

Responsorial Psalm Response You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.		Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!					
WEEKEND MASSES FOR COMMUNION SERVICES WHILE 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	9:30am	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: Gan Chin Joo (father of Lynn Siau), Damian O'Neill.

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, 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, Greg Walsh, John Gilbert, 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, 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.

Holy Communion and the Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass

When a priest or deacon is unavailable or on leave and no other priest is available, a Communion Service may be held. That is —The Rite of distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass.

The structure of this rite is as follows: Introductory Rites
Celebration of the Word of God
Holy Communion
Concluding rite.

This rite is to be used chiefly when Mass is not celebrated. The purpose is that the people should be nourished by the word of God. By hearing it they learn that the marvels it proclaims reach their climax in the paschal mystery of which the Mass is a sacramental memorial and in which they share by communion. Nourished by God's word, they are led on to grateful and fruitful participation in the saving mysteries.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
29/06/19	5:00pm	Fr Paul Maunder OCD	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
30/06/19	8:30am	Fr Paul Maunder OCD	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
30/06/19	10:15am	Fr Paul Maunder OCD	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
30/06/19	6:00pm	Mgr Kerry Bayada		

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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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 23-06-19

Genesis 14:18-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

I would like to share with you this article in Aleteia.org by Matthew Green and Dolores Massot. This caught my attention because in the midst of claims that God and religion are no longer relevant in our time and culture, when people are so busy chasing things of this world and forget about supernatural things, there is no doubt that the basic longing still throbs within us. We might be very busy with lots of things, but there comes a time when we all face the existential questions of peace, joy, and fulfilment. I hope that this article will inspire you to also stop for a pause, sort out what makes you happy and fulfilled in life, and start on your journey towards an encounter with God who can only satisfy our deepest desires!

Successful executive leaves everything behind to enter ancient mountain monastery

The community of Benedictine monks in Montserrat, Spain, spent four years without receiving any new members. But recently that changed with the entry of an unusual candidate: David Valls, a 57-year-old former high-level executive who worked for many years for a multinational oil company. "I was rich and led a life of luxury, but I wasn't happy," Valls says in an interview, quoted in *El Mundo*. He has decided to leave behind his fortune to enter religious life, surrendering himself to a life of prayer, celibacy, obedience, and poverty, according to the Rule of St. Benedict. "Now, I'm happy," he says, after having realised that "money and power left me more and more dissatisfied, until they led me into a crisis. But it wasn't a mid-life crisis; it was a crisis of values."

During that critical time, "someone who cared about me suggested that perhaps it was time to take a break, and I decided to go to the guest house at Montserrat and go on a retreat." Montserrat is a mountain range in northeastern Spain, near Barcelona.

It is home to a Benedictine abbey and an important Marian shrine and pilgrimage site, whose origins date back a thousand years. It was in this timeless centre of spirituality that God showed Valls the path to follow. "It wasn't a sudden thing that happened in just one day; it was a process," he explains.

In a world where money, fame, travel, sexuality, and luxury are more glorified than ever, deciding to leave it all behind to live the rest of your life in a monastery is about as counter-cultural as it gets. The seeds of this radical choice were planted in David Valls' childhood.

He was born into a Catholic family in the city of Barcelona, practically in the shadow of Montserrat, and was raised in the faith, but drifted away from religion. "I had lived with several women, and I was even married outside the Church with one of them for five years, but I was an absolute egoist. The most extreme sign of that egoism was thinking that telling my lovers that I didn't want children was a sign of sincerity," he said. "I was an aggressive executive, and I liked money. I lived a life of luxury."

Today, he's not proud of the life he lived. A life focused entirely on satisfying selfish appetites is not only ultimately unsatisfying; it's toxic to those who live it, and everyone they touch. "When you see that the people around you aren't happy, and that you've hurt people, there's no other option but to stop," he says.

The process of his spiritual conversion and the discovery of his vocation inspired Valls to quit his job in Madrid and move to the monastery at Montserrat to enter the postulancy and, later, the novitiate. It took ten years of purification, prayer, and discernment for the day to come, but this past Pentecost Sunday, he took his vows and assumed his new name in religious life: Paul. He is committed to living as a monk until death, and "that's all I want; it makes me very happy."

Fr Joey

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:

Jacob Africa, Poppy Brown, Isabella Butts, Liam D'Sylva, Reuben Fernandes, Zac Forster, Porsha Gill, Samuel Hanna, Connor Hays, Jaden Hendricks, Reuben Joseph, Marissa Joseph, Chrissa Joseph, Ethan Mareath, Marcus Miranda, Dia Miranda, Jessica Pham, Raul Saldanha, Aneka Salgado, Christian Sam, Nigel Satheesh, Samuel Taggart, Jacob Terrel, George Thomas, Cayleigh Twohill and Clare Wang.



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, 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.

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Catechists' Corner:

We had our Primary School Catechists Meeting on 22nd May at St Gerard's meeting room.

We welcome our new catechists: Trish Cross, Sianny Gandasmita, Rosario Thurston, Ovila D'Souza, Miranda Lam, Claudia Sustanto and Aldrin Valdehueza (Seminarian).
Joe Pulis from CCD helped to clarify queries and to advise on watch-outs. Both Fr Peter and Fr Joey joined us for the Prayer and Reflection.

Recent highlights for our Primary School SRE students were the visits by Fr Peter to Yr. 5/6 at Epping West and Epping Public Primary Schools.

As Fr Peter said, "there is no stupid question": guess what some questions Fr Peter had?

- What adventurous things have you done?
- Do you like your sister, you know, sisters can be annoying?
- Do you have friends that are not catholic?
- Do you believe in ghosts?
- What work do you do?
- What do you do in your free time?



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

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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– Eucharist as God's Physical Embrace

There's a story told of a young Jewish boy named Mortakai who refused to go to school. When he was six years old, his mother took him there, but he cried and protested all the way and, immediately after she left, ran back home. She brought him back to school and this scenario played itself out for several days. He refused to stay in school. His parents tried to reason with him, arguing that he, like all children, must now go to school. To no avail. His parents then tried the age-old trick of applying an appropriate combination of bribes and threats.

This too had no effect.

Finally, in desperation they went to their Rabbi and explained the situation to him. For his part, the Rabbi simply said: "If the boy won't listen to words, bring him to me." They brought him into the Rabbi's study. The Rabbi said not a word. He simply picked up the boy and held him to his heart for a long time. Then, still without a word, he set him down. What words couldn't accomplish, a silent embrace did. Mortakai not only began willingly to go to school, he went on to become a great scholar and a Rabbi.

There comes a point, even with God, when words aren't enough. What that parable wonderfully expresses is how the Eucharist works. In it, God physically embraces us. Indeed that is what all sacraments are, God's physical embrace. Words, as we know, have a relative power. In critical situations they often fail us. When this happens, we have still another language, the language of ritual. The most ancient and primal ritual of all is the ritual of physical embrace. It can say and do what words cannot.

Jesus acted on this. For most of his ministry, he used words. Through words, he tried to bring us God's consolation, challenge, and strength. His words, like all words, had a certain power. Indeed, his words stirred hearts, healed people, and affected conversions. But at a time, powerful though they were, they too became inadequate. Something more was needed. So on the night before his death, having exhausted what he could do with words, Jesus went beyond them. He gave us the Eucharist, his physical embrace, his kiss, a ritual within which he holds us to his heart.

To my mind, that is the best understanding there is of Eucharist. Within both my undergraduate and graduate theological training, I took long courses on the Eucharist. In the end, these didn't explain the Eucharist to me, not because they weren't good, but because the Eucharist, like a kiss, needs no explanation and has no explanation. If anyone were to write a four hundred page book entitled, *The Metaphysics of a Kiss*, it would not deserve a readership. Kisses just work, their inner dynamics need no metaphysical elaboration.

The Eucharist is God's kiss. Andre Dubos, the Cajun novelist, used to say: "Without the Eucharist, God becomes a monologue." He's right. A couple of years ago, Brenda Peterson, in a remarkable little essay entitled, *In Praise of Skin*, describes how she once was afflicted by a skin-rash that no medicine could effectively soothe. She tried every kind of doctor and medicine. To no avail. Finally she turned to her grandmother, remembering how, as a little girl, her grandmother used to massage her skin whenever she had rashes, bruises, or was otherwise ill. The ancient remedy worked again. Her grandmother massaged her skin, over and over again, and the rash that seemingly couldn't be eradicated disappeared.

Skin needs to be touched. This is what happens in the Eucharist and that is why the Eucharist, and every other Christian sacrament, always has some very tangible physical element to it—a laying on of hands, a consuming of bread and wine, an immersion into water, an anointing with oil. An embrace needs to be physical, not only something imagined.

GK Chesterton once wrote: "There comes a time, usually late in the afternoon, when the little child tires of playing cops and robbers. It's then that he begins to torment the cat!" Mothers, with young children, are only too familiar with this late afternoon hour and its particular dynamic. There comes an hour, usually just before supper, when a child's energy is low, when it is tired and whining, and when the mother has exhausted both her patience and her repertoire of warnings: "Leave that alone! Don't do that!" The child, tense and miserable, is clinging to her leg. At that point, she knows what to do. She picks up the child. Touch, not word, is what's needed. In her arms, the child grows calm and tension leaves its body.

That's an image for the Eucharist. We are that tense, over-wrought child, perennially tormenting the cat. There comes a point, even with God, when words aren't enough. God has to pick us up, like a mother her child. Physical embrace is what's needed. Skin needs to be touched.

God knows that. It's why Jesus gave us the Eucharist.

Ron Rolheiser

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network (APMN) will be holding their 4th National Conference from 1-3 October 2019 in Melbourne.

For more information or to register please see the conference website:

<https://listen-to-the-spirit-and-sing.treepi.co/>

Pope's quotes:

Mitigate global warming, spare further injustice to poor, Pope Tells oil execs.

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

The world must act immediately to mitigate global warming and avoid committing "a brutal act of injustice" on the poor and future generations, Pope Francis told a group of energy and oil executives and global investors.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	23/06/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	First Eucharist Mass followed by morning tea in the parish hall. No Kidz Word
		7:00pm	PMR Epping Antioch Meeting
Mon	24/06/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	CH Epping OLHC Yr. 6 Reconciliation
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Alpha Session
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
		8:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet (see p. 4)
		9:15am	Communion Service at OLHC Epping
Wed.	26/06/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	St Gerard's School Class Mass 3/4B
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	27/06/19		followed by Exposition and Benediction
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Fri.	28/06/19	10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		1:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir practice
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		6:30pm	PH Carlingford Cana Youth Group
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Sat.	29/06/19	9:00am	Alpha Retreat at St Anthony in the Fields Church
			Terry Hills
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation at OLHC
		10:15am	Benediction at OLHC
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church
		5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		6:00pm	PMR Epping Talk Around the Table (TAPT)

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

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Talk Around the Parish Table (TAPT)
Our next communal dinner will take place this **Saturday 29 June at 6:00pm** after the 5pm Mass in the parish meeting room at Epping.

If you are coming along could we invite you to bring a plate of meat, salad or vegetables. Could you also bring desserts and entrees.

Families with children most welcome!

For further information please contact Trish Harrison on 9869 2489 or 0490 912 747.

Plenary Council 2020 National Theme for Discernment #2

Each week from mid-June until the end of July a Snapshot Report will be released on one of the six National Themes for Discernment. These reports will be able to be downloaded from the National Plenary Council Website.

Last week we saw the release of the Snapshot Report of National Theme for Discernment #1 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising?

[Download Snapshot Report for Theme #1](#) [Download Themes Booklet](#)

From Sunday 23 July we will be able to access the report on National Theme for Discernment #2 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?

Each Snapshot Report will help to break open the theme, explore the topics related to the theme and provide real stories to help us to understand how the theme emerged. You are encouraged to check back each week for the new report and share the story with your parishioners. The comprehensive report of the findings from PHASE I: LISTENING AND DIALOGUE will be released on 28 July, 2019





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 ASAP and we will 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 in the coming week 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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GRADE MASS

Yr. 3/4B5M Class Mass this Wednesday 19th June at 10:15 am at St Gerard's.
All class families are welcome!

THANK YOU PLANNED GIVERS!!

Just a reminder that the new Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019/2020 are available for collection at the back of both churches.

Peter's Pence Collection—Weekend 6/7th July

We will be joining with others across the world by taking up a third collection for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. The funds, which are sent to the Vatican, are then allocated to projects across the world, which support victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

meets this **Tuesday, 25th June at 8pm**. Come join us for an hour of reciting the Chaplet, praise and worship, reflection of a Scriptures 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.

Let the Spirit speak to you through God's Word

Did you hear about the person who kept asking God, "Help me win Lotto!" There was no response. The person kept on asking "Help me win Lotto!" Finally, God did answer. God said, "Buy a ticket!"

It can be like that for us. We hear what happens for others and somehow, we expect it will happen for us, without us doing anything. Take the hope that we will 'become a mature human person'. Does this 'just happen'? Take the hope we have that we will 'grow to know what God wants of us'. Does that 'just happen'?

In fact, we have many expectations about God. We want God to show us and guide us. Well, God can answer our questions and does answer them. God says to us "Learn from Jesus. Read the Scriptures. You will learn how to live and receive the grace to live your life to the full". This is like buying the ticket to win lotto. You have to be in it to win it and you have to be reading the scriptures to receive the wisdom and power you are asking for. *Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through God's word.*

Some parishioners read the 28 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles leading up to Pentecost and shared,

- *For all participants, your enthusiasm is really appreciated.*
- *Thank you for this opportunity for sharing, learning and experiencing the love of God*
- *My bible reading has now become a habit*
- *We have been so blessed to have learnt how God's kingdom is building on Earth through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Fr Peter and Fr Joey support people wanting to grow in their faith by reading God's word. Here are some opportunities:

August ~ join the group reading the letters to the early Christians by Peter, James and John.

September ~ join us as we read and listen to the whole Gospel of Mark in one session.

October ~ set aside the dates Fri 11 & Sat 12 for the Bible Conference at Pennant Hills

November ~ meet in home groups to read and share sections of the Scriptures like the early disciples

December ~ from the 1st, read the 24 chapters of Luke's Gospel to finish on Christmas eve.

And there is more to come. More opportunities to *let the Spirit speak to you through God's Word.*

Denis McNamara ~ supporting Missionary Disciples



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

Youth Page

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 23rd 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 **7pm**, in the parish meeting room @ **Epping**. 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 having a MOVIE and PIZZA night this Friday, the 28th June.

It will go from 7-9pm at St Gerard's Parish Meeting Room.

Bring some friends along and \$5 for pizza and snacks!

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.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Celebrating Disciples of All Nations – Saturday 17 August 2019

All are warmly invited to our Diocesan Multicultural event "Celebrating Disciples of All Nations" to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral on Saturday 17 August 2019. The evening starts with the celebration of Mass with Presider Very Rev Dr David Ranson. We then gather to celebrate our multicultural Christian community with multicultural food and live entertainment. The program is as follows:

- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Celebration of Mass at the Cathedral
 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm Refreshments and live entertainment
- You are invited to bring a plate to share from your cultural community, and to wear multicultural dress.
For more information please email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or Natalie Moutia on 8379 1626.

Cardinal John Dew Lecture—Parramatta

On Tuesday 15th July at 7:00pm, Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington, NZ will speak on the topic of Servant Leadership in the spirit of Pope Francis.

The lecture will be held at the Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre at Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) Parramatta.

Cardinal John is a most engaging pastoral leader who communicates well and has an important message for our local Church.

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, 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!

Catholic Youth Broken Bay are reading and reflecting on **Christus Vivit**, which is **Pope Francis' recent Exhortation**. Join our 7-week social media reading campaign in the form of a virtual book club! The Vatican link is provided here http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

Bishop David Walker will present a 5 part series on "The Gospel of Luke"

Not to be missed!

Bishop David Walker will lead 5x90 minute sessions of exploration of the Gospel of Luke. You are welcome to attend one or all sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Gospel that is being proclaimed during 2019—Lectionary Year C. Each session will conclude with guided *lectio divina* of a passage of Luke.

Date: 2, 16, 30 July and 13 & 27 August
Time/Day: Tuesdays 10:30am—12midday
Venue: St Agatha's Catholic Church
20 Boundary Rd, Pennant Hills

Everyone is welcome.