

<b>Responsorial Psalm Response</b> Praise the Lord, my soul!		<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! <b>Alleluia!</b>					
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>							
<b>Epping</b>	<b>5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm</b>						
<b>Carlingford</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am</b>						
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	
<b>EPPING</b>	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	
<b>HEALING MASS</b>	<b>Carlingford</b> —1st Thursday, <b>Epping</b> — 3rd Wednesday						
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping</b> Saturday 9:45-10:15am, <b>Carlingford</b> , 4th Thursday 10:00am							
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping</b> Saturday 9:45-10:15am <b>Carlingford</b> Saturday 5:00—5:30pm <b>OR BY APPOINTMENT</b>							
<b>BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT</b>							
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**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:**  
**Recently deceased:** Denis Foley, Dot Doyle, Noelene Gardner, Paul Schwager, Jim Carmody, Betty Murdoch, Vicky Kennedy, Philip Ting (father of John Ting), Mary Ellis, Frankie Fernandes (brother of Irene Fernandes).

**Anniversaries:** Roger & Jean-Claude Nina,

**Also for:**

**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, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Amy, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, Tony ?, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Rob Neil, Josie Scully, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Patricia Amy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Frank Holmes, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Sr. Pauline Wicks rsj.

**Safeguarding Message** The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **REACHES** out with compassion to all who have experienced hurt in our community, restoring relationships and building hope through support, acknowledgement and just redress.

On entering a church during a recent visit to France, Bill Leigh of Wes Pennant Hills observed the following notice: "When you enter this church it may be possible that you 'Hear The Call Of God'. However, it is most unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk with God, find a quiet corner and pray earnestly. Should you want to see God, send him a text message while driving."

*Taken from The Sydney Morning Herald 16 October 2018*

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
17/11/18	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
18/11/18	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
18/11/18	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
18/11/18	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

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**Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford** consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians 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 celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

**YEAR B THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11-11-18**

**Kings 17:10-16**

**Hebrews: 9:24-28**

**Mark 12:38-44**

Dear Parishioners,,

The month of November is traditionally a time when we remember and pray for all those who have passed from this world into the fullness of Gods loving embrace. In a particular way, this Sunday also commemorates the Centenary of the Armistice that brought an end to the horrific years of conflict that is known as World War 1.

Significant numbers of Australians were present in various theatres during this time, and at all Masses this weekend we honour their service and commitment, and the families who suffered so much with their absence and loss. Please note that the proper prayers of the Mass this weekend will be taken from "The Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice."

I would also like to draw your attention to the special Memorial Mass for parents who have experienced pregnancy, infancy and child loss which will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at OLHC church at Epping. Everyone, whether parishioners or not, are most welcome! For more information please see today's bulletin.

Secondly, this Sunday marks Prison Sunday, an opportunity to remember and do all we can to reach out to prisoners, their families, prison chaplains (of which we are blessed to have at least one in our parish along with those other parishioners who regularly visit various prisons throughout Sydney), victims of crime and all those working in the prison system. During this Year of Youth, the Australian Catholic Prisoners Pastoral Care Council has chosen to raise awareness, in particular, of youth in juvenile detention. Recent events in the Northern Territory have highlighted the importance of Australians responding urgently and justly to this huge challenge within our prison system. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our response!

Thirdly, I once again ask for parishioners to seriously consider assisting in the parent role essential to the continuation of Antioch in our parish. If, as many of you have said on numerous occasions, the parish needs to be serious about youth being a priority and support the growth in faith of our young people, then it is up to you, the parishioners to provide the ministry required.

If no one comes forward I will then presume that you, the parish have spoken, and I will have no option but to cease our Antioch youth ministry. Given the high quality of our young people currently involved, it would be a tremendous shame if this was to be the case. At the very least, let us all seriously take this matter to prayer.

Finally, our end of year social this year will be a "Parish Thanksgiving" on the evening of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, an opportunity for all of us to come together before the end of the year and thank God for all God's blessings on our parish throughout the course of 2018. The evening will commence with Mass at 7pm followed by supper in the parish hall. If you haven't done so already please RSVP no later than this week. Everyone is welcome!

Fr Peter



### A Welcome Gathering for all 2019 Kindergarten Families in Our Lady Help of Christians and St Gerard Majella's Schools

An invitation is extended to All Kindergarten families for 2019

- at **Epping** on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at the **10:15am Mass**
- at **Carlingford** on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at the **9:30am Mass**

The families will be called forward for a blessing at the commencement of their child's years of school education. The Principal will also greet the families and after Mass there will be a morning tea to give class families a chance to meet with each other over a cuppa. **If you are coming along to the morning tea, could you please bring a plate to share with fellow parishioners.**

We look forward to seeing you then.

Fr Peter



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

### Prison Sunday to focus on youth justice

Media Release

October 12, 2018

Inspired by the Australian Catholic Church's Year of Youth, the focus of Prison Sunday on November 11 will be youth justice and juvenile detention.

Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners.

"We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time.

Bishop Terry Brady, Bishops' Delegate to the Australian Catholic Prisoners Pastoral Care Council (ACPPCC) and chair of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, said youth detention systems in some Australian states and territories were under significant stress, leaving vulnerable young people without the services they need to turn their lives around.

"At any time, for example in Victoria, there are around 200 children and young people, aged between 10 and 24 years old, incarcerated in youth justice centres. The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory last year also highlighted the need for fundamental reform in detention and child protection systems in the Northern Territory," he said.

"Prison Sunday provides a time for all Catholics to think about the conditions in our prisons and what we as Catholics – in our schools, parishes and welfare organisations – can do to make a difference.

"As the [ACBC Social Justice Statement noted in 2011-2012](#), we know that the majority of Australia's prisoners come from the most disadvantaged sections of the community: Indigenous people, the underprivileged and those suffering mental illness.

"Prison chaplains are a key group working alongside prisoners, their families and prison authorities. Through their ministry they personify the Scripture quote from the Book of Ruth: 'Wherever you go, I shall go'.

"We thank those working in prison chaplaincy for their tireless, difficult and dedicated work, serving those unseen members of our community and supporting prisoners' families through trying times," Bishop Brady said.

"We pray also at this time for those innocent people impacted by crime and the affect that crime has had on their lives.

"We remember the words in our Prayer for Prisoners, that God has great love for us all and that he is a 'God of Mercy and forgiveness'."



Congratulations to Margaret Wiseman, Chaplain at Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre for her care and dedication to all those Inmates. May God continue to bless her in her ministry.



#### Primary School Catechists Coordination

My name is Katherine Tam and I have recently taken up the role for coordinating catechists activities in the primary state schools. We are glad that our school Mass went well on 28th October at Epping Church.

Personally, I love travelling, learning a bit of French and meeting with people. I am happy to talk to you about what we do as a catechist or even just to have a chat. My email: 218catechists.ps@gmail.com

#### 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 Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

#### A Prayer for Prisoners:

Prayer for Prisoners could be printed on cards,  
OR on the Parish Notice Sheets.

A separate colour version of the prayer is also available  
in the resource pack to Dioceses.

God, Our Creator,  
We acknowledge our ancestors  
and original owners of this land.

Maker and Spirit of earth and all creation  
let your love possess our land  
and may we share in faith and friendship  
and all your gifts.

We pray for all those in our prisons  
and those, who through sickness, addictions and other  
reasons  
live in their personal prisons.

We remember and pray for those  
who seek to change difficult life stories.

We remember and pray  
for the victims of crime on the outside.

We remember and pray  
for the countless victims of crime on the inside.

We remember and pray for  
the whole criminal justice system  
and its processes.

Keep all of us ever mindful of your great love,  
so that we may always remember you  
as a God of Mercy and forgiveness.  
**Amen.**

#### THE NICENE CREED

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,  
**At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',  
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.**



#### PIETY STORE St. Gerard's Church

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\*2019 Daily Missals commencing Advent

\*Christmas Cards

\*2019 Columban Calendars

\*Christmas gifts for all ages

#### Pray For Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools

A group of people from local churches meets together for one hour,  
once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High  
Schools to support the students, staff, chaplains and Scripture pro-  
gram. Please join us on Thursday 15 November from 8-9pm at 9  
Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly.

Enquiries: Katrina Collins 0400 488 459 / [ckjsqe@gmail.com](mailto:ckjsqe@gmail.com)

#### Guest Speaker: Fr Leo Patalinghug

The Parish of St Kevin's at Eastwood are so excited to announce  
that TV chef, Priest, black belt and break-dancer, Fr Leo Pataling-  
hug, has accepted an invitation to come to Eastwood, to present  
his internationally renowned talk...

**GRACE BEFORE MEALS: RECIPES AND INSPIRATIONS FOR  
FAMILY MEALS AND FAMILY LIFE.**

**When:** Thursday 15th November Time: 7pm

**Where:** St Kevin's Church, 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood.

**Email:** [alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Trust

There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon (Luke 4:25-26).

Sent though he is, Elijah seemingly forgets to help the widow and her tiny son at all. Instead he asks her to get food and drink for himself (First Reading).

She says she has "only a handful of flour" at home in her jar, and "a little oil" in her jug. She is collecting wood to cook the very last meal she and her young son will ever eat. After that they will die of starvation and thirst.

When the chips are down, let go and let God. Even in your last extremity. Elijah still seems to demand their very last meal for himself. He asks for water; the widow turns on her heel to get her last little trace of water. As she goes, Elijah shouted after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread"! He might just as well have said, "Gimme." But God has a trick up his sleeve.

We hear it when Elijah now repeats what God had commissioned:

The God of Israel says, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth."

Who knows what our widow made out of these words, which were all she had to rely on.

But rely she did. She bakes her last tiny bit of bread—in front of the wide eyes of her son—and takes every bite of it to Elijah.

Does this story make sense? Not so far. Then what is it saying?

That the widow trusted in God's goodness even in the face of impending death. She instinctively responded by releasing her own control of things. This is the root meaning of trust. When the chips are down, let go and let God. Even in your last extremity.

And so, after all, God had sent Elijah to help the widow not rob her.

In the Gospel another widow illustrates the same kind of generosity, putting the last two pennies she has to her name into the collection box. Jesus sees this act and observes the depth of her faith.

Today in California or Florida or Puerto Rico or Central America or Syria or so many places in need we find people struggling to place their lives in the hands of God—in whatever way they know God—and then working like crazy to survive.

Are they failing in their relation to God? Just the opposite.

For that matter, how much do you and I trust God?

Or do we rely on fear?

John Foley, SJ

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## Parish Thank You Evening

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 7:00pm Mass

at  
Our Lady Help of Christians' Church followed by  
finger food in the Parish Hall

A Parish Thank You to All Parishioners

All Welcome!



## Ecumenical Covenant with the Anglican Parish Epping, Epping Uniting Church West Epping Uniting Church, Epping Baptist Church

Rev. John Barr is the Ministry Team Leader at West Epping Uniting Church and will be

reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures at the  
6pm Mass on Sunday 18th November 2018

One of the points in our Covenant invites Ministers from our Covenant Churches to share Pulpits during the course of the year.

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	11/11/18	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Kidz Word at Our Lady Help of Christians Church
		1.30pm	PH Carlingford—God's Light
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Group
Mon	12/11/18	9:00pm	PH Epping Little Engines Playgroup
		9:30am	PH Carlingford Gerry's Playgroup
		9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:30pm	PMR SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	13/11/18	12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		1:30pm	PMR Carlingford Alpha Session
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford—Adult Choir Practice
Wed.	14/11/18	9:15am	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:00pm	PH Epping Alpha Session
		7:30am	PMR Carlingford—PFC meeting
Thur.	15/11/18	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's</b>
		12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
Fri.	16/11/18	10:15am	CH Carlingford St Gerard's Reconciliation Yr. 3/4B
		12:15am	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford CANA Group
		9:15am	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
Sat.	17/11/18	9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church
		5:45pm	PMR Carlingford—Chinese Group
		6:00pm	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>

PH—Parish Hall, CH—Church, PMR—Parish Meeting Room

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## 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 Joey 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.

**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.

## 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.

## OUR ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE



A reminder that our gathering with our fellow local Churches with whom we share a covenant relationship will take place on **Tuesday, 27th November** at

**7:45pm** in St Alban's Church, 3 Pembroke Street, Epping with The Rev. Andrew Hall, Senior Pastor at the Epping Baptist Church. Please be there for this final ecumenical gathering for the year as we prepare together to celebrate the Lord's birth



## ANGEL TREE 2018

Once again through the "Angel Tree" the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford can deliver the Christ love of Christmas to children of prisoners.

Prison Fellowship invites you to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter. The children we are supporting have a parent/s serving a goal term, but the children are often the forgotten victims of their parents' crime.

Your commitment will involve purchasing a gift (up to \$30) or donating money towards the postage of the gift. We do not know how these gifts will be received, or the material circumstances of the family, but these families are suffering. The gift is from an incarcerated parent who cannot personally buy or deliver the gift to their child.

You are asked to collect an "Angel Card" from the Tree (which is located near the Ambo (Lectern) in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church this weekend. The Card has the child's name, sex, age and possibility a gift suggestion requested by the parent.

Due to jail regulations please do not wrap the presents. Place the "Angel Card" on the outside of the gift and return to the Tree on the weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November. Please continue to pray for the children, parents and carers this Christmas.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES**

All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Vigil Masses (5 pm at St Gerard's and 6 pm at OLHC on Christmas Eve in both churches.) We would like volunteers for many roles. We also need parent volunteers to assist at the practices, during the Mass and with supper.

The children participating in the Mass will be required to attend practices.  
Parent helpers will also be required to attend.

**Carlingford:**  
Parent Run-through & mime learning Saturday 15th December 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Dress Rehearsal Thursday 20th December 10:15am- 11:15am

**Epping:**  
Parent run-through & dress rehearsals Thursday 13th Dec. & 20th Dec. 4:00 - 5.00pm .

Any questions? Please email:  
**Lynn for Carlingford** stgchildrenmass@gmail.com and  
**Therese for Epping** olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com

--Please detach and return no later than 2nd December--

**Epping / Carlingford**  
(Please circle which church you will be attending)

Please provide order of preference for each child for roles from Gospel mime, readings and processions. Although we try to give everyone his or her first preference, it is not always possible.

Child's Name	Age	Role

**Parents:** I am / am not able to assist with practices & during Mass  
I am / am not able to assist with packing away supper after Mass

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Confirmation of roles etc. will be notified via email*

**Can you Help?**

You can make a difference by giving a helping hand.  
A volunteer is needed to help with:  
Mowing of the lawn (in front of the old school building). here at Epping.  
For more information please call the Parish Office on 9876 2853 or email: parish@eppcarl.org.au

**MEMORIAL WALLS:  
~ A MASS FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
COMMEMORATED ~**

We will celebrate a Memorial Mass at Epping and Carlingford, which will be offered for the repose of the souls of those commemorated on the plaques. The celebrations will take place on **Saturday 24th November.**

- ◆ at Epping at 9:15am.
- ◆ at Carlingford at the 9:30am

If you are interested in purchasing a plaque for one of the Memorial Walls, please contact the parish office in order to collect the paperwork.

*Memorial Mass for Anybody who has experienced loss of pregnancy, baby, child or young adults.. This Mass is not just for parents. It is for siblings, relatives and friends too.*

**Together as One.....**  
*A Mass to remember, love and pray with our children who have died*

You are invited to a candlelit Eucharist for parents, siblings, grandparents or other family members, and friends who have experienced, or been touched by the death of a baby, (before or after birth), a child or young adult.

- A time to remember our young people who have died*
- A time to thank God for the gift of our children and the special place they will always hold in our lives and hearts.*
- A time to show support for families who have lost their precious baby, child or young person, recently, or long ago.*
- A time of care for those who work with families experiencing the loss of a young person.*

**Thursday, 29th November at 7:30 pm,  
at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping**

You are welcome to bring a photo, or a symbol of the young person you are remembering, such as a small item of clothing, a toy or favourite book to place in the sacred space.

All are welcome!



**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL**

We are deeply grateful to our Parish community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

**Shortfall after the first week is \$10,829**

When you support the CWF, your generosity extends across five charities/agencies that receive these funds - The **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)**, **Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners**, **St Lucy's School**, **St Edmund's College** and the **Ephpheta Centre**. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

**Year of Youth 2018**

**CANA YOUTH GROUP**



**Next CANA Meeting Friday 16 November**

If you're in Yrs. 7-9  
Come along for a night jam-packed with **FUN & FAITH! EVERY FRIDAY** night of school term **7:30pm-9:00pm** **in the parish meeting room @ Carlingford.**

It's a great place to catch up with friends and meet some new ones! Please remember that a small donation when you come to the meeting would really help out with the cost of the night! Thanks :)

Any questions call Ashleigh 0430 120 015

**Catechist (SRE) Annual Parish Mass and Recruiting Drive**

Come one and all to celebrate the amazing work **our Catechists (SRE Teachers) do in the 9 State Schools across our Parish.** Your opportunity to thank, support and discover what these very busy people do for us is on the weekends of the **24/25 November at St Gerard's and 1/2 December at Our Lady Help of Christians.**

**Annual Parish Catechist Mass on 25th November at 9.30am in St Gerard's Church**

**All Parishioners are invited** but special encouragement is given to the families of all those whose children with whom the Catechists share their faith each week or fortnight.

Please contact  
Mary O'Byrne (High Schools) on 9871 2120  
or Katherine Tam (Primary Schools) on [218catechists.ps@gmail.com](mailto:218catechists.ps@gmail.com)  
or via the Parish on 9876 2853  
with any enquiries or offers to assist in this vital Ministry.

**ST GERARD MAJELLA**

The monthly Mass in honour of St Gerard will be celebrated in the St Gerard's Chapel within St Gerard's Church **Friday 16th November at 9:30am.**

**OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:**

**Meeting this Sunday 11th November**

Why not Come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time, get into some awesome music, take time out for prayer and meet heaps of great young people from our parish!

**The meeting starts at 6pm, in the Parish meeting room @ Carlingford**

So head on down and bring a friend.  
**ALL VERY WELCOME!!**

Joanne—0416 030 927



*"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians." ~Acts 11:26*

**The Greatest love  
Praise and worship night**



**When:** Friday 7th December  
**Where:** Our Lady Help of Christians Epping Church  
29 Oxford Street Epping NSW 2121 Australia  
**Time:** 6:45pm-9pm  
Come and Join us for joyful and prayerful worship music and listen to a guest speaker. Dinner will be provided before the event and light refreshments will also be provided after.

**Alpha**

**Being Inspired** Many from Alpha at Epping on a Wednesday evening went to the retreat last Saturday. Alpha is about listening and sharing. This led us into a peaceful prayer time ~ a time for being inspired ~ being 'in the Spirit' who *inspires* us.

We heard the promises of Jesus in the Gospels that his followers would receive the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit can fill our lives with gifts and fruits like joy, peace, patience.  
*If you then . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!* Lk 11:13

Many said at the end of the day, that it was the sense of belonging and the experience of being part of family. They felt they were part of the parish as a family with Jesus among us.

We were all blessed in many ways ~ the commitment and generosity of all who came; the music ministry of Alvi and Roger along with the Task Force in the kitchen who catered -Joanna, Ted, and Elena.

Alpha is the first letter of the Alpha-bet. It is the first step in growing in your faith and builds on the experience of the Holy Spirit who gifts us with deep peace and the power to make a difference.

**Tuesday afternoon Alpha**

At Carlingford, Alpha continues at 1:00 for 1:30 start each Tuesday. Just come. If you insist on bringing something, please bring a friend or two. Children are welcome! We finish in time for school pick up.

Fr Peter is setting the dates to offer Alpha early next year. Please know you are invited and so are your family, friends and neighbours. We rely on all who have done Alpha to invite others, who may not read the Sunday bulletin, to take this first step in meeting others over a meal and growing in faith and belonging. All are welcome! :)

