

Responsorial Psalm Response I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!
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WEEKEND MASSES	
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: Gan Chin Joo, Mrs Tsang, Joan Gurr, Angela Roworth, Peter Flanagan (father of Brendan Flanagan), Margaret Cooke (nee Feld), David Boulton, Louise Carey.

Anniversaries: David & John Spargo,

Also for: Isabel Melo,


Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Amy, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Hong, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, Tony ?, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Rob Neil, Josie Scully, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Patricia Amy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Frank Holmes, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Robert Carroll.

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

**Celebrations this Week—
24th Week in Ordinary Time**
 Thursday—Memoria, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn,
 Paul Chõng Ha-sang & companions
 Friday—Feast, St Matthew

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
22/09/18	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
23/09/18	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
23/09/18	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
23/09/18	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

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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 B TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16-9-18

Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

This weekend we will be farewelling Fr Anselam at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Carlingford. At the conclusion of Mass we will adjourn to the parish meeting room where we will enjoy fellowship and a light supper.

Fr Anselam will take up his new appointment at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga on Monday 17th September. We wish him every blessing for the future and our sincere gratitude for his ministry and presence among us!

Martino our seminarian, currently studying for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush will be inducted into the ministry of Lector as part of his formation to the priesthood. The induction will take place at the 10:15am Mass on Sunday 30th September by Fr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay .

The Seminarian at the end of the second year petitions for and if accepted receives the Ministry of Lector. This calls them to be servants of the Living Word of God.

Prayer for those Affected by Drought

God of all creation hear our prayer; bring us rain to renew the ground, to replenish our dams, to activate seeds, to bring the possibility of some reward to those who have worked so hard.

We turn to you in faith and hope. We pray for families, rural communities and all affected by drought in our Great South Land.

We pray for all those who live under the shadow of drought. We pray for those who work with the land, for farmers and their families, for those who rely upon the land for their life and relationships. We pray for contractors, merchants and truck drivers, for rural counsellors and support workers, for all in our rural communities.

May the revitalising power of your Spirit be present in miraculous and truly human ways and be with all of us as we move forward in the days ahead. We pray too, for justice; for fair prices for our stock, our wool and our grain. We pray for governments, banks and corporations. May they be driven by wisdom, generosity, justice and compassion. We pray for each other, keep us aware of the needs of those around us; for those who are struggling, and those carrying heavy burdens.

Restore those who are far from you with the knowledge that they are loved and valued. Give them not just a sense of renewal, but a sense of hope and purpose for lives that are finding the journey hard.

Bring us rain to renew us, Lord. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Pray for us.

Safeguarding— September is Safeguarding month.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

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ASK

us how we are feeling and what we are thinking, ask us what we need



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

“ ? ”

LISTEN

to what we are really saying



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

Come and See event—Is there More to Life?



You are invited to a dinner party.
Yes, you and your spouse, you and a friend, you and your neighbour.
If you are new and do not know anyone, then someone who has done Alpha is around to come with you...

Join us over dinner this **Wednesday evening at 7pm on 19 September**.
We meet in the parish hall at Epping.
There is plenty of parking space in the school grounds. Enter at 8 Cambridge street.

The sign-up sheets are available at the back of the Church.
Please complete and place in the box provided, or phone Maree at the parish office to let *us know you are coming*. Tel 9876 2853

Come & See for yourself. Come and meet others for a great social night.

Here is a compilation of some Alpha stories from witnesses at Mass last weekend.

After attending Alpha and watching all the videos, I have a deeper understanding of who God is. It's made me reflect about what it means to be a Catholic today, why it is important to have faith and because of our faith, what we can do for others. Alpha has made me more passionate about my faith, and my relationship with God and the people I've met. Alpha is a great place to ask these questions.

Joanna

I went to the first Alpha session, curious. I was convinced that Alpha wasn't for me. I found myself strangely enjoying the videos and looking forward to the next session and the next session. I also met some great people and we have become friends. Alpha gave me confidence and empowered me in my faith. Give Alpha a try. Come share a meal with the Alpha team and see what the hype is all about. The best way to describe Alpha, is for you to experience it.

Natasha

What led me to Alpha is something very simple. A deep yearning to understand my God better and to grow my Faith. Alpha will remind you of what you forgotten, open your eyes to what you didn't know and while doing so, you will build relationships with fellow parishioners. My relationship with Jesus and my Faith is now stronger. Telling you about Alpha is an extension of my excitement about the program and my joy I want to share with you. If you are seeking to rekindle and grow your faith, feel a deep hunger for God, or simply yearn to be part of a community, Alpha is what you are seeking.

Phil

I believe Alpha was the answer to a prayer. My prayer was to be involved in something really worthwhile. That prayer led me to Alpha. I have a new awareness of my relationship with the Holy Spirit. I see things more clearly - the things that matter. I understand better, the way the Spirit has been guiding me, healing me and gifting me. In many ways the Spirit has been there to make me, more fully alive. I feel real gratitude, for the grace of Alpha. I don't know what graces, God has in store for you. But I do know you will find yourself feeling "at home", accepted and among friends.

Denis

Fundraising for those in need with a day at the races including a buffet luncheon, all-day beverages, activities and prizes

Broken Bay Charity Race Day 2018

Thursday 1 November

Entertainment Grounds
4 Racecourse Rd,
West Gosford NSW 2250

12:00pm – 6:00pm
\$85.00

Raising funds to support Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care services



Fr Joey celebrating his birthday at the Healing and Anointing Mass on 5th September.

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.

AFTER HOURS SICK CALLS—9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Peter and Fr Joey at home. In the event that they are unavailable, their answering machines will record your message or ring the number given in the message. However, if possible please restrict routine enquiries to office hours.

HAVE YOU TOLD US? If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For parishioners who give by credit card, does your credit card expire in the near future? Please give the parish office a call on 9876 2853 if you have received a new credit card and/or a new expiry date.

POSITION VACANT Pastoral Support Worker – Youth Lower North Shore Parish (Part time)

Lower North Shore Catholic Parish is seeking a Pastoral Support Worker – Youth (10 hrs per week) to plan, resource and implement an interesting program of youth activities specifically targeting young people in high school and young adults. While hours are flexible they will include evening and weekend work.

For more info including the position description ring the Parish Office on 9958 8846 or email office@lns.org.au. Applications will need to be emailed to office@lns.org.au by Friday 28 September 2018 and include a cover letter (which explains how you meet the requirements of this role) and a current CV.

Applications close Friday 28 September 2018.

This appointment is subject to the successful candidate being able to provide a satisfactory Working with Children Check Clearance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW).

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital to please ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during

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.



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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel: He Began to Teach Them

The Gospel this Sunday describes a major turning point in our lives and those of the disciples. It has to do with names.

1) Jesus gives the name "Peter" to Simon

The disciples are beginning to see that Jesus is much more than just one of the great heroes from the past—John the Baptist, Elijah, the prophets, etc. Jesus asks them. Without hesitation, Peter responds, "You are the Christ."

This was the last possible thought the apostles could have had about the Messiah.

Without realizing it, Simon had proclaimed the crucial depth that underlies all Christianity. Jesus was not just a buddy or a healer, as, up to now, they had been thinking. He was the long awaited Messiah (= Christ).

So now the disciples had fledgling roots in what Jesus was teaching about himself. With this set of roots he could now go one step further: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly ... and be killed, and rise after three days."

WHAT?

This was the last possible thought the apostles could have had about the Messiah. "Suffer? Be killed? NO, NO!"

2) A second (temporary) name for Simon Peter

The same Simon Peter, who had boldly recognized Jesus as the Christ, suddenly could not digest it. This will never happen to you, master, we will never allow it!

What a contradiction! In response, Jesus flared out at him with anguish and frustration.

Get behind me, Satan.
You are thinking not as God does,
but as human beings do.

Satan?

Check out the temptations in the desert for Satan's ideas (Mt 4:1-11). The devil's enticements had the same basis as Peter's do now: save yourself. Do not give up your life for others. Since you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. Show your power. Be the Christ. You keep talking about your heavenly Father: doesn't he want you to carry out your mission instead of suffering and dying?

It will take a good while more for the apostles (and us) to understand this. When Christ does finally come to "suffer greatly and be killed" they actually run away! But terrible suffering had been in the scriptural tradition since its beginning. Read about the "Suffering Servant" in the First Reading. What the servant says there gives a model for what will be Jesus' answer to Peter as well as to the devil.

I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard. ... The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?

In other words, Jesus had "set his face like flint" toward love's agony.

- "Simon" had called him "Christ" and therefore Simon could receive the name "Peter."
- "Simon Peter" was blindly rejecting what Jesus knew to be his true mission, and therefore could be called by the name, "Satan."

The truth? Jesus must

suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders,
the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed,
and rise after three days (Gospel).

Surely it must have hurt Jesus to have his mission swept aside by Simon Peter, even in a way meant to be kindly and protective!

Let us try to be with Simon Peter and not with Simon Satan!

John Foley, SJ

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PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	16/09/18	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's
		10:15am	Children's Mass—No Kidz Word
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford—Baptism Preparation Meeting
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon	17/09/18	9:00am	PH Epping—Little Engines Playgroup
		9:30am	PH Carlingford—Gerry's Playgroup
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford—SVdP Meeting
Tue.	18/09/18	12:15pm	OLHC—School Mass for Grandparents
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford—Adult Choir practice
Wed.	19/09/18	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	Healing & Anointing Mass at OLHC Epping
		10:15am	St Gerard's School—Yr. 5m Class Mass
Thur.	20/09/18	9:30am	Yr.8 & Yr. 9 Cheltenham High School Mass
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		11:00am	Mass at the "Poplars" Nursing Home
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:15pm	PH Epping—Growing in Faith
Fri.	21/09/18	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Sat.	22/09/18	7:00pm	PH Carlingford—CANA Youth Group
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		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

Liturgy of Commitment and Care

On Tuesday 4 September 2018, the Diocese of Broken Bay held a Liturgy of Commitment and Care. All in the Diocese were invited to gather together to acknowledge the suffering caused by abuse of our most vulnerable, to give public expression to our sorrow, to seek forgiveness and to make a public commitment to safeguard all.

Fr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay, remarked that our current period of history is occasioned by our acceptance that our community of faith has not been a place of safety and care, and that it stands in need of radical redemption. Fr David encouraged those who had gathered to sustain a mindfulness about our moral, legal and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within the community. He challenged us to not just be people of action, but to be people who act together.

"The action of prayer is one powerful way in which a community can demonstrate its solidarity in committing to a culture of safety and care," said Fr David. At the conclusion of the liturgy the next action by the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay was to read aloud, as one community, the Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding.

The Liturgy of Commitment and Care signifies the start of the annual Safeguarding Month held during September in Broken Bay. The month highlights safeguarding initiatives from the Chancery and Parishes, CatholicCare and Catholic Schools. Initiatives focus on; prayer, raising awareness and education. To find out more visit our webpage at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding>

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Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

With 100% of New South Wales declared to be in drought, Vinnies is making a special appeal to raise vital funds for rural communities in need.

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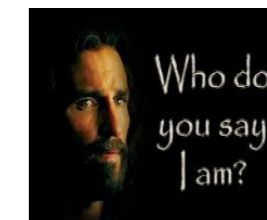


Broken Bay Diocesan Central Council Festive Mass

A Vincentian Family Celebration
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

7:00pm Thursday 27th September 2018

RSVP (02) 9495 8300 or email
william.wachsmann@vinnies.org.au





Children's Sacramental Journey Confirmation 2018

Confirmation certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed children this weekend at both churches. Parents have nominated which Mass they will attend for this presentation. The children will be individually called by name to be presented with their certificates. Please remember to clap loudly for them!

Well done to the children and their parents, whose companionship and witness speak volumes to the children. We pray that God's Spirit will always guide you in helping your children.

In our diocese, the order of the Sacraments for children after Baptism, begins with Confirmation, then First Reconciliation, followed by receiving First Holy Communion to complete their initiation into the Church. If you are wanting to find out more about your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact us.

Lynn Siau
Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
0407 255 593
kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au

EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 19th 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 Herd 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, 21st September** at Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop" Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year on Saturday 27th October. There are only 3 weeks to get your money in to pay for the bus. Some of the venues will include KB Toys, Debs Hidden Treasure and Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places. The cost of the ticket will be \$60 including morning and afternoon tea and a great venue for lunch. It will be the best fun day you will have this year. Contact **Marilyn Sharp** on 9872 1436 for further details.



Who comes to Alpha?

Someone who has been invited...

We asked someone.
"Yes, I heard about Alpha. It was interesting to know about it and I thought it would be good for others."

Then I was invited ~ "Would you come to Alpha?"
I had to respond to that person. (A thousand excuses came to mind for not going!)
It hit me. I had not really considered Alpha for myself.

My reply ~ "I will think about it" hoping that would end the conversation ...

The person inviting me asked, "Was there anything you needed to think about, that I could help you with?"
"Well, yes ~ 'What am I getting into? What if I don't like it? What if I can't continue to go?'"

The person waited to see if there were any more concerns. I just looked back.
The person said "They are good questions. Only you can answer them. I am only asking you to "Come and see".

Will you join us this Wednesday for dinner at 7 in the parish hall at Epping. You can park in the school grounds. Come for one night. *Come and See.*

"Do I need to bring anything?"
"No - just come. You can bring a friend."

"We look forward to seeing you at Alpha. You will be most welcome and among friends."

The sign-in sheets are at the back of both Churches. Please complete and place in the box provided or hand it in at the parish office, or phone Maree at the parish office 9876 2853 to let us know you are coming or just come. There is plenty of parking space in the school grounds. Enter at 8 Cambridge street.

CLASS MASS

Yr. 5M Class Mass this Wednesday 19th September at 10:15am at St Gerard's. All class families are welcome!

SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass on **Tuesday 18th September at 12:15pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, the theme is "Grandparents" Mass. All Parents most welcome!

ST GERARD MAJELLA

The monthly Mass in honour of St Gerard will be celebrated in the St Gerard's Chapel within St Gerard's Church **Monday 17th August at 9:30am.**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY - ST GERARD'S, CARLINGFORD

Just a reminder that the Rosary is said at St Gerard's, Carlingford every Monday night at 7:30pm. For further information please call Ms Gallo 9872 5181.



Year of Youth 2018

CANA YOUTH GROUP

If you're in **Years 7-9** come along for a night Jam-packed with FUN & FAITH!
EVERY FRIDAY night of the **School Term, 7:30pm - 9pm. In the Parish Hall @ Carlingford**

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

Ring Ashleigh for any further information
0430 120 015



Social Justice Reflection Afternoon

What does it mean to be involved in social justice as a Christian? How have we lived out this dimension of our Christian life in the last few decades? Where is the way forward for the practice of social justice in our parishes? If you are looking to revitalise or start a social justice group in your parish, come along to this reflection and workshop afternoon with Cristina Gomez, Justice and Integral Development Coordinator, and Krishmalie Perera from the Catholic Youth Broken Bay Office. We encourage you to attend as part of a group interested in or working in social justice from your parish, if possible. Please RSVP for catering and logistical purposes.

Presenters: Cristina Gomez & Krishmalie Perera

Date: Saturday 13 October 2018

Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (vehicular entry via City View Road)

RSVP: By 9 October 2018 to Cristina Gomez at faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1628 or to Krishmalie Perera at krishmalie.perera@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1635

Women in the Scriptures: Discovering their Stories

There are many intriguing stories in the Bible which feature women across both the Old and New Testaments. Over two evenings, rediscover these stories with biblical scholars and educators Dr Michele Connolly, RSJ and Dr Debra Snoddy from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Hear the voices of courageous, faithful, strong, gentle, and shrewd women, and understand their contexts, roles and relationships in the society and households of their times, as well as the way in which they are portrayed in the biblical texts.

Date: Mondays 15 & 22 October 2018

Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (vehicular entry via City View Road)

RSVP: By 11 October 2018
faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au Pina Bernard 8379 1627

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:

This Sunday 16th September

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

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

So head on down and bring a friend.

ALL VERY WELCOME!!

Donna—0498 935 580

Joanne—0416 030 927



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

BEYOND OUR PARISH

2018 Diocesan Children's Choir Games Sunday 21 October, St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge

Open to any young singer from Year 2 to Year 12, the afternoon begins at 12.30pm when all singers gather for rehearsal with this year's Choir Games director, Patricia Smith, music coordinator and choir director at Ku-Ring-Gai Chase parish. Singers will then be randomly divided into three choirs and assigned a young director to work with them. Workshops and rehearsals will follow, with a break for socialising and snacks.

At 3pm the Games begin! Parents, families, parishioners and guests are invited to come along and join the audience, to cheer on the choirs. The choirs compete in three categories: Action Songs, Spirituals, and Part-Singing, and then compete in a special unprepared Skills Challenge. Three official adjudicators award points to each choir in each of the categories, but audience acclaim will also be taken into consideration in determining the winning choir.

This is a fun afternoon where young people involved in parish music ministry or who may be interested in becoming involved, can meet and socialise, learn new skills and new music, perform and work together and enjoy themselves, and join their families and friends in celebrating the power and place of young people in the living Church.
Registration \$5.00 per singer.

Places are limited - please RSVP to music@lms.org.au or 9958 8846

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