

<b>Responsorial Psalm Response</b> We are his people, the sheep of his flock.	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, Alleluia!</b> I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. <b>Alleluia!</b>
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

<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	<b>10:00am</b>	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	

**HEALING MASS** **Carlingford**—1st Thursday, **Epping** — 3rd Wednesday

**EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST:** **Epping** Saturday 9:45-10:15am, **Carlingford**, 4th Thursday 10:00am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** **Epping** Saturday 9:45-10:15am **Carlingford** Saturday 5:00—5:30pm  
**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT**

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

**Recently deceased:** Edward Sulto Span, Kevin Plummer, Caroline Prasad, Lynette Herbert, John McKelvey, Walter Souhrada, Peter O'Malley, Kiew's Mother,

**Anniversaries:** Francis (Frank) Boyd, Keith George, Frances De Luca, Pat Hall.

**Also for:** Wilkins family, Felipe Yu Soria Sr. Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin,

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsa, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Ron Jenkins, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Stephen Last, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Nicholas, Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave, Fara Vargas, Kathy Walsh, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden.

*Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.*

**Weddings in the Parish 27th April and 5th May 2019**

May God Bless the two of you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness.

Ivars Pepsons and Thi Phuong Thao Nguyen  
Stephen Paul McCowage and Giang Cao Truc Dinh  
Nathanall David Gaudin and Jessica Sofia Alice Dolan

Wishing you all the best as you begin your new lives together



Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
18/05/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
19/05/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
19/05/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
19/05/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

**The Many Good Moods of Music**

A Concert of Piano Solos and Duets  
Paul Weaver (Pianist) and  
Bruce Wilson (Duo Pianist)

**Sunday 26th May  
2:00pm**

**St Alban's Parish Hall  
Pembroke Street, Epping**

Suggested Donation \$15 -  
All donations welcome

Donations will support the  
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ministry of St  
John's Darlinghurst.



## The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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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 C****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****12-05-19****Acts 13:14.43-52****Apocalypse 7:9.14-17****John 10:27-30**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Firstly, a special word of appreciation and blessing to all the mothers and 'mother like' persons who have joined with us on this Mother's Day weekend! In a particular way, we are mindful of those mothers who have died and those families who are experiencing, perhaps for the first time, this occasion without the physical presence of their mother or grandmother. May the God who 'mothers' and 'fathers' us all assure all mothers of the immense gratitude and love we have for them and draw them closer to Gods loving embrace!

Secondly, throughout the world today we mark what is referred to as 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'. While we thank God for all those called to the vocation of motherhood in a special way today, the Church also concentrates its attention this weekend on vocations to the ordained ministries and religious life. We pray for those preparing for priestly ministry, especially people like our own Aldrin and Martino, and for an increase in those whom God is calling to be generous in giving their lives in the service of Gods people as priests, deacons and religious.

Thirdly, for all of us, it is important, when possible, that we 'take time out' to nurture the gift of life and vocation that has been given to us so generously by our loving God. When it became clear that the approval process for the DA for our proposed parish development at Epping was going to be delayed, I began to explore the possibility of taking a couple of months Sabbatical (study) along with my annual holidays at some point during this year. In November I will have been ordained a priest for thirty-four years and this will be the first time I have ever experienced an extended period of sabbatical leave. Our Diocesan Administrator, Fr David Ranson was very supportive of this idea and gave approval for me to be away from the parish from June 6<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> August. During this time I will attend a renewal course located at a Redemptorist monastery in Perth Scotland, as well as undertake the one month "Tantur" Bible/ Holy Land course in Israel.

The latter course, in particular, will give me the opportunity to grow in my knowledge and love of the scriptures and its history as well as deepening my understanding of the land and culture in which the Bible was lived and evolved. Tantur is an ecumenical institute located near Bethlehem which draws on lecturers from Christian, Arab and Jewish traditions. I am particularly looking forward to this part of my sabbatical!

While I am away Fr Joey will be appointed Administrator of the Epping and Carlingford parish and guest priests will supply for Masses during the weekends. I thank Fr Joey for leading the parish while I am absent. Please keep me in your prayers over this time of my personal refreshment as you will all certainly be in mine!

Finally, it is with great excitement and congratulations that I am pleased to announce that Sr Pauline Wicks, our former Parish Pastoral Worker, and occasional organist will be awarded her Doctorate on Election Day. Pauline has been working on her doctorate long and hard for as long as I can remember....or at least it seems that way....! One of our parishioners emailed to me recently, "I don't know whether she will get to wear one of those funny hats to Mass or whether we shall need to bow as we offer her a sign of Peace at Mass. And how should we address her...as Sr. Dr. Pauline or Dr. Sr Pauline?" At any rate, it is a great achievement Pauline!

Fr Peter



### Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse Catholic community centred in the Eucharist. We gather for worship to serve and reach out to others as we grow in relationship with God and each other.

### May 2019 Safeguarding Message

A culture of Safeguarding values DIGNITY....."As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."  
- John 15:9

Antioch is hosting a **Parish Trivia Night** and we would like to invite you all to come along! Entry price is \$10 per person or \$80 for a team of 8-10 people. The latest date to RSVP is the 19th of May. This weekend we are speaking at all Masses and will be taking registrations for the Trivia night.

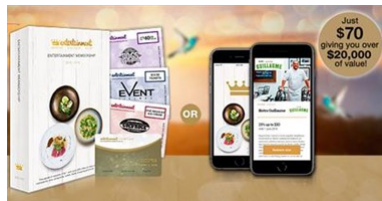
**Trivia Date:** 25th May, Saturday  
**Time:** 7-10pm  
**Location:** St Gerard's Parish Hall, 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

We are fundraising for our youth who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth in December this year. We are in need of people to donate gifts for trivia prizes. If you can help, please drop them off at either Church before the 19th of May.

As part of fundraising, we are also selling **Entertainment books**. The book costs \$70 and 20% of the sales go towards fundraising the youth.

This book offers discounts to a wide range of offers including dining, shopping, movie tickets, travel, theme parks, hotels, car hire etc. and is great for the family or as a present for others.

A display copy will be out this weekend for you to have a browse. More information can be found on the website <http://bit.ly/2VL1piX> and you can order it online via the link. Both a hard copy and digital copy are available to purchase.



If you have any questions, please email [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or contact the Parish Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0423 717 550. Thank you!

### Alpha Begins, come and C

The ABC for growing in your faith and for understanding what Jesus means when He says in the Gospel we hear at Mass,  
"They listen to my voice  
I gave them eternal life  
No-one will ever steal them from me" Jn 10:27-29



At Alpha we listen, we pray to experience this gift of "being known, being a friend of Jesus.  
We have "hope of eternal life".

So . . . Come and See.  
You are welcome to join us this Tuesday evening at 7pm.  
The team of twenty is preparing. Please let us know.  
It will be a wonderful night of friendship and joy with lots of encouragement.

Dear Musicians, and Projectionists,

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the wonderful contribution that you make to the life of our Epping and Carlingford Catholic Parish community through the gift of music and song.

**Venue: Parish Meeting Room – behind the Church at St Gerard's Carlingford.**  
**Date & Time: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, at 7pm.**

Please bring a savoury contribution to the evening meal to share  
(and some drinks if you feel like something fancy.)  
We hope that you and your partners and families are able to join us

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or phone Maree in the Parish Office  
9876 2853 by 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



### Congratulations Sr. Pauline!!

*A hearty Congratulations for getting the "Doctor" title.  
Kudos to the hard work you put in!*

*From the Parish Family*



**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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Cessation of Accommodated Retreats at the Carmelite Retreat Centre

It is with regret that, due to financial considerations, the Discalced Carmelite friars have decided to cease their accommodated (live-in) retreats programme with effect from the end of 2019.

The friars are aware that the ending of accommodated retreats, for both group and private retreatants, will be a loss to both themselves, the long term faithful retreat clientele and the Church at large.

Although the accommodated retreats are being ended, the friars will not be ceasing work at the centre. The friars are still eager to share and promote Carmelite spirituality and will continue to offer day retreats.

To take advantage of one of the retreats being offered in 2019 see the calendar at <http://carmeliteretreats.com.au/calendar/>

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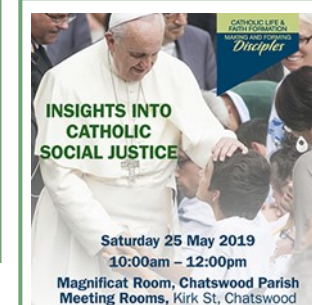
I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
**At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**The Truth Justice and Healing Council**  
[www.thecouncil.org.au](http://www.thecouncil.org.au) Ph.: 6234 0900

**The Bishop's Blend:** Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendeighthdition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)



**Insights into Catholic Social Justice : "From Scripture to Pope Francis: Tradition and Our Call to Justice" - 25 May**  
with Dr Anthony Maher on 25 May.  
See flyer on notice board.  
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## Word of God must be 'beating heart' of Church, Pope says

26 April 2019

by **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/francis-chronicles/word-god-must-be-beating-heart-church-pope-says?clickSource=email>

**VATICAN CITY** — Reading the Bible and praying with it is "the best vaccine" against Catholic communities closing in on themselves or focusing only on self-preservation, Pope Francis said.

God wants "a church that does not speak from itself or about itself but has in its heart and on its lips the Lord and draws daily from his word," the Pope told members of the Catholic Biblical Federation.

Greeting 200 federation members from 68 countries April 26, Pope Francis said that when Christians basically proclaim themselves instead of Jesus, they transmit nothing to the world.

"It is the word of God, not our own," he said, and "it removes us from being at the centre, saves us from self-sufficiency and triumphalism and calls us continually to go out."

The Catholic Biblical Federation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, was founded to make the Bible more accessible to Catholics and to highlight "the central role of the Word in faith and mission," Philippine Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, president of the federation, told Pope Francis.

The teaching of the Second Vatican Council, reaffirmed by then-Pope Benedict XVI in his 2010 exhortation "Verbum Domini" ("Word of the Lord"), Tagle said, asks individual Catholics and the whole church if the word of God really inspires and guides their view of the world, pastoral priorities and use of resources.

"If the word of God does not inspire all of these ecclesial actions, then where does the inspiration come from?" the cardinal asked. "It's not a rhetorical question."

Agreeing, Pope Francis said, "it would be beautiful if the word of God increasingly became the heart of every church activity, the beating heart that gives life to the members of the body."

As Ephesians says, "The word of God is life," the Pope reminded the federation members. "It neither dies nor even grows old," and when it is the foundation for all the church says and does, it keeps the church young, too.

"The Bible is not a beautiful collection of sacred books to be studied; it is the word of life to be sown, the gift that the risen Lord asks us to welcome and distribute so that there would be life in his name," the Pope said.

The Bible gives the church a constant and necessary "injection of life," he said, which is why homilies based on the Scripture readings at Mass are so important.

"Preaching is not a rhetorical exercise or a collection of wise human ideas," he said. Rather, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it is a sharing of "the divine word that touched the heart of the preacher."

"So many words pour into our ears each day, transmitting information and giving us multiple inputs, so many — perhaps too many — that they often surpass our ability to take them in," he said.

"But we cannot do without the word of Jesus, the only word of eternal life," the Pope said.

God's word, he said, should not leave people serene, but should cause them to question and to seek. And "a church that lives by listening to the word is never content with its own security. It is docile to the unpredictable newness of the Spirit."

A church enlivened by the word, he said, "never tires of proclaiming, never gives into disappointment and never tires of promoting communion, because the word calls people to unity and invites each one to listen to the other."

Pope Francis prayed that in sharing the Bible with others, federation members would be filled with the enthusiasm of the disciples immediately after the Resurrection. "They all run: the women, Peter, John, the two on the road to Emmaus — they run to encounter and proclaim the living Word."

## 28 CHAPTERS OF ACTS IN 28 DAYS

CHALLENGE YOURSELF BY READING A CHAPTER A DAY FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LISTEN OR READ FOR A FEW MINUTES EACH DAY USING YOUR SMARTPHONE OR BIBLE.



REFLECT ON THE READING



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The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford  
Diocese of Broken Bay

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	12/05/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	Kidz Word at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		3:00pm	PH Epping First Eucharist—Session 2
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon	13/05/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
Tue.	14/05/19	12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
Wed.	15/05/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:00am	<b>Healing Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
			Church followed by morning tea in the PMR
Thur.	16/05/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:15am	CH Epping OLHC School Reconciliation Yr. 4
		12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford First Eucharist Session 2
		7:30am	RM 2 RCIA Meeting
Fri.	17/05/19	9:30am	<b>Mass with the School at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		4:30am	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford—CANA Youth Group
Sat.	18/05/19	9:15am	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church
		5:00pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		6:00pm	<b>Mass at St Gerard Majella's Church</b>

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

## Aid to the Church in Need Sri Lanka Appeal

You would now be aware of the tragic situation that unfolded in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. The horror of the suicide bomb attacks has ricocheted across the globe. We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time.

For many decades ACN, as a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, has worked closely with the Church in Sri Lanka on projects around the formation of seminarians and religious, the building of churches, faith education and more.

I write to let you know that ACN Australia is undertaking a national appeal in support of the Church in Sri Lanka. At this moment the most pressing work of the Church in Sri Lanka is the burying of the dead and the consoling of the faithful, however we want to be ready to support the Sri Lankan Bishops and the local Church to rebuild their places of worship and heal their wounds. Any donations to the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online: [www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka](http://www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka) or by calling: 1800 101 201 during business hours.

Above all, please join us in continuing to pray for the Catholic people in Sri Lanka and all those affected by these violent attacks.

Bernard Toutounji  
National Director, Aid to the Church in Need Australia

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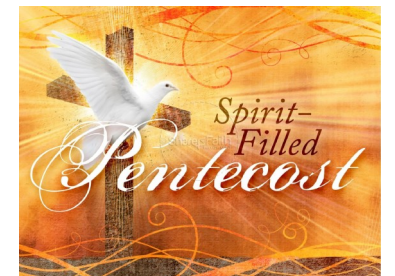
## OUR LOCAL PENTECOST ECUMENICAL LITURGY

The next gathering of the local Churches in our Covenant will be to celebrate Pentecost on

**Tuesday, 4th June 2019**

at 7:45pm  
at West Epping Uniting Church,  
161 Carlingford Road  
Epping

Please come along to this liturgy and be part of our Pentecost celebrations.



**THE PARISH WEBSITE**  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford) contains a complete directory of parish life and downloads of





### Children's Sacramental Journey - First Eucharist 2019

This week, we enter into our second session: This is My Body. In this session, we explore the connections between the Jewish Passover meal, the Last Supper and the celebration of the Eucharist at the Mass using these known stories in the Bible to teach the children our Christian history. The children also learn about "transubstantiation", that which takes place when the bread and wine on the altar becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, although the appearances remain as bread and wine. The parents are guided to explain to their children that as we are fed by Jesus in the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit helps us to grow as a community of love; we become the body of Christ.

The group sessions are family-centred and encourage parent-child interaction with activities to help children explore the key concepts of the sacrament in an age-appropriate and fun way.

If you were unable to join us for the Commentated Children's Mass last Sunday at St. Gerard's, we invite you to please save the date and join us for the next one at 10:15am on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady Help of Christians', Epping.

We always like to hear from you and look forward to building a fruitful relationship. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please send an email to [kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au)

### Children's Liturgy of the Word – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Children's Liturgy (Kidz Word) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered at the 9:30am Sunday Mass at Carlingford and the 10:15am Mass at Epping during school terms. The presiding Priest calls forward the authorised adult leaders and children just after the Collect (Opening Prayer) and the children are invited to go with the leaders to the parish meeting room.

During Kidz Word, the leaders lead the children through prayers, songs/mimes and readings. The children reflect on the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their family and friends after Mass.

This week, Kidz Word explores the Gospel story on a Shepherd caring for his sheep. The children learn that Jesus is like a shepherd. He cares for us and shows us how to live. He promises to protect us and keep us safe. We trust Jesus and follow Him. There is an activity sheet of a picture of a lamb to remind us we belong to Jesus.

Adult volunteers are needed to lead Kidz Word each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle/high school youth to help these eager youngsters celebrate God's Word. A Working with Children's Check will be required, which we can assist you with.



If you would like to help bring this meaningful ministry to life so God's Word can reach the hearts of our young children, please contact the parish office on 9876 2853 or email me at [lynn@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:lynn@eppcarl.org.au) We look forward to hearing from you!

### Children's Mass - Epping

There will be a Children's Mass at 10:15am at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The children can be involved in hospitality, readings, prayers, processions and singing in the choir. We invite your children to participate! Please email me for more information.

Lynn Siau  
Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries  
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### CWF The Charitable Works Fund

The third CWF Appeal for this Financial Year continues this weekend 11/12<sup>th</sup> May in both our Churches.

#### SHORTFALL AFTER THE FIRST WEEK \$13,579

Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please give generously as any shortfall from this appeal will have to be made up from normal parish funds – please support the appeal so that we can avoid this happening. Our Parish quota for this appeal is \$17,064.

Thank you for your kindness, your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

#### ALL READERS PLEASE NOTE!

All Readers are invited to an evening with Fr Joh Frauenfelder as we reflect on the importance of the Ministry of Breaking Open the Word at Mass each week.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May in the parish meeting room at Carlingford, commencing with a light supper at 7pm followed by a reflection given by Fr John and Fr Peter.

All Readers are asked to attend.

RSVP no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to the parish on 9876 2853 or email [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

Fr Peter

**EPHING HEALING MASS** Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** at **10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Carmel Avis, Marie Herd and team.

#### BAPTISM IN THE PARISH THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to: Zoe Evelyn White

Please hold this child and her family in your prayers



## Youth Page

### CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



**Cana is on this this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
from 7:30-9:00pm  
in the St Gerard's Parish Hall.

Cana is a relaxed social and Christian gathering for young people between Year 6-9, with a combination of **games, food, a talk** each week and **prayer**.

Come along and try it, bring a friend along and make some new friends!

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak  
[joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or 0423 717 550

### OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May



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 people**!

The meeting starts at 6pm, in the parish meeting room @ Carlingford  
So head on down and bring a friend.

All young people from Yr. 10 to age 22 are **VERY WELCOME!!**

For more information  
Joanne—0416 030 927

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



### BEYOND OUR PARISH

#### ADMIN POSITION VACANT: PA to the Provincial, Vincentian Fathers

Based in Marsfield (Epping/Macquarie Park)

Part-time opportunity – 15 hours per week  
Great work-life balance - flexible working hours; supportive, homely environment.

Seeking an experienced, self-motivated person to provide professional and efficient secretarial, admin and general office support; proficiency with Microsoft (Word, Outlook, Excel); exceptional skills with people plus oral and written communications; able to be discrete and maintain confidentiality; able to use (or learn) electronic filing and record management systems; strong organisational skills, capable of working flexibly and independently; able to work additional hours if required; an understanding of Catholic ethos and willingness to support the Vincentian mission/charism is essential.

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to [annebyrne@employmentrelations.org](mailto:annebyrne@employmentrelations.org) For enquiries, phone 0468 468 654. **Applications close 20 May 2019.**

#### World Fair Trade Day

World Fair Trade Day is held on 11 May 2019. The aim of the day is to celebrate fair trade and encourage all to choose fair trade products, and to become ethical consumers.

Fairtrade is best known for its tea, chocolate and coffee, however there are over 3,000 products in Australia and New Zealand bearing this Fairtrade certification. This can make a real, positive difference in people's lives, in particular the farmers and workers growing crops and producing raw materials.

Visit [www.fairtrade.com.au](http://www.fairtrade.com.au) for more information.

### PRAISEFEST



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST! Join young people (youth & young adults) from across the Diocese to catch up with friends, enjoy our Festival consisting of different

activities and a free BBQ, encounter God through vibrant and honest worship, and receive spiritual nourishment through an inspiring and relevant message.

**Date:** Friday 7 June 2019

**Time:** 6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067  
(next PRAISEFEST on 23 August 2019)

### Twilight Talks



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. In July, we will break open the spiritual &

practical dimension of mental health and look into practical tools for taking care of yourself & being sensitive to others around you.

**Date:** Tuesday 2 July 2019

**Time:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm

**Venue:** Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

### Christian Meditation: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict' Monastery. 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Commence at 10am and conclude at 3pm.

Presentation, Introduction to Meditation, Mass, Book Display, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. No charge for day, donations gratefully accepted. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318 possible accommodation in monastery guest house. Other enquiries to Ann Bergman: [anniebergmann@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergmann@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or 9653 2637.