

<b>Responsorial Psalm Response</b> Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> The Lord sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. <b>Alleluia!</b>
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

<b>Epping</b>	<b>5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm</b>
<b>Carlingford</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am</b>

<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
<b>EPPING</b>	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	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:** Emmanuel (Toto) Fernando, George Guanzone, Tony Moses, Rob Neil, William Atkinson, Stephen Tamone, Francesco (Frank) Nicita, Joan Byrnes, Valda Ellison, Ming Cheung Yeung, Chan Chee Keong, Seah Khung Ieng (Auntie of Lynn Siau), Mieke Van Werdt, Alicia Doyle.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Coonan, Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Norma Barlow.

**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, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sn Atanasia Lee, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave, Fara Vargas, Kathy Walsh, Theo Stevens.

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

**Celebrations this Week**  
**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday: St Thomas Aquinas, Memoria  
Thursday: St John Brocco, Memoria  
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord, Feast

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
02/02/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
03/02/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
03/02/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
03/02/19	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

*"It Makes A Difference"*

As the Old man walked along the beach at dawn he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea.

Catching up with the youth, he asked him why he was doing this.

The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish," countered the other. "How can you your effort make any difference?"

The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and threw it to the safety of the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he said.

Anonymous

## The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

### Our Lady Help of Christians' Church

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**Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford** consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

### YEAR C

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**27-01-19**

**Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

**Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21**

Dear Parishioners,

As we now get ready to welcome back our school students after the Australia Day weekend, I hope everyone has managed to enjoy something of a restful break with family and friends during the Christmas and New Year period! The ability to take life a little slower than usual and spend time especially with those who are closest and dearest is an essential part of nurturing God's gifts of life and love especially as it is revealed in our relationships with others. I would also like to once again on behalf of Fr Joey and myself thank everyone who sent us Christmas greetings and gifts! Due to the sheer number, we are unable to thank each one of you personally but please know your kindness, love, and support is very much appreciated.

Here in the parish, I am also aware that for a number of our families the last month or so has been a time of sadness and loss as their loved ones have passed into Gods eternal embrace. We continue to pray for them and their families and my hope is that the love and support that has been extended in so many ways to them in recent times from our parish family may continue to be experienced in the weeks and months ahead.

As we begin the year can I also continue to ask you to keep the appointment of a new bishop for our diocese in your prayers! In the meantime, we pray especially for Fr David Ranson as he so generously leads and guides the diocese in his role as Diocesan Administrator.

*Fr Peter*

### CANA COMMUNITIES



Volunteers and friends from Cana Communities will be with us this weekend seeking our help.

Cana Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Cana Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. Please support their worthy cause by buying some raffle tickets (\$2.00 ea.) if

you can. Even if you don't buy a ticket, they would love to tell you about their community.

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) : SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY:

Candlemas, coming 40 days after Christmas, celebrates the child Jesus being presented in the Temple and being recognised by Simeon as 'the light of all peoples.' The blessing of candles and the procession into the church has been part of this feast since medieval times.

We invite everyone celebrating Mass on this day to bring along a candle to be blessed which can then be part of your home prayer space.

Mass and the blessing of candles will be celebrated at Epping at the 9:15am Mass



**Social Justice**

**27 January—International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust**

The Holocaust is referred to by Jewish people as 'the Shoah'. It is the name given to the campaign of genocide carried out by the Nazis during their regime in Germany and their occupation of many European countries during World War II. The Nazis, added by collaborators in occupied countries, embarked on a systematic extermination resulting in the murder of six million Jews—about two-thirds of the European Jewish population. Other groups were also targeted, including Poles and other Slavs, Soviet citizens and prisoners of war, Roma people, gay men and 'incurably sick' people.

*Today, in this place, we hear once more the voice of God: 'Adam, where are you?'*

*From the ground there rises up a soft cry: 'Have mercy on us, O Lord!' To you, O Lord our God, Belongs righteousness; but to us confusion of face and shame (cf. Bar 1:15).*

*A great evil has befallen us, such as never happened under the heavens (cf. Bar 2:2). Now, Lord, hear our prayer, hear our plea, save us in your mercy. Save us from this horror.*

*Almighty Lord, a soul in anguish cries out to you. Hear, Lord, and have mercy! We have sinned against you. You reign for ever (cf. Bar 3:1-2). Remember us in your mercy. Grant us the grace to be ashamed of what we men have done, to be ashamed of this massive idolatry, of having despised and destroyed our own flesh which you formed from the earth, to which you gave life with your own breath of life. Never again, Lord, never again!*

*Adam, where are you? Her we are, Lord, shamed by what man, created in your own image and likeness, was capable of doing.*

*Remember us in your mercy.*

*Address of Pope Francis at the Yad Vashem Memorial Jerusalem. 25 May 2014*

**Social Justice**

**From 'Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land'**

1. Reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Every day in our streets, we like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many come to be on the streets of such a rich nation?

*Social Justice Statement 2018-2019, p.3*

The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Consider this parable in the light of Australia's homelessness crisis. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word-Kidz Word**

**We Need Your Help!!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Kidz Word) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered at the 9:30am Sunday Mass at Carlingford and the 10:15am Mass at Epping during school terms.

During the Mass the celebrant calls forward the authorised adult leaders and children just after the Collect (Opening Prayer). These children are invited to go with the Catechists from the church to the parish meeting room. During this special time, the leaders will lead the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for the children.

During this time the children reflect on the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified main message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass.

Volunteers are needed to lead the liturgies each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle/high school youth to help these eager youngsters celebrate God's word.

A working with Children's Check will be required.

For more information please contact the parish office on 9876 2853.



**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.

**E-Bulletin**

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send an email with e-bulletin as the subject title to: maree@epcarl.org.au

**Parish Bulletin**

The cut-off date for articles etc. for the Parish Bulletin is Wednesday at 12 midday.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**After the Preface**

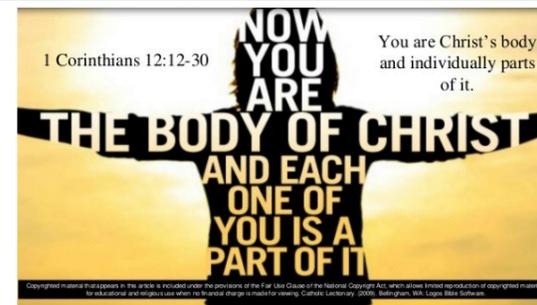
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of Faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

**or**  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

**or**  
Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.



**THE NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

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

**The Truth Justice and Healing Council**

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**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.

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel - New Eras

Two men open scrolls of parchment. Each reads his to his people. In both cases, these proclamations signal a beginning of a vast new era. One man is Ezra the scribe, and the other is Jesus of Nazareth. Four centuries separate their readings.

Let's look.

We find Ezra in the First Reading. He is in Jerusalem after the return of the Jewish exiles from captivity in Babylon. What is the "captivity in Babylon," you ask? Perhaps it will help to have more of the story.

Ancient Israel was captured by the Babylonian empire 586 years before Christ. The Babylonians took Jerusalem itself, and demolished the great temple built by Solomon centuries before. They deported all productive citizens to Babylon, leaving peasants to run the holy city—if they could.

<p>His mission is to rebuild their hearts as well as their city, to return them to God, who is their real home.</p>	<p>After fifty years or so of their captivity, Cyrus the Great, king of Persia (now Iran), came into possession of Babylon and he let the captives go. Many had switched their faith by this time in favor of foreign gods and customs, but the remainder, perhaps 5,000, made ready to return home. A lot of them had never even seen Jerusalem.</p>
	<p>Thus there were great caravans. Ezra—priest, scribe and teacher—led one of them on the four-month desert journey.</p>

They arrived to find Jerusalem a ruined city with widespread moral decay.

Reconstruction of an urban center is immensely difficult, as we know from our own day. Ezra worked long and hard to bring back the civil and churchly fiber of Jerusalem and of the nation.

At last a new temple was finished in 516 BC. The ruined city walls had been rebuilt.

Ezra stood up on a high wooden platform made for the occasion so that he could be heard and seen. He "read plainly" from the scroll that held "the book of the law." He started at daybreak and continuing until midday!

Now the Jews had their city again, and also they had heard the Word of God again. Finally there was once more a temple where they could worship. The new era had begun!

Four centuries later we find Jesus of Nazareth making a similar return. He goes back to Galilee, the region where he grew up (Gospel). He had been baptized and has spent time in the desert. His trip is "in the power of the Spirit," Luke says, and it brings him to his home town of Nazareth. Like Ezra, he takes up a scroll, this one containing the book of Isaiah—much of which, coincidentally, had been written during the previous Jewish exile.

He reads a passage which says that the Spirit of the Lord has sent him to "bring glad tidings to the poor, ... to let the oppressed go free," to proclaim a time of favor from the Lord (Is 61: 1-2). This is what Ezra had proclaimed in the First Reading. But Jesus' mission is much, much more. A great new era had begun.

He sits, at the same level as the people. He says almost casually, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

His mission is to rebuild their hearts as well as their city, to return them to God, who is their real home. Would they accept this startling new epoch?

Will we?

John Foley, SJ

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### THE SEASON OF LENT – ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday 6th March**.

Please be part of our Ash Wednesday celebrations of Mass as we enter into the time of Lent:

#### Epping

**9:15am (we will be joined by the OLHC Primary School for this Mass).**  
**7: 30pm Evening Mass**

#### Carlingford

**9:30am (we will be joined by St Gerard's School for this Mass).**  
**7:30pm Evening Mass**

### Safeguarding Message

A culture of Safeguarding values TRUTHFULNESS....."For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth." – 2 Cor 13:8

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	27/01/19		Cana Appeal at all Masses
		9:30am	No Kidz Word—School Hols
		10:15am	No Kidz Word—School Hols
			Antioch currently preparing for the Antioch Weekend
Mon	28/01/19	9:00pm	No Little Engines—School still School hols.
		9:30am	No Gerry's Playgroup—Still on School hols.
		9:30am	<b>Communion Service at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:30am	No Rosary Group—Public Holiday
Tue.	29/01/19	12:15pm	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
		7:30pm	<b>PMR Carlingford SVdP Meeting</b>
Wed.	30/01/19	9:15am	<b>Communion Service at OLHC Church</b>
		9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
Thur.	31/01/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		12:15am	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
Fri.	01/02/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
		4:30pm	CH Epping-Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA Youth Group
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford—Dad's Club
Sat.	02/02/19	9:15am	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Mass at OLHC Church
		5:00pm	Reconciliation
		5:00pm	<b>Mass at St Gerard's</b>

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

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### AFTER HOURS SICK CALLS— 9876 2853

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

### Prayer for Those Affected by Drought

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

We turn to you in faith and hope.  
We pray for families, rural communities and all affected by drought in our Great South Land.  
We pray for all those who live under the shadow of drought.  
We pray for those who work with the land, for farmers and their families,  
for those who rely upon the land for their life and relationships.  
We pray for contractors, merchants and truck drivers, for rural counsellors and support workers, for all in our rural communities.

May the revitalising power of your Spirit be present in miraculous and truly human ways and be with all of us as we move forward in the days ahead.

We pray too, for justice; for fair prices for our stock, our wool and our grain.

We pray for governments, banks and corporations.  
May they be driven by wisdom, generosity, justice and compassion.  
We pray for each other, keep us aware of the needs of those around us;  
for those who are struggling,  
and those carry heavy burdens.

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

Bring us rain to renew us, Lord.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross.  
Pray for us.



### Children's Sacramental Journey First Reconciliation 2019

Enrolment for First Reconciliation is now open and will close on Sunday 3 February. Forms are available at the back of both churches and available for download on the parish website [www.eppcarl.org.au](http://www.eppcarl.org.au). Alternatively, please feel free to contact either Marcela or myself and we will forward you the enrolment kit via email when enrolment opens.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and confirmed are invited to prepare for the celebration of this sacrament. Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. If you do know of anyone whose children are eligible to enrol, please feel free to spread the word for us.

Children enrolled in this sacrament's preparation are required to attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. The group sessions are family-centred and encourage parent-child interaction with activities to help children explore the key concepts of the sacrament in an age-appropriate and fun way.

We always like to hear from you! If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to drop me a line.

Lynn Siau  
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### MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS AT CARLINGFORD

A reminder, that our monthly Children's Mass at Carlingford, will take place next **Sunday 3rd February** at the 9:30am Mass.

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in one of the active roles at a future Children's Mass please speak to Lynn Siau at the Mass after the Mass next weekend or email [kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au)



### 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 afternoon at 4:30pm in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. You are most welcome!



### REFLECTION ON NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES



Room. All welcome!

A reminder that our weekly time of reflection on the coming Sunday's Scriptures will take place this coming **Friday 1st February** at Carlingford and will commence immediately following the 9:30am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome!

**VISITING CELEBRANT** We welcome Fr James Duck who will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at Carlingford and Fr Michael Goonan ssp, who will be celebrating the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses at Epping this weekend. Please make them welcome.

**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 1st February** at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room at Carlingford. For details contact Tim Paxton 9945 0151. Dads welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

### Voluntary Position Administrative Assistant to the Primary School SRE (Catechist) Coordinator for the Parish of Epping and Carlingford

**Role:**  
To assist the SRE Coordinator in performing administrative work and providing support to activities with the catechists.

**Responsibilities (partner with the SRE Coordinator):**

1. Assist in the preparation for the new SRE school year (Nov-Feb next year).
  - Ordering and distribution of SRE books for the Catechists.
  - Yearly Parish letter to the SRE students and parents.
2. Assist in the following annual activities
  - Combined state schools mass
  - Recruitment drive
  - Christmas cards and Yr 6 souvenirs
  - Catechists Christmas lunch
3. Organise the following activities
  - Catechists general meetings
  - Maintenance of contact details

**Skills:**

1. Good communication capability in both speaking and writing.
2. Good working knowledge of tools such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Email.
3. Good capability to plan, commit and deliver.
4. Able to work independently and to work well with people.
5. Have a car and able to drive around the areas

Should you be interested please contact Katherine Tam on [218catechists.ps@gmail.com](mailto:218catechists.ps@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office on 9876 2853.

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

There will be devotions in honour of Our Lady, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month preceding the 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church. This includes the rosary and prayers. You are most welcome!

## Year of Youth 2019

### CANA: OUR yrs 7-9 YOUTH GROUP WE'RE BACK FOR 2019!!

**THIS FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY**

If you're in Years 7-9 come along for a night Jam-packed with FUN & FAITH!

CANA is on **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!

Email Joanna – [joanna@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au)

### Gerry's Playgroup

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



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

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

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

### The Parish Playgroup – Little Engines



is made up of parents from the parish and school who bring their pre-school children, toddlers and babies together on a Monday morning for free play in our school hall during the school term. Attendance cost for the playgroup per week is a \$2 donation per family.

We hope that you are able to bring your children to these 9-10.30 sessions. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9876 2853.

### Thank You Card

Jan Doherty is now a resident of McQuoin Park Nursing Home. You will find a THANK YOU CARD at the back of St Gerard's Church and if you would like to sign it and send Jan a message please do so. Jan is coming back to St Gerard's for the 7th February Healing Mass and we will present her with all your messages of love and friendship, something we know she will treasure.



### The Antioch Community is having its Annual Outreach Weekend Friday 8th – Sunday 10th February 2019

The Antioch weekend is run for youth, by youth and is filled with, **TALKS & DISCUSSIONS, MUSIC, FOOD, FRIENDS,** and **FUN!!** It's a great chance to find out more about yourself, meet heaps of great young people from the parish, and grow closer to Jesus! Anyone in year 10 - Age 22 is invited to come along (and bring a friend!) for an awesome weekend away from the hassles of everyday life.

Email Joanne for information call Joanne on **0416 030 927**

Registration Forms for the Antioch Weekend can be found at the back of both Church.

### ANTIOCH WEEKEND:

Calling all generous parishioners for your help Antioch is once again calling on your generous parishioners from Epping and Carlingford to offer their homes for sleep groups for our upcoming weekend. On Friday and Saturday nights, the 8th and 9th February we would only require you to provide transport to pick us up from the Carlingford meeting room, a space on your floor for us to sleep, and a return trip to the school the next morning. We would also appreciate any help in the kitchen from both men and women. There are posters at the back of each church for you to fill in for sleep groups and food as well as a timetable to write your name for kitchen help. As always, we need your help to make our weekend a success. Thank you for your prayers and anticipated help.

Hosted by Laura & Rory

### Catholic Youth Broken Bay World Youth Day 2019 Pilgrimage

Our Broken Bay pilgrims have had a great week so far visiting Mexico and then on to Panama. Mexican highlights include visits to the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon and the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a very moving experience for many of our pilgrims. They are now in Panama, visiting the famous Panama Canal and getting to know Panama City. World Youth Day officially starts tomorrow (Panama time). Please keep all our pilgrims in your prayers.

### Awesome service. Amazing results.

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