life that we may call upon your name. Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Ps 79: 19-20

In the second reading, Paul tells us. If there is anything you need, pray for it. Ask God. Give thanks to God. Then that peace of God, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

We pray Holy Spirit fill our minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Phil 4:6-9

> Denis McNamara Supporting Missionary Disciples

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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel.... The Real Story

Our brains love stories because they include events with "before-and-after" built right in, along with suspense, action, relationships and intercommunication; not to mention emotion and disappointment and elation and so on. These elements are the most like daily experience of any device we have in the language.

So, Sunday we will hear several tales of a vineyard.

The first story tells about "a friend" who carefully built a vinery: clearing stones, building a watchtower, planting the choicest vines (First Reading). He even "hewed out a wine press." But the vineyard yielded bad grapes. God tells the people of Jerusalem and Judah in vivid language that they themselves are this vineyard, and that he is going to destroy it and trample it down. They would not let God's love grow up among them.

In the Gospel Jesus embroiders this tale. In just one sentence he handles the part about planting a vineyard, digging out a wine press, building a tower. Then he goes further.

In his version he says that the owner rents his rich vineyard to tenants, as was the custom, and he trusts them to raise choice grapes for him. In due season he sends his servants to collect the yield—which must have been great because the tenants dishonestly want to keep everything including the vineyard. But the tenants beat or stone or even kill the servants!

Next, a surprising, seemingly implausible twist to the tale. The owner decides to send his own son, thinking that the tenants will surely respect him. Would you have done the same? Wouldn't you or I have said, "I will keep my family away from these criminals"?

I surely would. But not the owner. He sends his only son into the trap and the tenants kill him.

The details of the two stories are different, but isn't it the same story, about God punishing those who fail to produce?

Actually the two parables are not the same. There is much, much more in the Gospel. Jesus hints at this afterwards:

Did you never read in the Scrip-

tures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes. (Gospel).

This is a new metaphor, and it is the key to the Gospel tale. It fills the story with dramatic new meaning.

The son sent into the vineyard is Jesus himself!.

He is to be rejected and killed, just as the prophets and the owner's son were. But here is the difference: as God's son he is entirely willing to go among the sinning people. He lives by compassion, so danger takes second place.

If the main character in the Gospel were called Life, and it had its own choices to make, it would desire to turn into another being, one called Love. Life always yearns to go back to its source, the everlasting union called by that simple name, love.

Greed and disregard stop this progress. True Life gets buried. It rises again when we look to Jesus on Sundays. He is love. He is there for us in our vineyard.

God sent his own son into the trap of human life not because life is perfect, but because love is.

John Foley, SJ

Father Foley can be reached at: Fr. John Foley, SJ http://liturgy.slu.edu/27OrdA100420/ reflections_foley.html <Subject=http:// liturgy.slu.edu/27OrdA100420/ reflections_foley.html>;

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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).

 $\hfill\square$ 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

 $\hfill\square$ 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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! November 20 - 22, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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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 Holv Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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 Church.

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.

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School Principal: Mrs Barbara Yee 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford 2118 P: 9871 1633 www.sgcdbb.catholic.edu





Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Primary School Principal: Ms Dominique O'Sullivan 8 Cambridge Street, Epping 2121 Ph: 9868 3322 www.olhcdbb.catholic.edu.au Email: olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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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.

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.

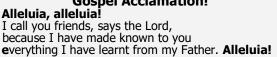


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Gospel Acclamation!

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.



WEEKEND MASSES WEEKDAY MASSES Please note, we must adhere to social distancing Please note, we must adhere to social distancing within the churches. within the churches. EPPING: EPPING: Monday—No Mass Tuesday—12:15 pm Wednesday—9:15 am Thursday—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 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

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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,

Saturday-9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Epping Sat. 9:45am—10:15am

Carlingford

Sat. 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Please pray for Maurice Eric Pedemont who died last week. The funeral Mass was held at OLHC Epping on 1 October

Anniversaries: Ernest Lau, Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Ivan & Edith Almeida.

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean-Claude Nina, Ivan & Luith Almeida. **Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, 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 Gilberti, 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, *Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the nermission of the family*.

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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.

1	Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
	10/10/20	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Bogdan Skupien
	11/10/20	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
	11/10/20	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Bogdan Skupien
	11/10/20	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

