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## Readings

**1 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



# The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR B

1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Roncesvalles Albergue (hostel)

Fr Jim is now taking long service leave until Oct 6th. You can follow his progress on the Camino de Santiago at <https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/>. He has already started! You can see where he is at each day with photos he has taken (one of them above) and one he called "a bad selfie"! As you know, he recently celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination. He hopes to walk 25 days and each day to remember and give thanks to God for each year of being a priest. His reflections are a lovely insight, the way he describes his experience in his formation leaves you wanting to know more about his journey.

Fr Jim returns on Monday Oct 7th. In the meanwhile, **thank-you to Fr Andrew Murray and Fr Geoff Bugden** who will be celebrating weekend Masses while Fr Jim is away.

**Weekly bulletin:** Just for the 1st and the 8th September, we will be having a weekly bulletin. The fortnightly bulletin will resume on the 15th September.

After a review of submitted articles, I saw that there were many events occurring closer to the end of September and they would be better placed in a later edition rather than either being repeated 3 times or be forgotten after this weekend!

~Lynn Siau



**Confirmation Gifts:** The Piety stall at St Gerard's has a range of Confirmation gifts for children. It's open after the 6pm vigil, 7.45am and 9.30am Masses, and profits go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**A big THANK-YOU** to those who responded to the Fathers Day appeal last weekend. All your donations were delivered on the following Monday to the Parramatta office of the **Jesuit Refugee Service**. Your gifts contribute to the mission of JRS which is "to accompany, serve and advocate for refugees, people seeking asylum and other migrants in vulnerable situations".

~Parish Social Justice Team

**Social Justice Sunday:** Many of us look on powerlessly at the destruction in Gaza and Ukraine, whilst also concerned for the rise of violence closer to home. What does the Church have to say to the most difficult questions of our time? The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference have released their annual Social Justice Statement, once again a timely document titled "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent Word". Copies are available from the back of the church, or go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/> to download this and other resources.

## NEW OLHC BUILDING UPDATE

There have been some great updated images on the **Epping Development** from the Project Managers. Our Business Manager, Deacon Richard, has placed a link on our website at -- <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/epping-redevelopment/buildings> for you to view the updates. Here are a couple of photos:



Paver install and soft landscaping - Parish Courtyard, Level 1



Paving of bleachers - Parish Forecourt

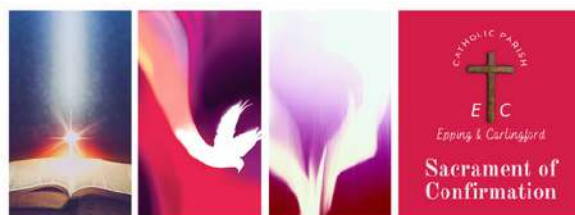


Landscaping works - School Basketball court, Level 1

## MORE PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES



**Healing Mass at St Gerard's:** Join us for the Healing Mass on **Tuesday 3rd September**. We gather in the meeting room for Mass at **10am**. Please stay for morning tea following Mass, and if you are able to, do bring a plate to share. If you would like to attend and *are in need of transport*, that can also be arranged. Please contact Carole Wilson at 9869 1036.



This weekend, we conclude our preparation sessions for the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation! How time flies... it has been a wonderful 4 weeks discussing the sacrament, 5-6 Gospel stories, asking Saints to pray for us, learning about the Annunciation, the Angelus and so much more. The children, their parents and Sponsors will attend their practice rehearsals in the coming week on the 3rd September (OLHC) and the 5th September (St Gerard's). Our parish will celebrate Confirmation this year on **Saturday the 7th September at St Gerard's Church 10am and at OLHC Church 1pm**. Please keep us all in your prayers. If you have any questions regarding any of our parish Children's Ministries, please send an email to [Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 9876 2853.



# Baptism Announcement



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN AS WE WELCOME THEM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD.

ESTHER

JAMES

MAY YOU GROW TO LEARN OF GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU AND AND MAY HE WALK BESIDE YOU NOW AND FOREVER.



## YOUTH NEWS



**Cana (Year 6-9):** Cana is now held fortnightly on Fridays at St Gerard's in the parish hall **7:30-9pm**. Remaining Cana dates for Term 3 are: **6th Sept and 20th Sept** (movie night!). Entrance to the premises is via 543 North Rocks Road.



**Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds):** Antioch will meet on the **8th Sept, 6-8pm** at St Gerard's meeting room. All are welcome! Note: No meeting 1st Sept due to Father's Day. 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 **3rd Sept, 7-8:30pm** at St Gerard's meeting room. Topic will be on St Mary Mackillop.

We would like to pray for all our school students, and especially those in Year 12 (and those doing accelerated subjects in Year 11) who are preparing for their HSC. If you would like to, please write your name (and any particular prayer intentions) and place it in the box (at the back of the church). We will pray for you at our Antioch meetings each week and also have specific people to pray for you during the next couple of months.

If you have any updated intentions, you can also email Joanna at [Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

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Please note [parish@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:parish@eppcarl.org.au) will be obsolete.



**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 **before 10am on Wednesday 4th September 2024** to [Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au). Kindly understand I am unable to accommodate late submissions. Do remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.



## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Sep 2024

Ps 14:2-5 Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

#### 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

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

PLEASE  
NOTE...

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

*Please pray for.....*

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

- Sophia Camilleri (Marie Saul's great-granddaughter)
- Katherine Barnett
- John Haydon
- Glenn Smith
- Elizabeth Barton
- Justin Hodges
- Helen Orban
- Peter Vanderheld (Matt Slattery's grandson)



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

**Recently deceased** - Hazel Nolan, Gus Breen, Noel Bennett, Diane Price, Fr John Kelly, Derek Hogg, Dayna Song's grandmother (Mrs Oh), Helen Tiltans (Marie Saul's niece)

**Anniversaries & Remembrance** - Jan Doherty, Elaine Hunt, Julie Johnsson, Katherine McInerney, Lorraine Warner, Nazih Melhem, John Thornton, Teresa Fraser, Spencer Chan, Chris Meadows

*A word of thanks...*

*Marie Saul's niece, Helen Tiltans passed away on Wednesday 28th August. Helen was on our sick list.*

*Marie would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support.*

#### **Marcella would like to express her gratitude:** To My Church Family

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for all your wonderful prayers, thoughts and kindness on the passing of my dearest father Giuseppe Papallo. It was through all your support and prayers that I believe my father is at peace and in a beautiful place of rest.

With much Love and thanks Marcella Letteri

