

Responsorial Psalm Response
Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.
Alternative Psalm Response:
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

WEEKEND MASSES FOR COMMUNION SERVICES WHILE FR PETER IS AWAY SEE PAGE 3

Epping	5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri	Sat.
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	10:00am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
CARLINGFORD	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: Janice Minogue, Patti Howard, Katherine McCarthy, John Russo, Michael Kelly,

Anniversary: Roger & Jean-Claude Nina,

Also for: Bill Kelly & family, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur,

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, 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, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Betty O'Connor, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Brigitta Williams, Wai Chun Wong

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



OLHC Epping would like to warmly invite you to morning tea after the 10:15am Mass every Sunday.

Morning tea will be served under the tree, next to the grassy patch.

Please join us for tea, coffee, delicious treats and lovely company

If you would like to assist in any way, please feel free to contact the morning tea co-ordinator, Kate on kate.falzon195@gmail.com



Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
20/07/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Carroll msc
21/07/19	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Michael Goonan ssp
21/07/19	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Michael Goonan ssp
21/07/19	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

Responsorial Psalm Response for the 9:30am at St Gerard's

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

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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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14-07-19

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

Greetings everyone from Tantur in Israel!

As I am approaching the halfway mark of my travels I thought I might give you a bit of an update of what's been happening with me since I last saw you all.

Firstly, and most importantly, I have been keeping you all in my prayers, especially today when I celebrated Mass in the Holy Sepulchre over the place which is traditionally held to be where Jesus was buried.....a truly amazing experience! (I have to also say these people here at Tantur.....the place where I am staying in Israel and which has organised the programme for my time here in the Holy Land.... must have very good connections as we seem to be able to access places not normally available to other groups). We even have special permission to go tomorrow inside the golden Dome of the Rock which has been closed to the general public for some years now due to the political situation here.

I arrived in Israel last Thursday after a wonderful two weeks in Scotland followed by another two weeks traveling through Europe. Scotland was cold as far as the weather was concerned but the hospitality was extremely warm and I stayed at a beautiful old Redemptorist monastery nestled in the mountains overlooking Perth. Over the two weeks, I had excellent input on various relevant moral issues from a Canadian Redemptorist priest Mark Miller as well as a brilliant scripture presentation on Jonah and Jesus by another Redemptorist priest, Denis McBride!! I then met up with some friends and travelled from London to Paris and then through Switzerland, and into Italy finally spending a very relaxing two days in Naples just across from Mt Vesuvius.....fortunately, there was no explosion as a result of my visit!

All went well but we really copped the heatwave which has been a major feature of this part of the world.

But now Israel.....incredible!!.....words can't adequately explain what I am experiencing as I immerse myself as best I can into this part of God's world.....the depth of information and challenges to my understanding of history, bible etc. from the guides and lecturers are amazing and already I am feeling something of the political tension which someone aptly described as a "cold peace" between Jews and Palestinians.

From a biblical perspective, I am starting to place the various texts of the Bible and its history together in a way I never have been able to do in the past. Also, having many sisters and brothers from other Christian traditions from many parts of the world doing the course with me only enriches the experience on so many levels. Even after a comparatively short time we seem to have developed a very good relationship with one another and a respectful openness to differing points of view.

Two days ago now we travelled through the army checkpoint into the Palestinian area and visited Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity where I, along with two other priests as well as the rest of the group, celebrated Mass down in the cave on the altar right next to the traditional place where Jesus was born and right beside the "actual" ?? Manger (so tradition says!!) Whatever about the authenticity of all the details this is a rare and beautiful place to be allowed to celebrate Mass given you still have all the people crowding in to see the "actual spot" while Mass is being celebrated and the very small area available around the altar itself. Most groups usually only get permission to use the main church upstairs or one of its side chapels for Mass so we were very fortunate to have this privilege. I was actually surprised how much it all affected me emotionally and spiritually but the chaos around us celebrating Mass became a metaphor to me for what our faith is and what the first Christmas was really about: Jesus comes to us now as he did then in the messy and chaotic reality of human living not quite what our lovely Vinnies Christmas cards often like to portray!

After sharing lunch with a beautiful Palestinian family, some spirited and some might say "controversial" political conversations followed....everything here is 'political' and the course purposefully exposes us to this reality in various ways. Yesterday we had a wonderful Jewish guide take us around the Old City of Jerusalem and later we travelled on to the place where the Herodian palace was built by Herod the Great (after literally moving two mountains together) and explored not only the physical place itself which is amazing but also reflected on the actions of this incredibly controversial person.

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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.

Safeguarding Message July 2019

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM....."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13

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Perhaps the so called "icing on the cake" in terms of experiences for the day came when we were forced to spend half an hour waiting in a traffic queue to get through the army checkpoint out of the Palestinian area of Israel back into the Jewish area where Tantur is locatedsomething which is a daily humiliation for the Israeli Palestinians!. It will also be interesting to see the situation first hand when I go to places like Ramallah within the Palestinian controlled areas. At the moment though I am trying to keep an open mind on the situation here but things certainly seem to be strongly weighted, as far as I can see, in one direction. Next week however it's on to Galilee.

Tantur (which means the "top of the head" and is located on top of a small mountain) where I am staying is a beautiful and peaceful part of Israel, committed to interfaith dialogue and looks out over Bethlehem and the West Bank....in five minutes I can literally walk down to the army check point into Bethlehem. It is a large property established by Pope Paul 6th after the Second Vatican Council to promote scholarship and most importantly deeper conversations between ALL those living in the Holy Land as to how to promote reconciliation and harmony in the region. There are many international groups who stay here and it has one of the best libraries in the area.

Finally, the food is abundant and has a five stars rating!.... most of it is very healthy and we are constantly offered lots of variety from various options of Middle Eastern cuisine.

Anyway, I have rambled on enough. Hope you are all traveling well. I hear great news about Fr Joey's leadership and I know the parish is in very good hands. I am extremely grateful to him and the members of the parish team especially for the additional load they have taken on during my absence.

I continue to keep you all in prayer.

Blessings to everyone!

Fr Peter



The words of the Good Samaritan Story are *spirit and life*

The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan asks questions, answers question, opens up deeper questions and the story invites us to open our eyes to see more.

Questions asked:

"Who is my neighbour?" (asks the lawyer) "Who proved himself to be a neighbour?" (asks Jesus)

Questions answered:

Lawyer said, "The one who took pity on him." Jesus said, "Go, and do the same yourself."

Then there are the deeper questions:

Who is like the good Samaritan? Was Jesus like the good Samaritan? Could the good Samaritan be an image of Jesus? Is God a good neighbour to us like the good Samaritan?

A very early **interpretation of this parable** by Origin only 200 years after Jesus told it, said, *Yes, this is a story about Jesus.*

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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.

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.

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.

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.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council

www.thecouncil.org.au
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, you call us, your disciples in Broken Bay to be the face of Jesus to the world, to care and evangelise in his name.

Through your Spirit, you call us all, to serve you in many forms of Christian discipleship.

We ask you particularly at this time to call forth individual believers to serve your disciples in Broken Bay in our lay ecclesial ministries, in religious life, in diaconate and in priesthood.

May we be a Church where generosity, dedication and passion are called forth and nurtured.

May we be a Church where we can listen for your voice in a noisy world, and respond with faith and hope.

We ask you this through the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, Christ, our Lord. 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, (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.



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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Searching for a New Maturity

"Be in the world, but not of the world!" Great advice, but not easy to follow.

We struggle with this tension. On the one side, the temptation is to keep ourselves pure and unstained by the world, but at the cost of excessively separating ourselves from it, not loving it, not leaving ourselves vulnerable as Jesus did to feel its pains, and not modeling how someone can live inside the world and still have a vibrant faith and church life. The other temptation is the opposite: To enter the world and love and bless its energy, but to do so in a way that ultimately offers nothing in the way being salt and light for the world.

We can't live as Jesus did simply because we lack the maturity to walk amidst the temptations.

We will never be free of this tension. Such is the price of paradox. However in order to live within it more healthily, we need a certain theology and spirituality to guide us and we need a greater personal maturity to sustain us.

What kind of theology and spirituality can help us? What kind of personal and collective maturity is being asked of us?

In terms of a theology and a spirituality, what we need is a vision that holds in proper tension our love for the world and our love for God. One may not be sacrificed for the other; they must be brought into proper relation.

We need to be able to love the world in such a way that we bless and honor its goodness, its energy, its color, its zest, and its moral strengths, even as we stand where the cross of Jesus is forever being erected and speak prophetic words of challenge in the face of the world's moral deficiencies, injustices, self-preoccupation, proclivity to greed, and less-than-full vision. But prophecy is predicated on love. Unless we first honor and bless what is good in the world we don't have the moral right to criticize it.

We need to be in solidarity with the world in everything but sin, blessing it with one hand, even as we hold the cross of Christ with the other.

But that's not easy. We don't just lack the vision, we also lack the moral and emotional strength needed to imitate Jesus. He could walk with sinners, eat with them, embrace them, forgive their sins, feel the pain and chaos of sin, yet not sin himself. He could challenge the world, even as he blessed and enjoyed its energies.

And the struggle to do that is not abstract, but earthy: Mostly we can't live as Jesus did simply because we lack the maturity to walk amidst the temptations, distractions, and comforts offered by the world without either losing ourselves in them, selling out our message, or unhealthily withdrawing into safe enclaves to huddle in fear, against the world, protected from it, but at the cost of denigrating its goodness, energy, color, and zest.

It's no accident that our church communities sometimes look fearful, grey, sexless, and uninviting in comparison to the freedom, color, eros, and energy that's manifest in the world. We remain religious, but often at the cost of being unhealthily fearful, timid, frigid and depressed.

But Jesus was never fearful, timid, frigid, or depressed. We often are because we need to protect ourselves, given that we haven't got Jesus' maturity. And our timidity has its own wisdom, but ... in the 16th century, Ignatius of Loyola looked at the church and thought a new maturity was needed. He founded the Jesuits in response.

We need that today.

Someone needs to found a religious community with no rules because, for its members, none would be needed. Everyone would be mature enough to live out a poverty, chastity, and obedience that does not need to be externally prescribed and over-protected by symbols that set it apart. Attitudes and behavior would be shaped from inside and would emanate from a commitment to a community, a vision, and a God that puts one under an obedience that is more demanding than any outside rule. The community would be mixed, men and women together, but strong enough to affectively love each other, remain chaste, and model friendship and family beyond sex and without denigrating sex. The community would be radically immersed in the world. Its members, sustained by prayer and community, would be free, like Jesus, of curfews and laws, to dine with everyone, saints and sinners alike, without sinning themselves. This community would give itself to the world, even as it resisted being of the world.

Perhaps that's naive, but whenever I voice this fantasy to an audience the reaction is always very strong. Where can I find it? I'll join tomorrow!

The world needs mature Christians who, like Jesus, have the strength to walk inside the world, right inside the chaos of sin itself, without sinning themselves. Like the young men in the Book of Daniel, Christians must be able walk around inside the flames without being consumed themselves, safe, singing sacred songs in the heart of the blaze.

Ron Rolheiser

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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for tNational Theme for Discernment #5 – How is God calling he Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus Find out more: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



THE NATIONAL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	14/07/19	9:30am	NO Kidz Word at St Gerard's —School Holidays
		10:15am	NO Kidz Word at OLHC—School Holidays
		5:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon	15/07/19	9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	16/07/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		6:30pm	PMR Carlingford Alpha Session
		7:30pm	SVdP Meeting at the shop at Epping
Wed.	17/07/19	9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	Healing Mass at OLHC Epping + Morning Tea
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	18/07/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
Fri.	19/07/19	12:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	No Rosary during school holidays
		7:00pm	NO CANA during school holidays
Sat.	20/07/19	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

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The man on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho was like humanity, who fell into the hands of brigands. Humanity was robbed of their intimate friendship with God. The law symbolised by the Jewish priest and the prophets, symbolised by the Levite could not rescue humanity. Then came the good Samaritan who is like Jesus who came to save humanity, who was alienated from God. He rescued the poor man and helped him to the Inn, which is like the church, a field hospital, where people are healed, forgiven and graced by God.

Jesus made up this story and the story invites us to open our eyes to see into Jesus. The story comes from deep within and expresses who he really is. When you listen deeply to the story and the conversation between Jesus and the lawyer, **do you have questions?**

In the first reading we heard, "**The word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart** for your observance". Dt 30:14 If that is so, then the word of God can open our eyes to see spirit and life in these words of Jesus. For example, did you notice that *God commanded us to love ourselves!* It is in the most important commandment. "You must love the Lord your God. . and you must love your neighbour as you love yourself." So, *you must love yourself!*

Sitting in circles

Fr Peter wants to offer us opportunities to listen to the word in our hearts and to share the word in our mouth, so we discover spirit and life in the words of Jesus. In Spring you will be invited to join with your neighbours and sit in a circle. Every Winter day is a day closer to Spring, so more news next week.

Dennis McNamara Encouraging Missionary Disciples

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a holy day of obligation
Mass times are as follows:

14th August
7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

15th August
9:30am Mass at St Gerard's Church
School attending.

15th August
12:15pm Mass Our Lady Help of Christians' Church—School attending.

7:30pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church



Confirmation 2019

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on Sunday, 28th July. Enrolment information, forms and brochures are available at the back of both churches and can be downloaded from the parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford

Alternatively, please feel free to contact us at kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au and we will forward you the enrolment pack via email.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation. Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. This can mean we are unable to ensure every eligible child is notified. If you do know of anyone whose children are in Year 2 or above, please feel free to spread the word for us.

Children enrolled in this Sacrament's preparation are required to attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. Upon completion, the children will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 14th September.

We always like to hear from you and look forward getting to know you. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact us.



A huge thank-you to the adult and youth leaders who have worked hard this first half of the year to bring the Gospel alive to all the young children of our parish! Our team of dedicated leaders have grown and we welcome on board the new volunteers who have joined us.

In these few months, I have met many of our parent and youth leaders. I have been inspired and truly am grateful for their efforts to prepare the Kidz Word sessions each week. Parents and our young leaders, you are proof that volunteers are people who don't want to be thanked for helping others. God bless you!

We will be organising a gathering in the second half of the year and hope to see as many of you there as possible!

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EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 17th July at 10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Marie, Carmel and team.

All are welcome to our monthly Healing Masses (on the 1st Thursday of the month at Carlingford and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Epping) as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know. Each third month (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) within these Masses.

REFLECTION ON NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

A reminder that our weekly time of reflection on the coming Sunday's Scriptures will take place this coming **Friday, 19th July** at Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!

Appreciating our Baptism Call

Q Since many of us were baptised as infants and have no memories of our Baptism, how can we come to appreciate the importance of Baptism in our lives?

- A** Those baptised as adults treasure the memory of their Baptism. Those baptised as infants can also, with a little effort.
- Find out the date of your Baptism and make that anniversary special by lighting a candle and renewing your baptismal promises.
 - Make a pilgrimage to the font where you were baptised.
 - Track down photos from that day.
 - When your parish celebrates a Baptism, join in the celebration and notice what happens.

Through those experiences you can relive your own Baptism vicariously and deepen your appreciation.

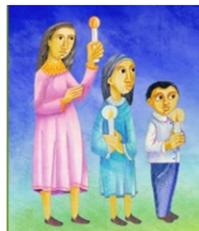
Pray for those preparing for Baptism. Even if you don't remember your Baptism, know how important it continues to be: Baptism is our entry into the life of Christ, our participation in the Paschal Mystery of his life, death and Resurrection. Baptism is a sacramental encounter with Christ that lasts a lifetime.

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Saturday Sessions with Katie

Open to all, these sessions are ideal for single women or couples who would like to learn to chart their fertility. This free course is a wonderful way to learn in a safe and healthy environment.

When: 1st Saturday of each month
Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills
Time: 10:30am-11:30am
Enquiries: katie.fulilove@bbcatholic.org.au



Youth Page

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday 14th July

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 **7pm**, in the parish meeting room @ **Epping**. 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"



CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



THERE IS NO CANA FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

CANA will resume on the 26th July, from 7:30—9:00 pm in St Gerard's Parish Hall.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun term break!

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister, **Joanna Mak**
joanna@eppcarl.org.au or **0423 717 550**

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Are **YOU** interested in attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth this year?

This national festival occurs once every 2 years and is designed to bring young Catholics all over Australia together. This 3 day convention (**from 8-10th December, 2019**) will host a wide range of activities including music, prayer, leadership talks, worship and a pilgrimage walk. This festival is specifically for people between **Year 9 up to 30 years old** (under 18s must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). If you would like to find out more or you are interested in attending the ACYF, please email the Youth Minister on joanna@eppcarl.org.au or call Joanna on 0423 717 550.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Broken Bay Bible Conference 2019 – Registrations Open

The Holy Spirit through the Pages of Scripture
Friday – Saturday 11-12 October 2019

From the very first pages of Scripture, through to the life of Jesus, the Early Church, and into our own times, the Holy Spirit is active, boldly empowering and gifting God's people. Journey with us as we discover who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today.

This 2-day conference will be presented by **Dr Debra Snoddy**, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute of Sydney and **Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush**, Lecturer in Theology at Australian Catholic University.

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

Costs: Full Conference Registration \$88; Single Day Registration \$44

Enquiries: www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible
Tania Rimac faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or 02 8379 1629

Online Registration: www.trybooking.com/BCKBE

ANTIOCH GROUP FUNDRAISER

There is still time to help the **ANTIOCH GROUP FUNDRAISER** with attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival! Buy an Entertainment Membership today for \$70 and receive a **BONUS \$10 Woolworths WISH eGift Card!** Hurry, offer ends 11:59pm AEST, 14 July. This book offers discounts to a wide range of offers including dining, shopping, movie tickets, travel, theme parks, hotels, care hire etc. and is great for the family or as a present for others. You can order online here <https://www.entbook.com.au/9g60740>

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Antioch are hosting a **bake sale** at all the Masses on the **27 and 28th July**. We will be selling cakes, desserts and other items.

Please support our youth with this fundraising appeal as we continue to raise funds to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth later this year. We would also love your support in bringing cakes and other food items that we can sell.

If you have any questions please message the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on joanna@eppcarl.org.au or mobile: 0423 717 550. Thankyou very much for all your support, we truly appreciate it immensely!

SMARTLoving Marriage Weekend Seminar

Open to all married couples, the SMARTLoving weekend is a solution-focused seminar that will equip you and your spouse to identify your unique love profile and learn practical ways to love more effectively. Whether you are in a stable marriage or a stressed one, you can consolidate strengths, overcome barriers, and move closer to being the couple you want to be. Take some time for yourselves and register for this weekend.

When: 21-22 September 2019
Venue: St Joseph's Retreat Centre, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills
Time: 8:30am Saturday – 4:30pm Sunday
Cost: \$445 per couple (accommodation and full catering)
Registration: www.trybooking.com/BDEKL
PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
Enquiries: events@bbcatholic.org.au