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Readings

8 SEPTEMBER 2024
Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Companions on the road - with Greg

After an injury scare, **Fr Jim** is up and about again. Hooray! Let's continue to keep him in our prayers.

Remember you can follow his progress via his blog using this link <https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/> or QR code on the right.



Fr Jim returns on Monday Oct 7th. Once again, **thank-you to Fr Andrew Murray and Fr Geoff Bugden** who are celebrating weekend Masses along with Fr Aldrin while Fr Jim is away.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Benedictine Sisters of Jamberoo Abbey on the south coast of New South Wales are in desperate need of help to maintain and restore their property. Mother Hilda Scott and the Community of Jamberoo published an open letter on their website asking for assistance:



"In our 175 years of foundation we have never done this, but our present circumstances make it imperative that we now reach out," the letter said.

The contemplative community as a "powerhouse of prayer" has a vital and significant place in our Church. So, your financial support will go a long way.

There is a separate box for your cash donation at the back of both St Gerard's and OLHC. You can also do that through QR code on the left column of this page of the bulletin - "Single Donation" - but make sure you leave a reference message that it is intended for Jamberoo Abbey.

"Your giving, small or great, will be our new song for the next 175 years", the sisters said.

In Christ, I remain, **Fr Aldrin Valdehueza** ~Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam~



Defibrillator Training: Recently the local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference were given a Government Grant to purchase an automatic defibrillator to install in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Gerard's Carlingford**. This unit is for the use of all groups that use the room.

A training session on how to operate it will be held in the meeting room on **Monday 23rd September at 7.00pm**. RSVP **Pat on 0417219234** or the Parish office. The Society would like at least one representative of each group who uses the Parish Meeting Room to attend the training.

Hands, Tablecloths & Vision for our Parish

HOW ON EARTH ARE HANDS, TABLECLOTHS AND VISION FOR OUR PARISH CONNECTED? READ ON...



Some people in our parish dream of a united Epping and Carlingford church. Others dream of having more young families involved. Others wish for little ones to be catered for. Still others want a welcoming place where people feel they belong, where those who are needy may feel warmth and may receive a meal, where some might be able to know Jesus.

A few volunteers (pictured here with me) met on Saturday 31 August to share these thoughts, pray and then use their hands to measure, cut and sew some tablecloths. Why? So that we can have beautifully set tables; So that we might be able to join young and old, newly baptized, cradle Catholics and "nones", immigrants from all around the world, people drifting in from Oxford Street; So that we can 'break bread' together and be Jesus' hands on earth!

Thank you to those who donated fabric and those who donated their time! One small step towards a beautiful vision!

~Simone Noel

KEYBOARD

We are in desperate need of a keyboard that could be used in the St. Gerard's meeting room for rehearsals with the G Majors, and other music groups if needed.

Would anyone have a keyboard at home that is no longer in use?

We need one with at least four octaves. If you can help in any way, please contact Pat Fernandes on 0407908640 or cedpat@internode.on.net

Many thanks!



SYDNEY at Cathedral Precinct Waitara
Hosted in and supported by the
Diocese of Broken Bay
26 - 29 September 2024
Registration: igniteconference.com.au/

IGNITE YOUTH IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

RISE UP!

A NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
WITH SOMETHING
EVERYONE

IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF NAZARETH,
RISE UP AND WALK.
ACTS 1:6-7

The upcoming **Ignite 2024 | Thu 26 September – Sat 28 September** will be a particular focus for Mission Broken Bay. There are opportunities available for those who may wish to attend, or volunteer in a part time or full time capacity for the Ignite Sydney Conference. Follow this registration process:

1. Head to the IC24 SYD registration page at <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24SYD>

To register for the subsidised Teen ticket:

- Enter the coupon code: "DBBHigh50"
- Select the revealed \$147.50 "Diocese of Broken Bay - Ignite High" ticket

To register for the subsidised Adult ticket:

- Enter the coupon code: "DBBAdult50"
- Select the revealed \$147.50 "Diocese of Broken Bay - Ignite Adults" ticket

2. Complete the form and submit registration.

There are also other codes for part-time volunteers or free volunteer tickets and registration information for clergy. For further information about this event, please do not hesitate to contact mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Article submission deadline for next bulletin: 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 11th September 2024** to 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.

Announcing two new ecumenical initiatives celebrating **The Season of Creation**. The official Season lasts from 1 September till 4 October, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. It is supported by the world's Christian leaders bringing an estimated 2.2 billion Christians into ecumenical prayer, praise and advocacy for our common home. Since 2015 Pope Francis continues to send a special message of encouragement and guidance to all believers and these can be found on the Season of Creation website <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. Please come along and join in.

~Lorraine Lobsey 9872 4005



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

SEASON OF CREATION BUSHWALK

Come for a one and a half hour stroll to celebrate the Season of Creation in our local bushland with an experienced guide.



Use all your senses to relax and enjoy the tranquillity of nature.

This flat one kilometre walk will be within most people's abilities.

Date: Tuesday 10 September 10.30am

Place: Field of Mars Gladesville

Bookings essential as places are limited

Please email office@eppinganglicans.org.au

Meeting Place will be advised in reply to your booking email

The Ecumenical Season of Creation Service, Discussion and the Sharing of a Meal

for the Covenant communities of

the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford;
the Epping Uniting Church; West Epping Uniting Church;
and the Anglican Parish of Epping

will be held on

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 5.00pm

West Epping Uniting Church

Corner Carlingford Road and Orchard Street, Epping

All welcome — please invite your friends

There will be a service of prayer and celebration, followed by fellowship over a meal with the opportunity to discuss achievable solutions and how we can each make a difference and act with creation.

While there is no charge for the dinner a financial contribution of approximately \$10 will be appreciated.

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



Note: HSC blessing will be on the 13th Oct at the 5pm St Gerard's Youth Mass. Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

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New parish email address for general enquiries:

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Please note parish@eppcarl.org.au will be obsolete.



LADY of GRACE
Fraternity

MARSFIELD Est. 1956

69TH ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION 2024

Tuesday 10 September
Anointing of the Sick
7.00pm Rosary – 7.30pm Mass
Celebrant: Fr Aldrin Valdeheza
Anointing of the sick, elderly and suffering during the Mass



Location:

St. Anthony's Church,
Agincourt Road Marsfield

Novena commences:

Sunday 8-14 September

Feast day:

Sunday 15 September
Rosary at 1pm followed at 1.30pm by Celebration Mass and procession. Refreshments served in the hall (at rear of the Church). La Campana annual magazine available on the day, membership renewals and candles.

ALL WELCOME TO CELEBRATE WITH US

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

WEEKEND MASSES

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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. | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| 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

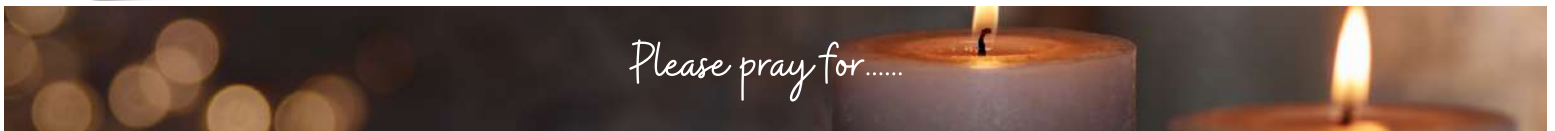
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ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 7256 2140 Email - sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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):

- 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)
- Michaela Ji Eun Kim



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), Chloe Bae, Anna Choi

Anniversaries & Remembrance - John Bond, Jennifer Blacker, Tsang Wai Yee, Ray Book, Agnes Chia, Albert Chia, Edith Almeida

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

