

Responsorial Psalm Response Ps 120 R cf.v 2 Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our 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: Maria Magdalena, Eva Fong, Mary Carrol, John Rate MSC, Ian McMaster (former parishioner of St Gerard's), Damian Yong, Ernst Lau, Terry Hoolahan, Helena Recko, Margaret Doyle (sister of Eileen Rourke),
Anniversary:
Also for: Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Young Seok Seo, Alice Andrade, Elvina Menezes, Dot and Brian Doyle.
Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsys, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, 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, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella, Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Heather Stoodley.
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
26/10/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
27/10/19	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
27/10/19	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
27/10/19	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20-10-19

Exodus 17:8-13 1 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Dear Sisters and brothers,

This week the announcement was made that the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Instillation of Bishop elect, Anthony Randazzo as the fourth bishop of Broken Bay will occur on Monday 4th November at 6.45pm at the Light of Christ Centre located just down from the Cathedral in Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Everyone is most welcome to attend and it would be great to see a large representation of parishioners from our faith community here at Epping and Carlingford present for this occasion. Of course our thoughts and prayers are very much with Bishop Anthony especially over the next couple of weeks as he prepares to take up his ministry as our chief shepherd here in this part of God's vineyard.

Secondly, I want to assure everyone that the DA for the development of our parish site at Epping is still under consideration by Parramatta Council. As in all these projects there is a lot of 'fine tuning' that needs to be undertaken however I can assure you our team are working diligently behind the scenes to address the various issues that have arisen. I hope to be able to give a more detailed update on our progress towards the end of November.

Thirdly, as mentioned in last week's bulletin, in coming months we will be embarking on a renewal of some of the positions on our Parish Pastoral Council through a discernment process of "recommendation" of parishioners by parishioners. I thought the following reflection which was shared with the PPC by Martin Teulan at our last meeting was worth sharing with all of you as we seek to understand more deeply what "discernment" actually entails especially from a Christian perspective.

Finally, I hope as many of you as possible will join us for our annual parish "thanksgiving" evening which will take place on Wednesday 20th November at St Gerard's Carlingford. Everyone is welcome and the evening commence will commence with Mass at 7pm followed by our thanksgiving supper in the parish hall. For catering purposes please let the parish office know by email or phone if you are attending no later than the end of October if possible.

Fr Peter

What is Discernment?



What is an intentional way of opening to God's will. It is a prayerful, reflective process focused on understanding God's call at a particular time. It is a structured way of listening through reason, Scripture, faith, prayerful reflection and interaction with other people. To discern we must be willing to learn and willing to be honest with ourselves and who we are. To give up our answers to become sincere seekers of God's wisdom.

Gather information and look at all of the aspects rather than just information that supports your view. Listen to what others have to say and look for connecting links and common ground.

Discernment requires heart knowledge and head knowledge.

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 October 2019

An inclusive community creates awareness, breaks down barriers and fosters friendships.

Children's Liturgy



Adults, catechists and parents who are involved in any children's ministries, we have an exciting opportunity to meet *Charbel Raish, founder of Parousia Media!* Charbel has extensive experience in educational and pastoral activities of the Church and will be visiting our parish on the 22nd October to help us discover "what else is possible", when we lead our children in their early years of faith formation.

A bit about Charbel: He is married to Christine and they have been blessed with 7 children together. Charbel has a passion for helping people get closer to discovering the fullness of the Catholic faith and he believes anyone who is *willing*, is able to embark on this mission of making disciples, through sound formation.

Charbel has two Degrees – Master of Arts and Theological Studies from the University of Notre Dame in Sydney, and his undergraduate Degree in Personal Development and Physical Education from the Australian College of Physical Education in Homebush Bay. He has over 10 years of experience as both a Phys Ed teacher and Religion teacher for Primary and Secondary Schools. Charbel currently works full time running Parousia, his greatest passion, which specialises in Faith Formation resources and events. There have been well over 100 000 resources distributed in this time through Parousia.

Have you ever found yourself in a cycle of repeating what you have always been doing, and wishing you were equipped with more to make your session more meaningful and engaging? Well then, this is an evening you will not want to miss! See details below and **SAVE THE DATE!**

How to Enrich Children's Ministries: Making God's Word Come Alive!



Tuesday . 22 October . 7pm .

St Gerard's Carlingford Parish Meeting Room

RSVP: LYNN@EPPCARL.ORG.AU

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Weeks: Sunday, 20 and 27 October

You are all invited to hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP talk on Today's Church and Passionist Family Groups on Wednesday 13 November commencing with Mass at 10.00am at St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills.

Fr Ray has had wide experience with the Passionist Family Group Movement (PFGM) and giving Parish Missions. The PFGM is a great way to be with fellow parishioners and get to know them in relaxed and informal ways. Come along and hear more about Passionist Family Groups. A shared lunch will follow the talk. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a plate to share.

For those unable to attend during the day, Father Ray's talk will be repeated that evening at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Centre, 9 Currie Street, Forestville.

Weeks: Sunday, 3 and 10 November

Passionist Family Groups – on Wednesday 13 November, commencing with Mass at 10.00am, Fr Ray Sanchez CP will talk about the Passionist Family Group Movement (PFGM) and their role in today's Church. The PFGM offers everyone a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of the parish in a relaxed and social way. Come along, you are all welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Father Ray's talk will be repeated in the evening at 7.00pm.

The daytime session will be at St Anthony in the Fields Church, Terrey Hills and in the evening at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Centre, Forestville.

Parish Safeguarding Presentation

By the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery)

HORNSBY DEANERY

(The Parishes of: Cathedral, Ku-ring-gai Chase, Arcadia, Epping & Carlingford and Pennant Hills)

Wednesday, 30th October at 10:30am—12:30pm

@ St Gerard's Parish Meeting Room,
543 North Rocks Rd, Carlingford

Saturday 2nd November at 11:00am—1:00pm

@ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
Fr Nulty Room
23 Yardly Avenue, Waitara

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend.

Please register via email
Safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
or contact Anita on
8379 1605



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.

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.

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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.

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of
The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

AS THE FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

at

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE, 28 YARDLEY AVENUE, WAITARA

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

A very typical human situation: a corrupt judge, pestered by a persistent widow, finally gives in to her, not because he is won over to acting justly, but because she is going to 'worry him to death'. We see an unfamiliar side of Jesus in this parable; he is not long faced - he can speak of human foibles with an ironical humour. The story was all too common in the world that Jesus knew. The widow who cannot get a fair hearing, probably concerning her inheritance, represents 'the poor' with whom Jesus identifies. He is certainly not likening his Father to the judge of the parable, but using the parable as the basis of an 'even more so' argument, such as we find in other parables. Having caught their attention with his ironical little story, Jesus is presented by Luke as emphasising the trust in God that should motivate the prayer of his disciples.

The sequence of Luke's compilation leading to this text helps us to understand the implications of Jesus' teaching. Between the teaching on 'faith' that we have considered on the last two Sundays, and today's reading, is a passage concerning 'the coming of the kingdom of God' and the day of 'the Son of Man's return'. Faith, we have seen, is an expectant openness to God's action in our midst. Our Opening Prayer this Sunday is linked with the openness we should have, as we look forward to the day 'when the Son of Man comes'.

If the first concern of a lively faith is being alive to God's action in our lives, our prayer should begin and end in recognition that our lives have their real meaning in the unfolding of the plan conceived before all ages in the loving designs of God. This plan - the great virtue of Christian hope assures us - will certainly be realised; and in its realisation, all things will be turned to good. Of course, our personal needs and the concerns of those dear to us should be brought constantly before God in our prayer; but this should be done in the knowledge that these things are part of the plan of God, revealed in all its mercy and generosity in the coming of the Saviour, and realised through a providence that touches every detail of our lives and those who are dear to us. Prayer, Jesus is teaching us, is a living out of our faith; and, at the same time, our faith grows and matures through our life of prayer.

Our reading from the letter to Timothy is a good complement to the lesson of the gospel - urging us to a greater familiarity with the Scriptures. The whole story of the 'inspired Scriptures' is the unfolding of God's plan and the great promise it brings to Christian hope. This story of the Scriptures is important in the life of the Church 'for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy'.

Scholars assure us that the last words of the gospel are not pessimistic. Jesus knows that he will find faith when he comes - in 'the chosen ones who cry out to God day and night' - but his words are a warning for those who need it.

John Thornhill sm

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Vocation Camp for Men

Join us for a weekend camp of Mass, talks, good food, bush walks, sports and prayer for young men who are seeking an adventure and a deep exploration of their spiritual life.

Date: 15-17 November

Time: 5:00pm Friday—3:00pm Sunday

Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

For: Men aged 18-30 years of age

Position Vacant—Archdiocese of Sydney

An opportunity is available for a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the role of Parish Renewal Team Leader.

You can view this position at:
<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/parish-renewal-team-leader-sydney/>

Applications close on 1 November 2019.

THANKSGIVING EVENING FOR OUR PARISH

Once again we will be having our Thanksgiving Evening for both our communities. The evening will be held on **Wednesday, 20th November**, commencing with Mass at 7:30pm followed by supper. The venue this year will be Carlingford, as last year's gathering was held at Epping. Everyone in the parish is cordially invited to come along to this evening.

For catering purposes please **RSVP by Thursday 31st October** on the tear-off slip below.

-----✂-----**Please detach the tear-off slip and return to either Parish Office**-----✂-----

I /We will be attending the Parish Evening at St Gerard's

Name/s:.....

Number attending:

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	20/10/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at Epping
		9:30am	OLHC Cake Stall after the 8:30am Mass and after the 10:15am Mass
		10:15am	Children's Mass at OLHC, no Kidz Word.
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford Baptism Preparation Meeting
		6:00pm	Martino Hoang admitted to the Ministry of Acolyte
Mon	21/10/19	7:00pm	Antioch meeting at Epping
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP Meeting
Tue.	22/10/19	7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		2:00pm	Reconciliation Yr. 6 OLHC School
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford "How to Enrich Children's Ministries"
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
Wed.	23/10/19	8:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet See pg 4
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	Reconciliation Yrs. 3/4M St Gerard's school
Thur.	24/10/19	7:15pm	PH Epping "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		9:30am	PMR Carlingford "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
		11:00am	Reconciliation Yrs. 3/4B St Gerard's School
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Fri.	25/10/19	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
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford—CANA Meeting
Sat.	26/10/19	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 Church
		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**

Martino Hoang our Seminarian
 will be admitted to the Ministry of Acolyte at the

6:00am Mass this Sunday, 20th October

at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping

Fr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator and the Priests from the Seminary and Seminarians will join us at this Mass

If you are planning to come along could you please bring a plate to share with other parishioners.

Fr Peter

All Souls Day

All Souls Day falls on Saturday 2nd November.

During Mass the Book of Remembrance, containing the names of those for whom we pray in November, will be put in its place of honour. At the Mass we will also be inviting everyone to come forward after the Gospel to place a lighted candle on the altar (candles will be provided - please do not bring your own) which will burn during the Eucharistic Prayer. The candles will be the sign of all prayers of those who have died their light a sign of our hope in the resurrection.

Mass time Saturday morning Epping 9:15pm

Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November at 2:30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street at 2:30pm on 24 November.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

We invite the group 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 (opened on 1st September). 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.

This week we will look at:

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

The National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. There was a call to renew forms of governance and leadership in the Church, to find ways formally and informally of being co-responsible for ministry and mission, seeking structures and processes of collaboration, shared decision-making and financial co-responsibility in order to enable this greater involvement of lay people particularly of women, young people, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disabilities. There was an expressed need for stronger connections across the many parts of the Church, and with other Christian traditions.

If you would like to be part of a group please complete the sheets which can be found at the back of both churches.

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** at **4:30pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. You are most welcome to join us.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

meets this **Tuesday, 22nd October** at **8pm**. Come join us for an hour of reciting the Chaplet, praise and worship, reflection of a Scripture verse, prayer for intentions and thanksgiving followed by some simple fellowship. Venue changes monthly within the neighbourhoods, all are very welcome to attend, please call Cynthia for more info on 0404 488 238.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL "SHOP TILL YOU DROP"

Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year.



Date: 26 October 2019

Tickets: The bus has been paid for, and there are a few

seats left to anyone who would still like to come.

Cost: \$60 per ticket, 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.

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.

Book of Remembrance

We have placed our Books of Remembrance in both Churches last weekend. The Books will be displayed in their place of honour on the sanctuary throughout the month of November, to remember our past family and friends, and it will be placed in position on All Souls Day. The books can be found in the foyer of each church. Please write any **new** names of deceased relatives and friends **before** All Souls Day (Sat. 2 Nov).

Our Lady Help of Christians— Primary School

We are holding a Term 4 fundraising event this weekend.



There will be a cake stall this Sunday after the 8:30am Mass and the 10:15am Mass.

There will be yummy baked goods for sale.

Thank you for your support of our school.

The CWF brings joy!

On the weekend of the 2/3rd November, we will be sharing Rachel and Clare's stories about their experience as students and now catechists themselves! Our Catechists bring joy and spiritual fulfilment to children in their Catholic scripture classes. There are 16,500 children who receive Catholic Religious Education in NSW Public Schools in our Diocese.



When you make the decision to give to the Charitable Works Fund you are helping your local community. Donations received are distributed between the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners. St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre.** All these charities and agencies minister to our families, friends and neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Donations to the CWF may be Tax-Deductible

For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home.

Pre-Marriage Course

Couples before you officially say

"**I-Do**", take this course to learn how to **build** a stronger foundation for your **marriage**.

Call **Cynthia:** 0404 488 238

E: 3Rcounselling@gmail.com

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OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 20 October

Why not come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time get into some awesome music, take time out for **prayer and meet people!**



The meeting starts at 7pm in the parish meeting room @ **Epping**. So head on down and bring a friend!



For more information
Joanne—0416 030 927

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

CANA: OUR yrs 7-9 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, **7:30 - 9pm**, In the Carlingford Parish Hall.

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

Enquiries to Joanna Mak
0404 710 588



Faith ~ where do you get it?

Jesus asks ~ **When he, the Son of Man comes**, in the second coming, **will he find any** people of **faith**, who believe in him **on earth**, or more specifically in our parish of Epping Carlingford?

How would we answer? **YES of course!**

We look around at Mass and see followers of Jesus. They pray in Jesus name. **They trust God as their Heavenly Father.** They believe God answers their prayers.

We see families and friends and how **they love** one another, love their neighbours and really care for others. Some went on a retreat day and some are unlocking the mystery of the Bible. People **experience God's love** through the Holy Spirit within them, so yes, there are people of faith and there are many many more people of faith who we do not see or know!

How did this begin for people?

Something happens that makes a good and pleasing connection with the story of Jesus or some aspect of Christianity. This "positive association" is usually an initial trust in someone close to them in family, among friends or with someone they admire. There is a chemistry that connects them, so trust begins.

The widow in the Gospel wanted justice, so she persisted in pestering the judge. He says "She will worry me to death. I must give her just rights." This is Jesus way to convince us to **pray continually and never lose heart.** Jesus promises **God will see justice done and done speedily.**

It begins with a prayer or a hope that something will happen. You can have a friendship with Jesus that will grow, and Jesus will know you and know your faith and your trust, when he comes again.

Denis McNamara

Supporting Missionary Disciples

All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for ... guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. The word of god is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

From the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy

A Welcome Gathering for all 2020 Kindergarten Families at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Gerard Majella's Schools

An invitation is extended to All Kindergarten families for 2020 at Epping on:

Sunday 17th November at the 10:15am Mass

and

at Carlingford on:

Sunday 1st December at the 9:30am Mass

The families will be called forward for a blessing at the commencement of their child's years of school education. The Principal will also greet the families and after Mass there will be a morning tea to give class families a chance to meet with each other over a cuppa. We look forward to seeing you then.

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