Diocese of Broken Bay

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Weekend Mass Times

Weekday Mass Times

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Readings

27 OCTOBER 2024 Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

3 NOVEMBER 2024 Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34



YEAR B

30 OCTOBER 2024 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3 NOVEMBER 2024 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During November we will be counting the number of people at each Mass, just as we do in May. You may see volunteers quietly moving around the church during the homily or preparation of the gifts doing this. If you could assist with counting at St Gerard's, please put your name on the list in the sacristy.





Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

Safeguarding: In August Broken Bay Diocese audited Australian Catholic by Safeguarding Ltd, and ours was one of several parishes audited as part of this process. We have now received the report and Bishop Anthony is pleased to report that 100% of the relevant NCSS indicators were developed and

96% of those already embedded in the Diocese. The report noted that "the Diocese's approach to safeguarding is characterized by strong leadership, robust governance and mature systems and practices. This approach exceeds compliance and consists of proactively embedding the NCSS standards in everyday practice." A statement is on our noticeboards, and the full audit report can be found at https://www.acsitd.org.au/ ~Fr Jim



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

On Sunday November 3rd, 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. This parish celebration will be from 11:30am to 2pm.





St Gerard's Primary School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary and warmly invites parishioners to join the celebration. A Mass will be held at St Gerard's Church on Thursday, November 7, at 9:30am, with the whole school in attendance, followed by morning tea. Please note there will not be Adoration & Reconciliation on this day. QR code for RSVP to the school if you wish to.

Red Wednesday is an opportunity for us, as the Body of Christ, to stand in solidarity to the present sufferings of our modern day saints and martyrs through prayer and action. In 2024 Red Wednesday will be held on **20 November** with a special focus on the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. We will celebrate **9.30am Mass at St Gerard's** in solidarity with them.

Mass for Children Who Have Died: Each year we offer a gentle, welcoming Mass for the parents and families who have had a child die from any cause, at any age, from accident, illness, suicide, stillbirth, abortion or miscarriage. Grief at losing a child may still be very near to us, no matter how long ago it occurred. Join us to pray for your children and for one another on *Thursday November 28, 7pm St Gerard's*. You can bring a photo to place in the sacred space during Mass.

PASTORAL WORKS FUND APPEAL



On November 2nd & 3rd, we are taking up one of our two annual Pastoral Works Fund appeal collections for the diocese.

This primarily funds the resourcing of our catechists, the purchase of student workbooks for our children in scripture classes in state schools, and Catholic hospital chaplaincy (including Fr Peter Dowd at Royal North Shore Hospital). All donations are 100% tax deductible.

You can give using the Good Giving app via this QR code on the left, which will

send you a tax receipt immediately, or go to the Broken Bay diocesan website using this link: https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/home/brokenbay, and make sure to nominate our parish when you donate. Envelopes are also available from the back of the church this weekend if you'd like to take one home and bring it back the following week.

"My prayer is Pastoral Works Broken Bay, the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus."

~Bishop Anthony Randazzo

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Luke 4:18-19 has Jesus reading from the longest scroll of the Torah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."



We have a patient, resilient team of parishioners imitating the way Jesus embodied Isaiah 61's words. You may not see the **Epping Carlingford Circle of Friends** team in action, you may not hear them proclaiming good news nor will you know they sometimes make others feel liberated from the captivity of their loneliness or disabilities... but they are following Jesus' way nonetheless. Our small team are calling through a long list of names of parishioners for a simple chat and a reassurance that our Church community does care. Many a time, their call cannot be answered, the number is

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disconnected or someone who had not anticipated the call is suspicious. This amazing team has persevered through these hiccups and found a few people with whom their kind listening ear brings comfort.

How rewarding is this ministry? Please pray for them. If you feel drawn to this ministry. Please contact Simone.

Text me: 0414 753 799

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

ST GERARD'S NEW HOME



On 16th October the Feast Day of St Gerard's, we gathered at St Gerard's Church to welcome its patron saint, to his new home. The relic was installed during Mass, celebrated by Fr David Ranson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay, with Fr Jim and Fr Aldrin concelebrating.

From the article written by <u>George Al-Akiki</u> in the Catholic Weekly, Fr Aldrin said the event was "quite timely" at a moment when the parish is trying to revive family ministry, while St Gerard is the patron saint of expectant mothers, and that "Our intention is to really support young families in our parish in regard to faith formation and this is a big moment for that."

How we came to receive this relic of St Gerard was also in this article. Please follow this link to read the full story: https://catholicweekly.com.au/new-carlingford-home-for-st-gerard/ or via the QR code below.

We will have *a page on our parish website* dedicated to this as well as Fr David Ranson's homily uploaded. Stay tuned.









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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.

GENTLE REMINDERS

This **Sunday 27th October**, the State School Children's **Mass is on at OLHC at 10:15am**, organised by our State school catechists. There will be morning tea after. All are welcome!

Nametag Sunday is coming up: Both St Gerard's and OLHC at all weekend Masses on Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd November.

Healing Mass at St Gerard's: Join us for the Healing Mass on *Tuesday 5th November*. 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.

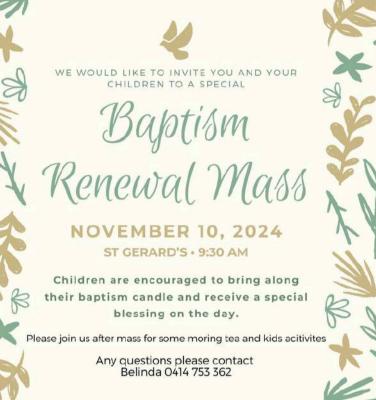
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kidz Word Term 4 resumes this Sunday 27th October. Looking forward to another great term! Our team of leaders have enthusiastically signed up to lead each week. Your children are going to have an enjoyable time learning at the 9:30am Mass. Remember to thank our leaders when you see them.

This ministry is possible because of them!







Term 4 is packed with family-friendly activities for kids and cuppa & cake to enjoy! 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! We will have postcards printed to invite our community to our Christmas celebrations in the next few weeks. Make sure you pick some up to give out.

Lynn Siau

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

<u>Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au</u> 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 6th November 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 remaining Term 4 dates are 1st, 15th, 29th November and 13th December, 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 27th October and 3rd November, 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 29th October, 7-8:30pm at St Gerard's meeting room.





Culture Project 2.0 has relaunched! The culture project is a youth/young adults community established in 2014, with a mission to promote the dignity of every human.

We dream of a culture that fosters total human flourishing in the context of strong relationships and strong families. We dream of a world where the beauty

of our sexuality is upheld and love is not cheapened by ugly counterfeits. We aim for a culture where people are honest with their struggles and share stories to strengthen solidarity among their community.

Culture Project is aimed at young adults who work part time/university students. They run a one year leaders immersion project where you will be part of a community to grow in your faith and then serve to other young people. Intensive shorter courses will also be offered and more information will be available in the future so stay tuned!

For more information, see the website and a new website will be launched soon: https://www.thecultureproject.com.au/

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 16-19 January 4-day live-in Intensive 1 (Course 1) Church and its mission. It includes 4 weekend retreats that deepen one's relationship with God in 21-23 March Intensive 2 (Course 1) significant ways. Both Joanna and Simone have 18 June Semester 2 begins (Course 3) been through the program.

THE ARETÉ CENTRE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT MISSIONARY Areté Centre is a one year long program dedicated LEADERSHIP IS FOR EVERYONE. THAT'S WHY OUR PROGRAM IS AFFORDABLE AND REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY. WE to forming and equipping laypeople for missionary STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE ARETÉ CENTRE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERS OF ALL AGES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Key Dates

5 February Semester 1 begins

(Course 2)

13-15 June Intensive 3 (Course 4)

12-14 September Intensive 4

(Course 4)

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.

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.

Joanna's Work Hours: Mondays 6-9pm, Tuesdays 6-9pm, Wednesdays 6-9pm, Fridays 5-9pm and Sundays 4-9pm.

For more information on any of our 3 youth groups, please contact our Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or send her an email at Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTICES



Christmas Mass times: For those of you who like to plan ahead we have confirmed our Christmas Mass times -

- At OLHC: Dec 24th 5pm vigil and 9pm vigil. Dec 25th 8.30am and 10.15am.
- At St Gerard's: Dec 24th 6pm vigil and 10pm vigil. Dec 25th 7.45am and 9.30am.

Pastoral Discernment: We've already had some groups meet to discern the needs and opportunities for our part of the diocese, which is the North Shore and Pennant Hills – Epping & Carlingford. There's still sessions available for you to come and have a spiritual conversation about the needs and opportunities of the parish and the diocese at **OLHC Church**:



- 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:

• Sunday Oct 27th 10.30am - 12pm



Prayer Request: We warmly welcome The Advineula family. They have newly just arrived from the Phillipines via New Zealand has asked for prayers for their settling in.

From St Vincent de Paul: To the *kind and generous person* who placed an envelope in the Poor Box a few weeks ago with a very generous cash donation, your name was on the envelope with no contact details for us to offer our thanks and gratitude. I am in the Piety Shop at St Gerard's after the Vigil Mass Saturdays and after the 9.30 Mass Sundays and I would love to meet you if you so wish.



~Anne Kilby

Marie Saul's journey: After Marie's story was published in the last bulletin, many parishioners wanted to know more about what happened after her husband Bert passed... her unwavering faith. Here is what Marie had to say:

"After the death of my husband Bert on Holy Saturday 2006, I continued to live in my home (that was built by Bert) alone. By the grace of God and St Gerard, I was not afraid. My family is supportive of me, but they have their own lives to live and do not live close by.

Following Bert's death, I became more involved in our parish which has been a great comfort to me: Sacristan, taking Communion to the sick, St Vincent de Paul; our parish has many ways to be involved if we wish.

Unfortunately Bert never had the pleasure of meeting our 13 great-grandchildren who would have given him great joy."

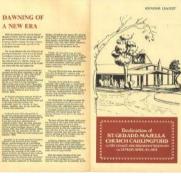
~Marie Saul

Marie shares a few photos:









PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE



The mission of JRS as many of you may know, is "to accompany, serve and advocate for refugees, people seeking asylum and other migrants in vulnerable situations".

We are grateful that you have always answered their call for help with your generous donations of essential items. The 2023 JRS Annual Report shows (amongst many other important items) that JRS:

- served over 3,100 refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants
- provided over 8,000 food parcels to an average of 100 families each week
- provided more than 1,000 instances of specialist casework support
- assisted 170 people through their Employment Program providing training to assist in finding paid employment
- conducted workshops raising awareness to almost 10,00 people at schools, parishes and in the broader community
- had more than 230 dedicated volunteers donating 6,100 hours

~Parish Social Justice Team

OTHER NOTICES

Celebrations this Week Ordinary Week 30

28 Oct Mon: Sts Simon and Jude

1 Nov Fri: ALL SAINTS

2 Nov Sat: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Ordinary Week 31

4 Nov Mon: St Charles Borromeo

9 Nov Sat: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Find out more here if this is something you have wondered

about - https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html

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**



November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need which arranges over 2 million Masses each year, supporting one in eight priests worldwide. Mass offering flyers are located at the back of OLHC and St Gerard's, or alternatively, visit https://aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings or call 1800 101 201 to arrange your Masses.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 Oct 2024

Ps 125 Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

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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.	i
EPPING	Ti-	6:00pm			18	8:00am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am		9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	2	

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 - sqc@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), Domnick Dsouza, Martha Hanna, Nola Sleiman

Anniversaries & Remembrance - Rosalia Astalosh (mother-in-law of Julie Astalosh), Antonio Trimarchi, Dr Felix Soosay, Anne Gnanapragasam, John Butler

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 Nov 2024
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.