

Responsorial Psalm Response Ps 67:4-7.10-11 R cf. v. 11 God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you: learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. 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	9:15am	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: Mary Seward Sophie Hollis, Ron Jenkins,

*Please pray for Noelene Wells who died last week.
The funeral will be held at St Gerard's on Monday 2 Sep. at 11:00am*

Anniversary: Kath Smillie, Jennifer Blacker.

Also for: Eichard Barry, Mark Hillier, John & Elizabeth McEneaney, John & Noon Barry, Patricia & Donna Barr, 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 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.

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.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
07/09/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
08/09/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
08/09/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
08/09/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

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.

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.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council
www.thecouncil.org.au
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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 C

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01-09-19

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

Luke 14:1-7-14

Dear sisters and brothers,

Firstly, on this "Father's Day", we celebrate and give thanks for the vocation of "fatherhood" as it is lived here in our parish and throughout our community! At all Masses this weekend we will acknowledge the significance of this occasion with the imparting of a special Father's Day blessing as well as giving each of our dads a Father's Day card expressing our deepest thanks not only for what they do but also who they are.

Secondly, in coming weeks you will be hearing about one of the ways we as a parish will continue to implement our parish plan with its goal of enabling us to become "missionary disciples" (people with a personal relationship with Jesus who share that gift with others) through a deeper understanding of the Bible. Until the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, Catholics were generally warned to be careful when it came to reading the Bible outside of Mass in case they were led into "error".....of course, part of why this came about was due to the thinking of the time which emphasised distancing ourselves from the "Protestants", many of whom insisted on having only the Bible and downplayed the importance of or even the need for the Sacraments. Since then there has been many attempts to assist our Catholic people to read and understand the richness of what is ultimately Gods Word for all people. Encountering the Scriptures through prayer and study is essential if we are to grow in our Christian faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

I would like you **all** to consider, seriously, participating in our forthcoming programme, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" which will be offered in homes and in our parish meeting rooms commencing towards the end of September.

The programme will help us "uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about". It will assist us to make sense of the Bible and how it relates to everyday life as well as see how the Sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith are rooted in Scripture. Once again I hope as many as possible will consider participating in this new and exciting programme!

Finally, September marks the beginning of our "Safeguarding month" here in the Diocese as we commit ourselves through prayer and action to protecting the young and vulnerable within our Church and the wider community. With that in mind I encourage as many as possible to join with me on Tuesday night at the Cathedral for our Liturgy of Inclusion and Care commencing at 6.30pm.

Fr Peter



Parish Mission Statement

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

Safeguarding Message September 2019

SAFEGUARDING MONTH IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY BEGINS THIS WEEKEND AND CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

SAFEGUARDING MONTH EVENTS:

LITURGY OF INCLUSION AND CARE

All clergy, parishioners and the wider community are invited to our Liturgy which signifies the start of SAFEGUARDING MONTH.

Tuesday 3 September 2019
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara
7.00pm

ONLINE SAFETY MASTERCLASS

The Diocese of Broken Bay is co-hosting an Online Safety Masterclass at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. All parents and carers are invited to attend

Thursday 5 September 2019
Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills
6.00pm-8.00pm

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

To find out how you can get involved refer to the following link; <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/education-and-awareness> or speak with your Parish Priest.

This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme: *A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging.*

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL



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

SHORTFALL AFTER FOUR WEEKS—\$6,222

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.

Reflection

The 1st reading is **full of wisdom** about what really matters. *The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.* Sir 3:18 (RSV) Is life about becoming great and famous? We are encouraged to use our gifts and become great at what we do. You don't see *Behaves humbly* on job applications. The reading goes on to say the most important person is **the Lord**, and the most important thing for us is to **find favour with the Lord**. True wisdom tells us how. **Behave humbly**. Being great and behaving humbly could be a challenge,

even for some of us who are not recognised for being great. There could be some underlying tension in us about where we find favour and whose favour really matters to us.

The 2nd reading is **full of images**: *Not a blazing fire, no trumpeting thunder, or great voice speaking... Come to Mount Zion, heavenly Jerusalem, millions of angels, everyone is a "first born", come to Jesus, the mediator, a new covenant, blood of purification...* Heb 12: 18-19, 22-23

Where would you begin to find out what all these images are referring to? What do they mean?

In the Gospel Jesus advised those at the meal. Next time **invite those poor, crippled, lame and blind people**. They were the outcasts in his time. They could not repay the favour. Jesus says to us "At your next dinner party invite a few from the outcasts of today". Do we know any refugees, homeless, ex-prisoners, alienated hard done by, etc.? Invite them. They cannot repay you. **When the virtuous rise again you will be repaid!** This is a very different wisdom. What did Jesus tell us about outcast people who have nothing?

Where can I find answers and insight?

1. You could have a conversation about *being great* and *whose favour* you really want to find.
2. You could discover where *those images* come from in the Bible story.
3. You could look through the Gospels.

You could also **join a group** who are **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, and discover who we are as Catholics from understanding the Bible.

Denis McNamara *Supporting Missionary Disciples*

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word but give up because it is so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. You will be able to read the Bible so that you can actually understand the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

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

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.

Life Marriage and Family SmartLoving Marriage Seminar

A seminar that will equip you and your spouse to identify your unique love profile and learn 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.

Information and Registration: www.trybooking.com/BDEKL
Enquiries: events@bbcatholic.org.au

Date: 21-22 September 2019

Venue: St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

Cost: \$445 per couple, includes accommodation, all meals and resources

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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.

ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Mass with Novena will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Saturday, **7th September, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. All welcome.** Registrations are still being accepted for the AMM National Assembly on 28th and 29th September. Inquiries ph. Yolanda 0425 231 939 or Nora 0406 611 471.

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Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was sometimes invited to a meal by those who were curious to hear him. They were sometimes unfriendly to him we know from the gospel accounts. But most of his hosts were probably motivated by curiosity to hear what this teacher who was making such a stir had to say. This reconstruction of one such meal by Luke shows the Saviour's skills as a teacher; and the kind of challenge he brought to those who were leaders in the community. Those at table with are 'watching him closely'; he knows that he is expected to entertain them with his table talk.

He uses as his starting point what has been taking place as the guests assembled. To our modern ears, it all seems rather stilted; but the scene described by Jesus was familiar to his listeners, and taken for granted by them, as the customary way to behave in a culture with rules of status and precedence that were very complex – determined by such things as age, learning, public standing and wealth. This situation provides the material of a parable that invites his listeners to see beyond these old conventions. He who is happy to make himself the servant of all and urges his followers to do the same knows how important the openness and generosity of true humility will be in the life of his disciples when his mission has been accomplished in Jerusalem – for 'God opposes the proud but gives his blessings to the humble' (James 4:6). There is a lesson here for every Christian community: the quality of the relationships that make up a community will be the measure of the blessings they receive, and the effectiveness of their missionary outreach.

But Jesus has a deeper lesson to give. He uses the rapport he has established with his audience to speak to them of the revolutionary ways of God, the main burden of his preaching. 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast', he begins – not wanting to offend them by making too obvious reference to the behaviour he has observed; but also, probably, pointing to the messianic theme he will take up later, after one of the guests has commented, 'Blessed is anyone who will share the meal in the kingdom of God'. His reference to seeking the 'place of honour' is an echo of his criticism of the Pharisees for liking 'to take the seats of honour at the synagogue' (Lk 11:43). His story of 'invited guests' probably also challenges the presumption of the 'leading Pharisees' that their strict observance marked them out as the 'elect', or chosen ones, of God, certain to take part in the messianic feast. This is backed up by the parable to which we have made reference that follows on from today's reading. It tells of the guests who do not accept their invitation to the banquet, and are replaced by 'the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame'. In today's reading, Jesus has already startled his listeners by saying that God will bless those who invite these very ones to their table. These interpreters of the Law, he knows, forbade entrance to the temple to the lame and the blind.

John Thornhill sm

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Celebrations this Week—Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Memoria, St Gregory the Great

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	01/09/19	9:30am	No Kid's Word at St Gerard's—Children's Mass
		10:15am	Kid's Word at OLHC Church
		3:00pm	PH Epping Confirmation Session 4
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
Mon	02/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	03/09/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		6:30pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
		7:00pm	Liturgy of Inclusion & Care at the Cathedral Waitara
		7:30pm	SVdP meeting at the Epping shop
Wed.	04/09/19	9:15a,	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		11:00am	Mass at Rayward Nursing Home
		2:00pm	CH Epping OLHC Reconciliation Yr. 5
Thur.	05/09/19	7:00pm	PMR Carlingford PPC meeting
		10:00am	Healing & Anointing Mass in PMR Carlingford followed by morning tea
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Fri.	06/09/19	3:30pm	PMR Carlingford Confirmation Session 4
		9:30am	Whole School Mass "Respect & Gratitude"
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Sat.	07/09/19	4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA meeting
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford Dads' Club
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		2:30pm	CH Epping Confirmation rehearsal
4:00pm	CH Carlingford Confirmation rehearsal		
5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians		
5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church		
6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church		

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

Blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes . . .



Please bring along your cross or crucifix from your sacred space at As you know we try to tap into our Church's tradition of punctuating the rhythm of the year with feasts and festivals by observing some of those feasts in a special way so that they might help to relate our faith to the living of our lives. One of those feast days will soon be upon us. The **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, Saturday 14th September**, celebrates the victory over sin and death that comes through the Cross of Jesus. It is an especially appropriate day each year to bless the cross or crucifix in our sacred space at home. **home – these will be blessed at the 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.**

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The Dignity of Baptism: Our responsibilities

Q How do the baptised carry out their rights and responsibilities?

A As baptised Christians, we have immense privileges and responsibilities. We are called to gather together on Sundays and holy days to join the community of believers in praise and worship.

We are called to celebrate the sacraments, especially the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood – the Eucharist, our great prayer of thanksgiving.

We are called to know and to live according to the law of God.

For every Christian, living out our Baptism looks a little different because each of us has a unique vocation – God calls each of us in a different way.

One thing is certain: Baptism changes us and makes immense demands on us. Not to live out our Baptism in service of God and neighbour is to be like the person in the parable who received a coin and buried it in the ground instead of investing it and letting it grow.



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Confirmation 2019

This week, we complete the final session – Confirmation. We talk about what happens during the Rite of Confirmation. We will tell the children to focus and think carefully about what is going to happen that day when we gather at Church, what Fr. Peter will say to them and their appropriate responses as they are being anointed with the Oil of Chrism. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read 'The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost' to help the children understand that the Holy Spirit was sent to us lovingly by God so that He would always be in our midst to guide us, even though we can't see Him.

Rehearsals for the Confirmation Liturgy will be held on the 7th September 2:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church and 4pm at St Gerard Majella's Church.

Upon completion of their preparation, Candidates will go on to celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 14th September. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers during this important time!



On another note, at our Confirmation liturgies on the 14th September, we would like to invite children in Year 3 and above to join in singing with the choir during the celebration! If you are interested in signing your child up for this special occasion, please send us an email, indicating which church you would like to sing at.

Confirmation will be celebrated at 10am in St Gerard's Church and 12pm in Our Lady Help of Christian's Church.

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.

Lynn Siau
Sacramental Programmes & Children's Ministries
0407 255 593
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SCHOOL MASS There will be School Mass on **Wednesday, 5th September at 9:30am** at St Gerard Majella's Church theme is "Respect & Gratitude". All Parents most welcome!

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.

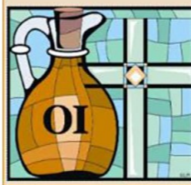
Shopping venues: KB Toys, Bonds and Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places.

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

CARLINGFORD HEALING & ANOINTING MASS

Our monthly Healing Mass will take place **this Thursday, 5th September at 10:00am** (no 9:30am Mass that day). Please note the Mass will take place in Meeting Room, and morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass.

Anointing & Healing Mass



Dads' Club The monthly gathering of the parish Dads' Club (for all dads in both the Epping and Carlingford communities of the parish) takes place this **Friday 6th September at 7:30pm**. For details contact Tim Paxton 9945 0151. Dads welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

will take place next **Wednesday 4th September** in the parish meeting room at Carlingford commencing at 7:00pm.

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, 6th September** at Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!

Pray For Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools

A group of people from local churches meets together for one hour, once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools to support the students, staff, chaplains and Scripture program. Please join us on Thursday 12 September from 8-9pm at 9 Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly. Enquiries: Katrina Collins 0400 488 459 / ckjsge@gmail.com

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING.

Our next reflection morning will be held on **Saturday 7th September** in the parish hall at Hunters Hill. Sr Elizabeth Brennan sgs will lead our reflection. Her topic/theme 'St Hildegard – Dashing Seer of Bingen'. The morning will commence at 9.30 AM and conclude at 12.30 PM. Tea & coffee provided. No need to book. We do appreciate a donation. All are most welcome. A time to be still. A time for silent reflection. Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036. 'Come and See'.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 8 September 2019

As always, these notices are one week in advance.

This week on the Journey, we hear the words of Luke's Gospel 14: 25-33. Do we know our True Identity? The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes asks these questions, and Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to look for the patterns. We are blessed to have such truly talented Christian music artists on our show. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free

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OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

No Meeting this Sunday.

Instead we will be having a lovely time Celebrating Father's Day with our loved ones.

May God's blessings shower upon our fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and great great granddads!



**For more information
Joanne—0416 030 927**

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



Making Disciples in our Catholic Parish

What happens in people who decide to follow Jesus? Have you ever wondered what led them to choose to be a "disciple"? Sherry Weddell has discovered from her research that it was their **intention**. They made a definite choice. She calls them "**intentional disciples**". This choice came after a series of steps where people enter a new awareness. They step over a "**threshold**", which was the word for entering a home.

Sherry Weddell is coming to Pennant Hills to share how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of people in our church and for those coming into our church. This "wisdom" has helped and inspired many people and parishes around the world. **Who would benefit from going?**

If you **tell others about Jesus** and God's love ~ **Catechist, RCIA**, or you are a **parent, grandparent** or even a **God parent** ~ this time with Shelly will give you insight into the thresholds that children, teenagers and adults step over as they grow in their faith.

If you are a leader, a host or helper in the **Sacramental program**, or at **Alpha** or at **Antioch**, Shelly will show you your role of supporting others to take the next step in their faith journey.

If you are on the **PPC** or any **ministry at Mass**, this day with other parishioners will help. **Who would I go with?**

Come and sit with others from the parish and make Saturday 11 September a day to remember as we recall our own journey and discover how our gifts guide others in their journey.

You are invited! Come and join others from our Epp Carl parish on Saturday 11 September to be a guest of our Diocese. If you have never been to an all-day event like this, you do not know the joy and friendship of being with people from other parishes and sharing our own good news. If you never never go, you will never never know!

So pray ~ *Holy Spirit, lead me to a friend or a new friend to go with to be with others and discover our gifts and grow in our faith.*

We start at 9:30am - 4:00pm.
Morning Tea and Lunch provided
Where ~ Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. (near the railway station)
To register, please email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1627
If you want more information, call me on 0410 041 944. We can also help with transport.

Denis McNamara—Supporting Missionary Disciples

CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



CANA is on this Friday 6 September 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@epccarl.org.au or 0423 717 550

BEYOND OUR PARISH



Warnervale Parish Social Justice Committee extends an invitation to all to come and be part of the conversation on the critical issue of domestic violence in society today.

This workshop will explore different types of domestic violence, and offer skills for supporting people subject to abuse.

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019

Time: 9.30am for a 10.00am start - 12.30pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Church
239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance

Presenter: Danielle Habib, CatholicCare Domestic Violence

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre— Program for September 2019

The Love and Presence of God

September 14: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm
Presenter: Deacon Peter Presdee Cost: \$30
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am (please remember to bring your own lunch).
The love and presence of God if accepted and welcomed changes lives.

Freedom to Rejoice!

September 27 – September 29
Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD
Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)
Entangled in the web of desire, how can we escape to the joy of self-giving? Can John of the Cross help?

Write a Byzantine Icon

September 27– September 29
Presenter: Anna Prifti Cost: \$650 (concessions apply)
Join us to paint an icon while listening to the birds at Mt Carmel.