

Responsorial Psalm Response Ps 50:3-4.12-13.17-19 I will rise and go to my father.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!
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WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm 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: Ron Jenkins, Noelene Wells, Annette Agnes Banks, Kevin Diversi, Lucy Kwan, Ryan Wang, Rod Glendenning.

Anniversary: David & John Spargo, Rene & Iris Nina,

Also for: Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur, Soo Woog Jin, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, Isabel Melo, Elena & Antonio Lostoeeo, Hermogena Tornea,

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 Connors, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Peter Baker. 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, Elizabeth Barton, Heather Stoodley, Terry Hoolahan.

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



To: Dick & Val Porter,

Our sincere congratulations on your 60th Wedding Anniversary. God has blessed each of you with a very special companion for your journey. May this anniversary mark the beginning of another year for God to light your path.

The parish family

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
21/09/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
22/09/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
22/09/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
22/09/19	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 C TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15-09-19

Exodus 32:7-11.13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32



Dates—Times—Location

You are invited to join us:

Wednesday 18th September

at 7:15pm in the Epping Parish Meeting Room

Thursday 19th September

at 10am in the Carlingford Parish Meeting Room

Registration

People who are interested in attending the programme are asked to fill in one of the registration forms available at the back of the church and EITHER place them on one of the collections or in one of the boxes located near the main entrance to each of our churches, OR leave your details at the parish office.

For more information

Contact Maree at the Parish Office
on 9876 2853
or email maree@eppcarl.org.au

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

"I never would have read the Bible if it wasn't for this and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty."

- Kiley D



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 September 2019

SAFEGUARDING MONTH—an inclusive community creates awareness, breaks down barriers and fosters friendship.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH EVENTS:

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting a community forum promoting safety for people living with Disability

Wednesday 25 September 2019
St Joseph's Hall, Killara
1:30-3:30pm

This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Plenary Council
Now that we are in the Discernment phase, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

We invite the groups who participated in Listening and Dialogue to now reconvene in communal Discernment on any one of the six themes. Each Discernment session is expected to result in a response that can be summarised in 1000 characters and that can be submitted through a form on the Discernment page (to be opened September 1). Our Writing and Discernment Groups will then meet and discern on these responses, with prayer and from their own theological knowledge, towards publishing thematic papers and fleshing out the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

Light for Our Path

The Parish Retreat day will be held on; Saturday 12th October at the Benedictine Monastery in Arcadia.



It will commence at 10 am and conclude about 3 pm.

The theme for the day will focus on Creation as God's first Incarnation. Such a way of understanding and contemplating our created world enables us to embrace its magnificence with a deep sense of wonder and

gratitude for all that is. As we grow in appreciation of this, we become more aware of creation being a "thou" not an "it." This enables us to live more intentionally in a right relationship with the earth and the cosmos through a loving exchange of giving and receiving. It is hoped that one of the fruits of our day together will be an increased sense of growing in harmony as a Parish community of faith, with the one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new.



The day will be facilitated by Sr. Patty Andrew osu (a sister of the Ursuline Congregation)

Unlock the Mystery

The first reading tells what happened between Moses and God when the people made a golden idol and worshipped it. What does this event really mean?

God made a **covenant (Agreement) with Abraham**. God said "I will give you descendants; your descendants will inherit a land of their own. In return, I will be your God. You will trust me. There will be no other gods but Me."

Years later, his descendants moved to Egypt, looked after by Joseph. They came to be known as the people of Israel. Because they became so many, the Egyptian Pharaohs made them slaves.

After 400 years, God chose Moses to free the Israelites. **God took the people out of Egypt.** When Moses was on Mt Sinai conversing with God, the people forged a golden bull in the image of the Egyptian god Apis and worshipped it.

God said, "These people have gone back on the covenant I had with Abraham". Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God "You brought them out of Egypt. Remember the covenant with Abraham". God relented.

Jeff Cavins tells us in Unlocking the mystery of the Bible: "It took months to take the people out of Egypt, it took 40 years to take Egypt out of the people" **How is it relevant to us today?**

We face the same challenges they did; either trust God or trust some golden bull. We may not worship a golden bull (Although Wall street worships a charging bull!), but gold still holds a lot of power over us, just as lies, reality tv and 'fake' news does. God gave us freedom from the slavery of sin through the water of baptism. Yet addictions, arrogance and consumerism enslave us.

Only the power of God can break into our dysfunction from the outside in and take that out of us. It may take 40 years or a lifetime for most of us to be healed!

Denis McNamara

Supporting Missionary Disciples

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

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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



Left: Diocesan Administrator Very Rev Dr David Ranson at the Liturgy of Inclusion and Care which was held at the Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd September.

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Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—The Perils of Safety

I was raised to be cautious, physically and morally: "Be careful! Don't make a mistake! Be safe! Don't do anything for which you'll be sorry!" I inhaled those words, literally, through my years of childhood, my years of seminary training, and through most of my years in the priesthood.

Sometimes when we think we are defending life we are really defending the poverty of our own lives

In fact they were the last words that my father, one of the truly moral men I have known, spoke to me. He was dying of cancer in a hospital and as my brother and I left for the night, not knowing that he would die before morning, he cautioned us: "Be careful!" He was referring to our driving on icy winter roads. But this caution marked his character, his moral sensitivity, and his healthy solicitude for us, his children, and it was meant morally: "Be careful! Be safe!" This was his habitual warning.

Those words are now part of my genetic make-up. You inherit more than simple biology from your father, especially if you are lucky enough to have one who was uncompromisingly moral. And that caution has served me well. I'm grateful for it. I've made it through more than half a century essentially intact, physically and morally. No small gift.

But that caution sometimes brings with it other things for which I am less grateful. One can be intact, but so cautious and timid that fear rather than love becomes the compass for one's life. The occupational hazard in always being scrupulously safe is that one can easily end up like the older brother of the prodigal son, that is, rigidly faithful in all things, but judgmental, jealous, and bitter of heart, dogmatically and morally uncompromising, while envying the amoral and being too paralyzed internally to truly dance. Sometimes a long, practiced caution in our actions makes for a heart that is more cautious than generous, more envious than affirming, and more judgmental than forgiving. Sometimes too it makes for a heart that understands love and forgiveness as things that must be merited rather than freely given and received. Too often it results in a heart that is secretly gleeful when things go wrong for those who aren't living as we are. That isn't always the case, but it can easily be, and, speaking frankly and humbly, it has sometimes been the case in my own life.

The German poet, Goethe, once wrote: "The dangers of life are many, and safety is one of those dangers." For some people perhaps the reverse warning might be more appropriate. But for those of us who were raised to be good and religious persons there is a disturbing truth in Goethe's words (Goethe).

Are we living too safely? Do we have the courage to look at our inhibitions, jealousies, and religiously-sanctioned angers with real honesty? Are our lives driven more by fear than by love? Can we enter the dance without judgment and bitterness? Do others perceive us as rigid? When is the last time we could truly forgive someone who hurt us? Are our lives really about love and generosity rather than fear and self-protection?

The danger in living too safely is that sometimes when we think we are defending life we are really defending the poverty of our own lives, sometimes when we think we are defending virtue we are really defending our inhibitions and fears, and sometimes when we think we are speaking for God's healthy concern for the world we are really speaking of our own hidden jealousy, like the older brother of the prodigal son.

The hero of the movie, Chariots of Fire, Eric Liddell, a wonderfully moral young man, was an Olympic runner who, because of religious sensibilities, refused to run an Olympic race on Sunday, even though he was heavily favored to win the gold medal. It would be easy to judge his action as stemming from moral and religious rigidity. In somebody else's case that might be true. It wasn't for Eric Liddell. Why? Because he wasn't driven by fear or rigidity. He was driven by love. "When I run," he famously said, "I feel God's pleasure."

Sometimes I ask myself that same question in relation to my religious and moral inhibitions: Does God take pleasure in my caution? Does God take pleasure in my sacrifices? Does God take pleasure in my anxieties about the world's moral failings? Or is the Father standing with me, outside the celebration, pleading with me, as he once pleaded with the older brother of the prodigal son, to let up a little and come inside and join the dance?

I am grateful for my upbringing, despite the congenital reticence with which it has left me. It's good to be careful. It's a responsible and loving way to live. But I am growing more honest about its dangers. I am pretty intact much of the time, but sometimes I'm more fearful than generous, more self-protective than loving, more jealous than healthily solicitous. Sometimes caution doesn't leave me with a big heart.

Safety too has its dangers.

Ron Rolheiser

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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.

Can You Help—Counting of Collections

Each Sunday after Mass, volunteers from the parish community meet to count the monies collected at the weekend Masses. They are rostered on once a month at Epping and every 5-6 weeks at Carlingford.

The parish needs additional volunteers to help with this ministry. If you would be willing to participate as a money counter, please call Dennis Porteous on 9876 2853 or email dennis@eppcarl.org.au

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	15/09/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	No Kidz Word—Children's Mass
		11:15am	Cake Stall after the 10:15am Mass
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford Baptism Preparation Meeting
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
Mon	16/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	17/09/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
		7:30pm	SVdP Meeting in the shop at Epping
Wed.	18/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	Healing Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Ch.
		4:00pm	PMR Epping Transforming Practices
		7:15pm	PH Epping "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
Thur.	19/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
		10:00am	St Gerard's School Class Mass Yr. 6
		10:15am	OLHC School Class Mass Yr. 3
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Fri.	20/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford—Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat.	21/09/19	7:00pm	PH Carlingford—CANA Youth meeting
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		12:00pm	St Gerard's Netball presentation
		5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

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Parish Pastoral Council
If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to ppsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

Our Lady Help of Christians' Primary School

Will be holding their Term 3 fundraising

**Cake Stall this Sunday
15th September
after the 10:15am Mass a Epping.**

Families from years 3 and 4 will be selling yummy baked goods.
Thank you for your support of our school



Naomi Osman

Discovering Global Mission



Palms Australia
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Your professional skills can create better opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Grass-roots organisations, clinics and schools in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. These assignments are not quick fixes.

Find out how teacher **Andrew Tham** mentored both students and educators in Rubya, Tanzania, and how sharing **your skills** can **immerse you** in a **world of deep cultural discovery**.

Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

Palms Meet and Greet:
Saturday 21st September @ 2pm
John Street Café, Dooley's Catholic Club, 11-17 Church Street, Lidcombe
Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling 16-29 November.
Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333

Celebrations this Week Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Memoria, St Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian bishop, martyr.

Friday: Memoria, Sts Andrew kim tae-gön, priest, martyr Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions, martyrs.

Saturday: Feast, St Matthew, apostle, evangelist.



Confirmation 2019

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their Confirmation in the parish this Saturday 14th September:

Gabriel Ackland, Terence Antonio, Noah Armitage, Sterling Aspiras, Harry Baines, Mykaela Barcial, Jonathan Bast, Sophie Bates, Blair Bautista, Ashton Bressa, Audrey Bywater, Lauren Callo, Jaydan Chan, Cameron Cheah, Jacob Chiha, Felicia Choe, Ethan Chong, Chloe Chong, Ella Shilan Li Clift, Frederick Cooksey, Samuel de Carvalho, Grace de Carvalho, Alicia De Pontes, Erene Dsouza, Valery Duque Herrera, Ellen Eymael, Thomas Fitzsimon, Carlisle Flores, Carsten Flores, Scarlett Frost, Alexa Garcia-McCabe, Isla Gilchrist, Jessica Griffin, Eleanor Heard, Thomas Heard, Abigail Higgins, Renee Hunt, Allegra Imbruglia-Wong, Matthew Karam, Michael Lape, Marie Julienne Lape, Michael Lee, Dominic Lee, Molly Lia, Thomas Manton, Kayden Martin, Evan Mathew, Joel McGinty, David McGuire, Zoe McGuire, Ivy Mouncey, Cassandra Nolan, Isabella Nolan, Yushin Oh, Adam O'Keefe, Aishling O'Keefe, Spencer O'Neill, Blake Phillips, Erik Piestrzynski, Christian Rees, Timothy Rieder, Chiara Ruiz, Julia Scarfe, Hanting Anna Shi, Hanxi Vincent Shi, Alexander Siau, Arianna Simone-Albornoz, Christopher Simpson, Madeline Sleiman, Aston Snow, Callum Sullivan, Lucas Taufer, William Taylor, Olivia Thomas, Maya Tomkinson, Sofia Tong, Theo Tong, Oliver Turner, Jianne Vellapallil, Mitchell Walsh, Ziyang Wang, Seniru Wickremasinghe, Hasini Wickremasinghe, Elijah Wilks, Ella Woon and Lorenzo Zubiaga-Terrazas.

The parish would very much like to thank the facilitators, teachers, catechists, parents and carers who have helped these children prepare for their Confirmation.

A special thank-you also to our sacristans, altar society, junior and adult servers, lectors, musicians and singers, and those who helped look after the PowerPoint presentation. Their time and efforts have been vitally important in helping make the Confirmation Liturgies memorable!

As always, if there is anything we can assist you with regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact us.

Lynn Siau
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Rosary for the Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The rosary for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be recited every Friday afternoon at 4:30pm in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. You are most welcome to join us.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL



The first CWF Appeal for this Financial Year continues this weekend in both our Churches.

SHORTFALL AFTER SIX WEEKS—\$4,387

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 \$18,577.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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

EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 18th September at 10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Carmel Avis, Marie Heard 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.

Class Masses this Thursday 19th September

Yr. 6 Class Mass at 10am at St Gerard's.

Yr. 3 Class Mass at 10:15am at OLHC Epping
All class families are welcome!

COMBINED LITURGICAL MUSIC GROUP MEETINGS

The next meeting for the Liturgical Music Groups will be held on:

Thursday 26th September

in the **PMR Carlingford** commencing at **7:30pm**.

Could one person preferably two people from each group attend. That would be most helpful.

St Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop"



Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year.

Date: 26 October 2019

Tickets: Only 45 tickets are available—wise to get in early.

Cost: \$60 includes morning and afternoon tea and a great venue for lunch.

Shopping venues: Home and Gift Warehouse, Sasy and Savy, Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places.

Only two weeks to get your money in to pay for the bus.

It will be the best fun day you will have this year.

For further details please contact *Marilyn Sharp* on 9872 1436 for further details.

Youth Page

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 15 August

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!



For more information
Joanne—0416 030 927

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

CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



CANA is on this Friday 13 September 20 from 7:30—9:00 pm in 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 or 0423 717 550

Q Besides the priest, deacon or other staff members and trained volunteers, who helps to prepare people for initiation?

A The task of preparing people for initiation does not belong to the priest alone, or to one special group of volunteers: it is the responsibility of the entire parish community.



All of us show forth what it means to live as a Catholic, not only when we gather for prayer on Sunday, but in the actions and decisions of our daily lives.

Our example can inspire – or discourage – those who are looking around for living examples of faith in the world.

In 1624, John Donne wrote, "The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptises a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that head which is my head too, and engrafted into the body whereof I am a member" (Meditation XVII).

All of us are affected when our family of faith grows – not just parents, godparents and Christian initiation volunteers!

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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.

Catholic Youth Broken Bay—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. This month we will be focusing on and breaking open Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. Hear from a panel of young adults with some of their insights, and join in discussion around the Holy Fathers' latest document to young people and the Church.

Date: Tuesday 17th September 2019

Time: 6:30pm—9:00pm

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

Marriage Enrichment Weekend :

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!
8th-10th November, 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Book online at www.wvme.org.au

Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419** or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com
Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



Stand for Life

**2:30pm to 5pm,
Sunday 15th September
Archibald Fountain Hyde Park**

The NSW Parliament is about to pass an Extreme **abortion law allowing Abortion on demand **until birth****

IT IS TIME TO BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. AGAIN.

Please come along and join us!