

Responsorial Psalm Response O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!
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WEEKEND MASSES FOR COMMUNION SERVICES WHILR 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: Kathy Walsh, Joshua Auvonvole, Peter Parish, Janice Minogue, Patti Howard.
Anniversaries: Robert Webb.
Also for: Marjorie Webb, Hilda Cooper.
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, 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 Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Brigitta Williams.
Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

St Gerard's hosts a "Playgroup" for families in our community.

It is an informal session where parents, grandparents, carers, babies and children aged 0 to school age come together in a relaxed and friendly environment.


Gerry's Play Group

- Playgroup gives children an opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop new skills through informal play.
- Playgroup provides parents and carers with an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, make friends and share ideas and experiences.
- St Gerard's playgroup is a great way to get to know other families in our school community.

The playgroup meets every Monday morning during the school term in the parish hall. Parking is available via Roselea Way in the car park behind the school. Access to the parish hall is via the gate at the back of the school.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to:
Jaleesa Lauryn Demello

Please hold this child and her family in your prayers.





Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
22/06/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Mgr Kerry Bayada
23/06/19	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Michael Goonan SSP
23/06/19	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Michael Goonan SSP
23/06/19	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
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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	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	16-06-19
Proverbs 8:22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

"Fr Joey's exciting excursion into the Parish Ministries".

Before Fr Peter left on his Sabbatical, he asked me to write an article each week for the bulletin. So I have given this some thought and not to be outdone by his explorations of the Holy sites in the Holy Land, I decided to also make my own travel. I have decided to visit the many sites and experiences of our ministries in the parish and call it "Fr Joey's exciting excursion to ministry meetings" (Thanks to Jack Forest who coined the title as he did with "The fabricated fables of Fr Joey" during the Antioch trivia night). In this excursion, I will invite you to come and explore the different ministries in our parish.

Our first stop is, of course, the parish office. I know you all know Dennis and Maree, but let me give you more information about their ministry and some personal notes about them.

Dennis has been in our parish for some 29 years. He is the Parish Secretary, Sacristan at Epping, and also an Adult Server.

Did you know that Dennis used to be a seminarian that is why he is so versed in our Catholic faith. He is Assistant Co-ordinator in our RCIA process.

He is married to Louise (a teacher), who carries out the ministry of Reading. He has a daughter, Brooke who has finished her studies and a son Phillip who is at the moment studying for his Science degrees. Phillip is also an Adult Server.

One of the things that is so remarkable with Dennis is that you can count on him anytime. Whenever I need something very important at Epping, whatever time it is during the day even late in the evening, you can count on him to come to the Church. He is very hardworking and very trustworthy. You can see Dennis going back and forth from Epping to Carlingford to take care of the church supplies in both of our churches.

Maree has been with us for 16 years. She is also very hard-working and very generous with her time. Maree is a Pastoral Care Assistant, Bookkeeper and Assistant Parish Secretary.

She and her husband lived and worked in Germany for 27 years. On the death of her husband Maree returned to Australia, after much pleading by her aunt. Apart from her busy responsibilities in the office, she still has time to look after the Church as Assistant Sacristan and carry out the ministry of Adult Server.

Apart from her busy responsibilities in the office, she still has time to help with the priests' albs, polish brass, helps out when we have functions and teaches me the how's of living in Australia, like how to rent a car when someone hit my car, applying for my vacation leave etc.

We are blessed to have Dennis and Maree in the office. I hope that when you come across them, please don't forget to thank them to acknowledge their ministry in our parish!

Fr Joey

PARISH MINISTRIES

Reaching In & Reaching Out with God's Love

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 June 2019

A culture of Safeguarding values PRESENCE....."For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
- Matthew 18:20



Children's Sacramental Journey First Eucharist 2019

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend in St. Gerard's:

Danielle Agostino, Massimo Agostino, Sophie Andrews, Antonio Anjoul, Oliver Brown, William Carroll, Timothy Doyle, Naomi Fernandes, Sally Fidler, Noah Foster, Lachlan Frost, Eva Galati, Leon Galati, Anton Galati, Phoebe Greville, Giancarlo, Ibarra, Daniel Amoz Jeral, Janice Jeral, Charlotte Keller, Emilie Klimkeit, Xavier Leung, Liana Madeleine, Darcy McNicholas, Antoine Moujalli, Nicholas Nuvoli, Zara Palfrey, Chloe Perry, Michael Saba, Audrey Tedja, William Tedja, Leo Turco, Cara Turco, Caitlin Wallis, Brodie White and Darcy Wytenburg.



The parish would like to thank the parents and carers, our Parish School Principals, Barbara Yee and Dominique O'Sullivan, teachers, catechists and facilitators/volunteers who have helped these children prepare for their First Eucharist. A special thank-you also to our sacristans, servers, music ministry, school choirs and those who operate the PowerPoint presentation, for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families!

First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish at the following dates and time:

- Saturday, 15th June at 6pm in St. Gerard Majella's Church;
- Sunday, 16th June at 9:30am in St. Gerard Majella's Church;
- Saturday, 22nd June at 5pm in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church; and
- Sunday, 23rd June at 10:15am in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church.

A morning tea celebration prepared by the parish school parents will be held after the above-mentioned morning Masses. All are invited to come and congratulate the children and their families!

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as the children journey towards becoming fully initiated members of the church.



Confirmation 2019

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation.

If you would like to be placed on our email list to be sent information about Confirmation and enrolment, please contact us and we can have this organised. Kindly note that we have made essential changes to our Sacramental Programme enrolment process. As such we invite you to contact us so you can be kept informed to attend a Parent Information Evening as the start of the enrolment process.

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 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

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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
Ph.: 6234 0900

Marriage Enrichment Weekend :

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!
10th-11th August at St. John Bosco Parish, Engadine, NSW .

The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend. For further enquiries please ask our booking couple Adrian and Janet Sullivan on the contact number below.

Book online at www.wmme.org.au
Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com
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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, (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— Closing the Circle

"Why do we have to hear all this stuff about the Trinity," a gentleman asked at a talk I was giving. "Why can't we just go to church and be good to each other?"

I replied, "well, we can ... because of the Trinity."

Because the Triune God is not some kind of brainy speculation by scholars, it is simply the way we experience God in this world. Christian living is the Trinity in action.

Let me explain.

First, long ago human beings learned that there is only one God, who found "delight in the human race" (First Reading). Think of the many, many stories in the First Testament about God pursuing us, his labor to make a loving and holy covenant with us. "I will be your God and you will be my people," he said. Like a marriage agreement.

Did this work? Well, not really. God became, by turns, angry, hurt, delighted, spurned, glorified, ignored, praised and rejected. Yet he kept coming back and back to renew the covenant, since God's love is steadfast.

God is like liquid motion, like a dynamism in which everything is changing always, yet it remains always the same.

Second, we found out that God's nature had always possessed another component.* God had not been alone or lonely, as in a desert. His very nature had always been to relate to others, to "pour himself forth," as the First Reading puts it, and to receive back. This giving and receiving is the "Second Person," or the "Word." This Word was made flesh.

We saw him. Jesus laughed and cried and preached and turned over tables and cured folks, and was loyal to his people even to the end. "Everything that the Father has is mine," he said (Gospel). That's how we knew that Jesus was The Word and that the Word was God.

Gradually there came a third revelation about the Trinity. In Sunday's Gospel Jesus hints about it: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." In other words, our small souls could never ever open to the great God—unless an actual presence of God gentled itself down and began to dwell within us.

Do you get the two-way logic?

- Everything the Father has and is belongs to the Word.
- Everything that the Word has and is belongs to the Father.

This mutuality is a third "part" of God. It is the Spirit. It tells us who the Christ (God) is, and it bestows us (and the whole earth) back upon the Father, closing the circle.

What aliveness, what keenness there is in God: speaking to us, reaching out, flowing forth, and then receiving back. God is like liquid motion, like a dynamism in which everything is changing always, yet it remains always the same because it is rooted in love—because it is love.

We are invited into that circle of love.

Too theoretical? Allow me to put it more simply. Do you suffer? Do you love? God invites you to meld that pain and that care into the Trinity's unending love.

John Foley, SJ

** Almost any pronoun I use to talk about God, like "part," "nature," even "person," runs into the same problem. You can't capture God in a word. Except in The Word.*

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National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Released On Thursday 30 May 2019 the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards were released in response to the recommendations from the Royal Commission. To read about these standards please go to the Catholic Professional Standards Ltd webpage: www.cpsltd.org.au



Public Forum with Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London

A public forum on "Living Respectfully in a Pluralistic Society" will be held in conjunction with the launch of the book *The 21: A Journey into the Land of Coptic Martyrs*. Launching the book will be special guest, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, Archbishop Angaelos, who is also the President of the British Bible Society.

Date: Tuesday 25 June
Time: 10:00am—12:30pm
Venue: Uniting Church, Pitt Street

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	16/06/19	9:30am	First Eucharist Mass—No Kidz Word
		10:30am	First Eucharist morning tea in the parish hall
		10:15am	No Children's Mass—Kidz Word (due to First Eucharist next weekend at Epping)
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford Baptism Preparation Meeting
		3:00pm	CH Epping First Eucharist Rehearsal
Mon	17/06/19	6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
		9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
Tue.	18/06/19	7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	PMR Carlingford—Alpha Session
Wed.	19/06/19	7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir practice
		9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	Healing & Anointing Mass at Epping
Thur.	20/06/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		12:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford—CANA Youth Group
Sat.	22/06/19	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	OLHC Vigil—First Eucharist Mass
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	St Gerard's Vigil Mass

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

National Theme for Discernment #1 – **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Find out more: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The Media release from ACBC can be found at the back of both Churches.

If you would like to watch the video which provides a clear outline of the journey so far and presents the National themes for Discernment that have emerged from the thousands of submissions received go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMFd306f424>



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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

The Charitable Works Fund

SHORTFALL AFTER THE SIXTH WEEK \$696

Envelopes can be found at the back of the church. 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 2018/2019 Financial Year is \$51,193.

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

Copies of Fr David Ranson's Pentecost Letter to the people of God in Broken Bay is available at the back of both of our Churches.





2019 WINTER APPEAL

Our Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal continues this week in our parish.

Envelopes for donations are available in the church entrances at Epping and Carlingford. Please return completed envelopes to the paper table at the main entrance at Epping and to the piety store at Carlingford or place on the second collection at any Mass.

Your Gift Can Help End the Pain of Poverty



St Gerard Majella SVDP Conference Urgently wanted: Volunteer helpers to deliver;

- *Caring relief to those desperately in need*
- *Weekly visits to St Catherine's Aged Service*
- *Assistance with Piety Store*
- *3 x yearly clothes drive*
- *Christmas Hampers*

Meetings Monday p.m. 7.30-8:30
in the Parish Meeting Room
Contact: Gwen Ilic (President)
gweni@optusnet.com.au

EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 19th June at 10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Genevieve 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.

A PRAYER TO GOD WHO IS TRINITY

In the name of the Holy One
In the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit
We are made one
God for us, we call You Father
God alongside us, we call You Jesus,
God within us, we call You Holy Spirit.
You are the Eternal Mystery that enables and holds
and enlivens all things
—even us and even me.
Every name falls short of Your goodness and greatness.
We can only see who You are in what is.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
Amen

Richard Rohr

Helping our Catechumens and Enquirers on their journey of faith: The Sponsor

Q What is the role of the sponsor?

A The whole community welcomes and walks with a person who is responding to the Spirit's movement in their lives (RCIA, 1) Sponsors represent the community and are appointed by the pastor. They are present from the Rite of Acceptance and through the Period of the Catechumenate. Sponsors accompany their catechumens to weekly Mass and catechumenal sessions and introduce the catechumens to the life of the parish. Sponsors are "spiritual companions", sharing their faith and mentoring the catechumens in Catholic prayers, gestures and sacramentals. Often the sponsor is asked to continue with the catechumen as a god-parent when the Period of Purification and Enlightenment begins.



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How come Christians carry on about the Trinity?

Other religions cannot comprehend and always challenge the idea of the Trinity! People of the Jewish faith stress that *God is One*. We agree and also say that what is concealed in the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. People of the Muslim faith stress that *God is one* and the Koran states that Jesus did not claim to be the Son of God. We believe Jesus is the Son of God and revealed who God is. We know God's name ~ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

When you **came in the door** of the church, you came to receive. Yes to receive gifts of many kinds. We say sorry, we ask for forgiveness and to be forgiving. We ask "deliver us from evil". We also come to praise our God "Glory to God in the highest". We call God "Father, or Abba Father". We pray with Jesus and say "Our Father". We ask Jesus to come into our hearts in communion and we ask for the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. We can only pray because "the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit". If you want help to pray at Mass, ask for the Holy Spirit. Our prayer is always to the "one God, for ever and ever". We know our God is a trinity of persons and know **God is love**.

When you **go out the door** of the church, you will take those gifts. You will take the Trinity with you in the grace of being closer to Jesus. You will be more aware of God our Father. You will be more empowered with the Holy Spirit. You will be more like God, **who is love**.

You will understand better the gift of your life and the purpose of your life to be loving. May your life be enriched by your relationship with God, so you will be a missionary of God's love in your family, in your work place, with your friends and with your neighbours.

Denis McNamara Supporting disciples to be missionary

Youth Page

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday 16th June

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"



CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



Cana is on this this Friday
21st June 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 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.

National Refugee Week 15-22 June

From the beginning, Jesus experienced the terrors of the refugee when his family fled tyranny and sought refuge in Egypt. In his ministry he led the life of a wanderer and relied on the hospitality of others: 'The Son of man has nowhere to lay his head' (Matthew 8:20). He urged his disciples to do the same: 'Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey' (Matthew 10:9-10). He embraced the outsider and the exile as a person like himself, and he commands us to do as he did. When we Australians support policies of cruelty and rejection, we close our ears to Christ's call and turn him away from our doors.

We know that we are better than this. As Christians, we know that it is within us to hear the call of Jesus. As Australians we have shown ourselves willing to take the path of generosity and leadership. We can do so again.

The words and actions of Jesus demand a response. We do not open our hearts and our home to vulnerable people simply because they are 'deserving' of charity or compassion. We take them in, provide shelter and bandage their wounds because they are equal to us in dignity. They are no longer 'aliens' (Lev. 19:33) but our brothers and sisters.

For Those Who've Come Across the Sea, Social Justice Statement 2015-16.p.18

Fundraising for the ACYF

The Antioch group are fundraising to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACUF), a three day convention in Perth. To fundraise, we are selling Entertainment books. The book costs \$70 and 20% of the sales go towards fundraising for the youth.

The 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.

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 or contact the Parish Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0423 717 550. Thank you!

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BEYOND OUR PARISH

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre—July Retreats

A Spiritual Pot Pourri

Presenter: Bishop Peter Ingham

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

When: July 5 – July 7

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

Contact: Mrs Carla Walker 02 8795 3400

A Pot Pourri is a mixture of flowers, herbs and spices in a sachet or bowl to provide a gentle natural scent. Here it will be an unusual/interesting mixture of things of the Spirit so that we create a good impression after us.