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Readings

9 JUNE 2024

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

16 JUNE 2024

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34



YEAR B

9 JUNE 2024 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 JUNE 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OLHC Development: We are still expecting to have access to our new building and carpark by the weekend of July 28th, with informal celebrations after every Mass that weekend, and a formal opening and blessing with Bishop Anthony on August 10th.

This week you'll see that there are **new temporary toilets** on the forecourt which are necessary so that the previous toilets can be taken away and the driveway and landscaping completed.



Mass Attendance: During May we counted the number of people at each Mass, as we do every year. The average number of people taking part in the 8 weekend Masses totals 1120, which is a 10% increase on last year, and brings us back to the pre-pandemic levels of 2018 and 2019. Most Masses have held steady, with the biggest growth being at the St Gerard's Sunday night Mass.

Volunteers: Thank you to the 70+ people who volunteered for new ministries at Pentecost. Your names and contacts have been distributed to the leaders of ministries who will then reach out to you to invite you into the ministry.

It's not too late – you can still take a green or pink volunteer form from the back of the church and bring it back any time. If you haven't yet heard from a ministry leader, please contact the parish office.



Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection at the back of the Church. To reduce costs, we have adjusted the number range, so some envelope numbers may have changed. Those who give electronically will not be affected. Receipts for the current year will be mailed after June.



Clergy Conference: Fr Jim, Fr Aldrin and Deacon Richard will be away at the diocesan clergy conference from **June 11-14**. The parish office will be open as usual (with the exception of the Monday public holiday) and *communion services will replace weekday Masses*.

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but **not reconciliation on Tuesday 11th at OLHC**.

PASTORAL WORKS BRINGS HOPE AND GOD'S LOVE TO ALL

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the very real expression of our Catholic charity in our neighbourhood as we are the hands and feet of Our Lord. Every year, your donations support two key ministries in our diocese. They are the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (like Catechists that go out to schools) and Hospital Chaplaincy (like the work Fr Peter Dowd is doing). Your donations also contribute financially to St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community.

To manage this support each Parish is given a financial quota that we are committed to fulfil. Presently we have a **shortfall of \$10,585** against our required quota of \$54,488. Your assistance for this good work would be greatly appreciated.

You can give using the **Good Giving app** via this QR code which will send you a tax receipt immediately, or here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay>. You can also take an envelope from the back of the church, and the parish will provide a tax receipt in July.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES



Our Lady Help of Christians Fund: On Sunday May 26th parishioners attended a forum at OLHC to discuss the soon to be established "Our Lady Help of Christians Fund". This Fund will be the container for receiving the money from the OLHC redevelopment.

There was strong agreement at this forum, aligning with ongoing discussion at the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, that this money be invested so that the capital is preserved and produces an income for the parish for the next 100 years. There was also agreement that we want to be generous as a parish, and that the income be used not only for the benefit of our parish, but also for other parishes in our diocese, and for a range of charities.

The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will continue to work on developing a constitution to govern this fund, which will be fully available for parishioners to view.



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Jesus opened his arms to little ones and OLHC KidzPlay is also gearing up to welcome preschoolers and their carers, Catholic or non-Catholic to a fun and warm environment. Generous parishioners have put up their hands to spend Thursday mornings playing! Hurray!



But... we need your help with **TOYS**... Do you have a kids' play kitchen you don't want? Have your kids or grandkids grown out of their small wooden pedal-free bikes? Do you have a wooden train set in the garage? Or a doll's house? Or some hats and accessories we can use for dress-ups? What about some Tonka Trucks... are they just taking up space in the family room? Any rolls of paper, paints, crayons or chalk crowding the cupboards? Why not reuse and recycle these by donating them to our parish?



Please consider parting with pre-loved items suitable for preschoolers.

Contact Simone by leaving a message on 0414 753 799 or at Simone.Noel@bbcatholic.org.au for pickup.





Our Hospitality Team Retreat at Arcadia

God made us social creatures who seek belonging. Isn't it lovely, therefore, when someone remembers our name or a little something about us? When we anticipate that we will meet someone we know at Mass?

When we can pause a while and chat over a piece of cake?

It's not just the cake is it? It's the human interaction; it can lead us to God's Love... Our Jesus paused, chatted, learnt names and nibbled on delicious treats! 😊

Our Greeters and Hospitality ministers reflected on how we can radiate God's Love at the Benedictine Abbey in Arcadia two weeks ago. It was so affirming to hear so many anecdotes of how our small conversations have led to the building of our community, of "how we can become aware of the sacredness of small but empowering connection". Felicity McDonald remembered Fr David Orr saying that when we meet people we can always ask ourselves, "is this the Christ?"

Let's keep chatting! It leads us to our God! Thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered to help us CHAT!

~ Simone Noel



2024 Winter Appeal: Last weekend you heard us make an appeal, focusing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. Please consider donating to the "Vinnie's Winter Appeal" to help the staggering number of people being forced into homelessness every single month in Australia.

How to donate:

- Envelopes are available on the seats and at the entrance to the Church.
- You are invited to make your donation with the assistance of one of the members of SVDP at the entrance after Mass. They will also be able to accept card donations and provide a receipt straightaway.
- Alternatively donations can be made by completing the 'Vinnies Envelope' and placing it in the 'Second Collection Box'. We will mail the receipt to you.
- Please also note that at St Gerard Majella Carlingford you may make your donation at the 'Piety Store'.

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New parish email address for general

enquiries: eppcarl@bbcatholic.org.au

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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Employed, but Homeless - the New Face of Hardship

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us this Sunday the 9th June and next weekend the 15th & 16th June at **St. Gerard's**: Michael Batty, Abigail Burrell, David Carpio, Nicholas Chia, Elisha Chow, Bridie Corcoran, Joaquin Nolan Diaz, Elise Jin Gallagher, Edric Gamboa, Keoni Hamill, Angela Huang, Giuliana Ibarra, Estelle Karam, Ava Ladkany, Oliver Manton, Sofia Mirenyi, Hazel Mouncey, Oliver Schmidhofer, Christian Shi, Liem Tran, Marco Adan, Leo Carroll, Hannah Evans, Sean

Evans, Lucas Gangemi, Emily Kha, Liam Le, Makayla Lean, Jack Reilly, Jayan Singaram, Nillah Singaram, Anamika Singaram, Yeji Yoon, Gabriel Yoon, Elliot Ackland, Evie Bressa, Annabella Brett, Scarlett Carroll, Sophie Chiha, Elise Constantaras, Sophie Cricchiola, Phoebe de Carvalho, Phoenix Falecki, Mia Mahoney, Jacob Melhem, Joshua Ripamonti, Raven Santos, Caitlin Shortill, Lincoln Smith, Josiah Smith, Oliver Szoloch, Ryan Taufer, Harrison Tay, Patrick Teulan, Annabelle Todhunter, Eden Turley and also Ethan Joseph who participated in our programme to learn about the Eucharist.

The parish would like to thank the parents and carers, our Parish School Principals, Barbara Yee and Dominique O'Sullivan, teachers, catechists/volunteers who have helped support these children as they prepared for their First Eucharist. A special mention to Louisa Cricchiola for organising photography. Thank-you also to our sacristans, servers, music ministry and hospitality team, for their assistance in making this journey smooth and memorable for the families!

First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish at the following dates and time:

- Sunday 9th June at 9:30am St Gerard's Church
- Saturday 15th June at 6pm St Gerard's Church
- Sunday 16th June at 9:30am St Gerard's Church
- Saturday 24th June at 5pm Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
- Sunday 25th June at 10:15am Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

We are very blessed to have a **morning tea celebration generously contributed and prepared by St Gerard's Year 3 school parents**. This will be held after the morning Masses under the school shelter shed on the 9th and 16th June. **All are invited to come and congratulate the children and their families!**



2024 CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 3 & above who are baptised

Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony at our parish this year on Saturday 7th September. Enrolment commences end of June. Please register your interest now to avoid missing out. Contact Lynn (details below) for more information.

Lynn Siau

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

Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au 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 19th June 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:



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

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): The Cana gatherings for Term 2 are **14th , 21st, 28th June and 5th July** at St Gerard's in the parish hall **7:30-9pm**.

Entrance via 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford.



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds): Antioch will meet in Term 2 on the **9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th July , 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): On the **11th and 18th June**, Emmaus will join the parish for the faith series on Metanoia. Come along at **7pm** for free dinner, followed by a video and share groups. Meetings are in the parish hall instead of the meeting room.

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!



- **Date:** 20th July 2024, Saturday 7-10pm
- **Location:** St Gerard's Parish Hall (543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford)
- **Theme:** Christmas in July - wear your festive Christmas outfits!
- **Cost:** \$20 per person, pay on entry (free for under 18s)
- **RSVP:** by 14th July 2024

You can register as individuals or as a team either by putting your name at the back of the sheets at the back of church or email Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au.

Please drop off any donations/gift cards, food that can be used as trivia prizes in a box at the back of the church or at the parish office. Thank you for your support!

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



Broken Bay is delighted to host the Ignite Sydney Conference, a four-day Catholic gathering for formation, faith renewal, and worship. It welcomes children, high school students, young adults, and offers deeper sessions for adults, including parishioners, priests, religious leaders, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference.

Mission Broken Bay is pleased to offer a 50% subsidy for parishioners to attend. Please contact Mission@bbcatholic.org.au to access the promotional code for either a "Teen" or "Adult" registration.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
**MARY
MACKILLOP**

**PILGRIMAGE
15th-26th
October 2024**

**FIND OUT MORE PHONE: (02) 8912 4818
or EMAIL: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au
LINK: www.marymackillopplace.org.au**


MARY MACKILLOP PLACE
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PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE



Foundations of Community Organising: Foundations Training is an opportunity learn the tools of relational community organising, from one to one meetings, to table talks, to power analysis and action. It's an opportunity available to our parishioners as part of our membership of the Sydney Alliance www.sydneyalliance.org.au/.

The Alliance is a group of organisations (including our parish, Sydney Archdiocese, Jesuit Refugee Services and the St Vincent de Paul Society) who are concerned for social justice.

The next 2-day Foundations training will be on **Thursday 4 and Friday 5 July** hosted by SVDP at the Ozanam Learning Centre 99 Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo (a 15 min walk from Museum and St James Stations). Please register [here](#) or use the QR code, and also let Fr Jim know. For further questions, please email chantelle@sydneyalliance.org.au



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE (PARRAMATTA)
WINTER APPEAL

**HELP REFUGEES
STAY WARM
THIS WINTER**



**JOIN OUR
BLANKET
DRIVE**

We have all been feeling the cold this last month - and in the midst of this cost-of-living crisis, many of the families we serve cannot afford the additional costs of heating their homes. Please help us keep refugees and people seeking asylum warm this winter, by donating new, unused blankets to our Foodbank.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE:

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR COMPUTERS FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

How you can help



We are able to accept:

- Laptops up to 5 years old
- Macbooks up to 7 years old



We kindly ask you to wipe your machine and remove any passwords so we can provide it to the people we are working with even faster. Please make sure to include the charging cable and any other required accessories as necessary for the device.

If you have items to donate or questions, please email

John Whealy :

johnwwhealy@gmail.com



Collection

Please post devices to:
PO Box 522
Kings Cross NSW 1340



Contact

Tamana Mirzada
Employment Program Manager
tamana.mirzada@jrs.org.au

MORE PARISH NOTICES



50+++ GROUP OUTING: A tour of **St Mary's Cathedral** has been booked for **Monday 24th June at 10.30AM**. The tour lasts one and a half hours and includes the crypt. A reasonable amount of walking is involved—forty steps down to the crypt. Lunch will follow either at the courtyard cafe behind Sydney Hospital or the cafe in the State Library. We may have to divide our number. The tour is limited to 20 people - \$5.00 per head. **NO BACKPACKS**. BOOKINGS and enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036. Mobile: 0478 003 704. email: carolewilson2816@gmail.com
We will meet at **Epping Station Platform 5 at 9.15 AM**.

#TryAlpha

explore

life
faith
meaning

You're Invited



Scan to register

Where - New Epping Parish Hall,
Our Lady Help of Christians,
29 Oxford Street, Epping NSW

When - Friday 16 August 2024
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.



Enquiries? Please email
alpha@eppcarl.org.au

To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, Fr. Aldrin visited each St Gerard's classroom yesterday with a special vessel called a Monstrance, which holds the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Aldrin helped the children pray special prayers of praise to Jesus and bestowed a very special blessing upon us all. Thank you, Fr. Aldrin, for visiting our classrooms on this holy occasion.



*Photos and article from St Gerard's Primary School



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OTHER NOTICES

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Week 10

11 June Tue: St Barnabas

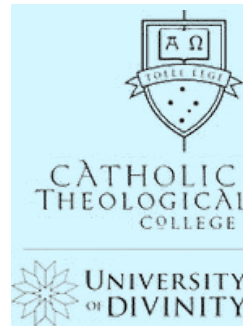
13 June Thur: St Anthony of Padua

Ordinary Week 11

19 June Wed: St Romuald

21 June Fri: St Aloysius Gonzaga

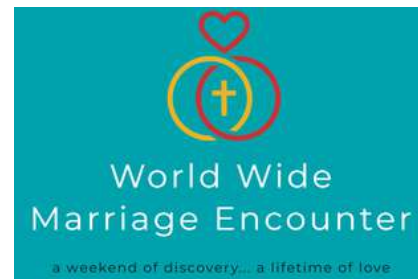
22 June Sat: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More



Catholic Theological College
Online Information Session
 Monday 17 June
 at 7.30pm (AEST)
 Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session
 For more information contact:
 Dr Maureen Saclot ctc@ctc.edu.au

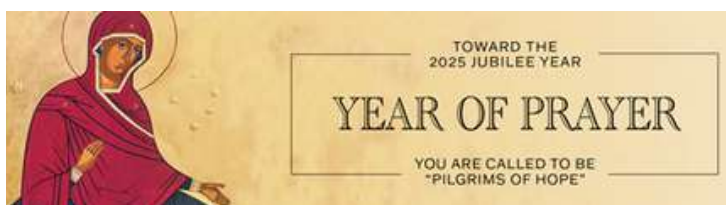
Position Vacant

The **Divine Word Missionaries in Marsfield** are looking for an accountant to work in their office and for a carer/domestic worker in their retirement home. For more information please contact treasurer@divineword.com.au



We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on **28-30 June** at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW** – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 June 2024

Ps 129 Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

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

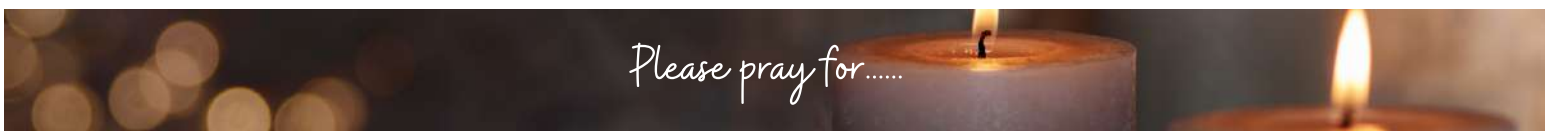
ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 7256 2140 Email - sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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



Note changes due to Clergy Conference 11th-14th June. Details on the front page.

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



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

- Elaine Finlayson (Marie Saul's sister)
- Sister Rosalia Carlon (Marie Saul's sister)
- Elizabeth Barton
- Estelle Moses
- Leonie Oliver
- Eileen Taylor
- Elena Green
- Pat Booth



Bev Gibbeson has received good news from the latest doctor's report. She thanks everyone for your prayers and is so very grateful for all who had been praying for her and said, "Having people pray for you is a good thing; it makes a difference." Thank you Bev, for sharing this good news with us!

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 - Grace Spyrou (Kevin Siau's aunt - Kevin and family thank everyone for your prayers and support these past months), Maria Vu (mother of Deacon Hien), Mary Cullen, Deborah Bryant, John McEnearney (brother of Helen Barry & Betty Hillier), Horace Falzon

Anniversaries - Edward Ngu (Li May's father), Anthony Moses, Dorothea Ellis, Sylvia Lina MacRitchie, Thomas Bonifas (19th June), Frank Martelli, Loretta Fare

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 June 2024

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 Response: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.