

Responsorial Psalm Response

Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23 R. v.7

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, Alleluia!**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!****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****PARISH OFFICE:** 29 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121 **PH:** 9876 2853 **Email:** parish@eppcarl.org.au**ST GERARD MAJELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL:** **PH:** 9871 1633 **Email:** sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTANS PRIMARY SCHOOL:** **PH:** 9868 3322 **Email:** olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:****Recently deceased:** 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), Jimmie Hamell, Roy Dias, Helmut Piffe, Bernadette Fonseka.*Please pray for John Verhagen who died last week. His funeral will be held at St Gerard's Church on Thursday 31 October at 1pm.***Anniversaries:** Daniel Scarfe.**Also for:** Members of the McKeough & Nolan families, Aviv Carmen Ben, Young Kwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur, Soo Woog Jin.**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, 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 Muschaliq, 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
02/11/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
03/10/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
03/10/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
03/10/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

All Souls Day**Saturday 2nd November Epping 9:15am**

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.

**The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford
Diocese of Broken Bay****Our Lady Help of Christians' Church**

31 Oxford Street, Epping and

**St Gerard Majella Church**

543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Dowd,**Ph.:** 9876 2853**Email:** peter@eppcarl.org.au**Parish Office: 02 9876 2853****Assistant Priest: Fr Joey Frez****Ph.:** 9872 3400**Email:** joseph@eppcarl.org.au**Email:** parish@eppcarl.org.au**Parish Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford**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****THIRITH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****27-10-19****Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19****1 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18****Luke 18:9-14**

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last Sunday evening provided us with a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish family with our Seminarian Martino Hoang as he was instituted into the ministry of Acolyte as part of his journey towards Priesthood. On behalf of Martino I would like to thank Fr David Ranson for presiding and leading us during the Mass as well as all those who assisted in the celebration of the Mass and the preparation of our supper. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Secondly, as mentioned in last week's bulletin, over coming weeks we are embarking on a renewal of some of the positions on our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

Members of the PPC generally agree to serve initially for a two-year period followed by a second term of two years. This is done in such a way to enable approximately half the Council to step down every two years ensuring that sufficient members remain in situ to mentor the new members into the processes and current work of the PPC. Four continuous years is the maximum period of service as a member of the PPC. After a two year break a parishioner can then be considered again for another period of two years on the Council.

As mentioned above we would like you from next week on to **recommend** parishioners you feel may be suitable for this ministry of service for our parish. **There is no need to consult first with the parishioner before recommending them!** To assist you with your prayerful discernment, some of the desired qualities of PPC members are included below:

- **A committed and regular member of the parish worshipping community.**
- **Prayerful, with a desire to grow in faith.**

- **A willingness to serve.**
- **Ability to listen and reflect.**
- **Ability to plan, be supportive and work as a member of a team.**
- **A positive and hopeful outlook.**
- **Respect for the opinions and efforts of others.**
- **Approachable and readiness to engage with others.**
- **Ability to maintain confidentiality.**
- **Willingness to serve for a time and then let go.**
- **Ability to articulate and communicate thoughts and opinions.**
- **Generous with time and energy.**

Recommendation forms will be available from next week onwards.

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 commences 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

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.

Parish Safeguarding Presentation

By the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery)

HORNSBY DEANERY

(The Parishes of: Cathedral, Ku-ring-gai Chase, Arcadia, Ep-ping & 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



VERY REVEREND DR DAVID RANSON DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS
OF INSTALLATION

of

The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo

DD JCL

FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

at

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE

28 YARDLEY AVENUE, WAITARA
FOLLOWED BY LIGHT SUPPER

RSVP BY: MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

Please complete RSVP form online at

www.trybooking.com/564526 or

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RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

From time to time I get asked about the 'correct' way to receive Holy Communion from the chalice and in particular my thoughts about the practice of "intinction" by the person receiving communion.

The Church in its official documents, while noting that the 'entire' Jesus Christ is always received in either the consecrated bread or wine, makes it clear that Holy Communion received under **both** species of bread and wine is always the **pre-ferred** way of receiving the Eucharist. Within the Catholic tradition we receive from a common cup (chalice) as a sign of both sharing in the death (blood) of Christ and my 'common union' or sharing of a common life with my sisters and brothers in Christ who also share in the "one cup" of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

While it has become a common practice in some churches, intinction or "dipping" the consecrated host into the chalice by the person receiving Holy Communion is not officially allowed by the Church as

1. it fails to align with our Lord's command to "take and **drink**". In other words intinction reduces the **sign** value of our sharing together in a common **meal** where we both eat and drink
2. it increases the possibility of spillage of the Precious Blood as the partially "soaked" host travels from the chalice to the person's mouth and
3. can increase the transmission of germs or infection as the person's fingers may (as I have seen happen on more than one occasion) accidentally touch or submerge into the consecrated wine itself while dipping the host into the chalice.

Interestingly, over the years some of the official research done on the reception of Holy Communion from a common cup has shown that

1. given the alcohol content of the altar wine used and
2. providing the lip of the chalice is properly wiped followed by at least a quarter turn of the cup before it is offered to the following person, the transmission of germs is, in almost all cases, negligible....in fact there is more chance of transmission of germs as you leave Mass from the touching the church door handle and then scratching one's nose or mouth!

If anyone has any further concerns or comments on this matter please feel free to contact me directly either by phone or email.

Fr Peter

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.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council

www.thecouncil.org.au
Ph.: 6234 0900

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

November Saturday day retreat

Topic: Prayer

When: November 2, 2019.
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Cost: \$30

Contact: 8795 3400

Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles

How do we pray in the middle of a very busy and hectic life?

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, (**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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Saint John Henry Newman

Conversations: The good words of John Henry Newman By Andrew Hamilton SJ

It is fair to say that of English saints the newly canonised John Henry Newman is the most intellectual and active in public life since Thomas More. The number of Catholic educational institutions and professional guilds to be named after each man bears witness to that.

The title of Robert Bolt's searching play about More was Man for All Seasons. The same phrase could also be well referred to Newman, with the difference that for More winter came at the end of his life, whereas for Newman it came in the middle. He had to negotiate through times of great personal and national change many of the anxieties and polarities that mark our own times. As a result he may bear reflection beyond the world of church today.

Newman crossed boundaries of temperament and culture. He was a deeply private man who engaged fully in public life. He lived his faith in contact with the secularising trends that shaped politics and religious faith. He lost his faith at school after reading contemporary philosophical writing and returned to it through his contact with Evangelical teachers.

In the debates that marked the Anglican Church in the first half of the 19th century he had to deal with liberal ideas about faith and the place of church in society. Through his reading during these debates he came to an understanding that continuity with the Christian tradition was represented most fully in the Catholic Church. When he became a Catholic his path took him from the broad culture and ethos of the Britain in which he was raised into the narrower world of the Church to which he came.

Catholics who celebrate Newman's canonisation may do so for differing reasons. Some will find encouragement in the breadth of his faith and in his insistence on the primacy of conscience. Others will be reassured by his insistence on the authority of scripture and of Church councils in matters of faith and church life. He held together strands of living faith that today are often opposed to one another. He also challenges both groups.

For him freedom of conscience meant more than making unforced choices about belief. It required work and had its costs. Before his decision to join the Catholic Church he read in the original language the many volumes of the Greek and Latin Fathers of the Church. And his decision cost him friendships, the certainty of preferment in the Anglican Church and his cultural home. His insistence on the authority of tradition, too, placed him in a continuing life of exploration within a community and not in a secure fortress of certainties over it. It made him a player, not a referee. In this season of discontent in our public life the way in which he managed these tensions makes him of wider interest. His wide reading, scholarship, respect for his arguing partners and care in finding right words enabled him to appeal to the heart as well as the head. He met his interlocutors as persons and equals, not merely as an impersonal collective.

"His care with words stands as a reproach to simplistic, partisan, populist and polemical representations of Catholic life."

When conversation turns to faith it is common to regard the gift of finding good words as no more than a decoration on the hard reasoning that faith demands. Newman stands as a reproach to that view. The rhythms, images and music of his words opened the hearts of his readers and hearers to attend to his argument, and carried them through the complexities of the reality that he unfolded.

His famous sermon on the Second Spring of Catholicism in Great Britain encouraged and emboldened a small community to look beyond their poverty of resources to the great tradition that they represented. His care with words, too, stands as a reproach to simplistic, partisan, populist and polemical representations of Catholic life. Newman's life points to the importance of finding a rhetoric appropriate for communicating religious and political ideas.

His rhetorical store included single sentences of balanced clauses extending over a page and a half. In our time political and religious rhetoric is often based on Twitter and the op ed — single sentence or single screen. That discipline is valuable for commending conciseness, but when reality is complex its balanced consideration requires a more ample treatment.

Ecumenical Service

Australian Church Women warmly invite us all to their World Community Day. This will be held at Lifeway Lutheran Church, 56 Norfolk Road, Epping on Thursday, 31st October 2019 commencing at 10.30 am. Light luncheon and cuppa will be provided.



Save the Date!

On **Thursday, 21st November at 7.30pm at St Gerard's Church** we will be celebrating a candlelit Eucharist in memory of our children who have died.

Please save the date. All welcome.

Details to come in the weeks ahead



PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	27/10/19	9:30am	No Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church. Children's Mass
		9:30am	State School Mass at St Gerard's
		7:00pm	PMR Epping Antioch Meeting
Mon	28/10/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	St Gerard's Church—Rosary Group
Tue.	29/10/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:30pm	Secondary Catechists meeting at M O'Byrne's house
Wed.	30/10/19	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	St Gerard's School Combined Liturgy Yr. 1 & Yr. 2
		10:30am	PMR Carlingford Deanery Safeguarding Presentation
		7:15pm	PH Epping 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'
Thur.	31/10/19	7:00pm	CH Epping Adult Choir Practice
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		1:00pm	St Gerard's Church—Funeral for John Verhagen
Fri.	01/11/19	1pm	Viewing , 1:30pm Requiem Mass
		0:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Reflection on Sunday's Gospel
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat.	02/02/19	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
		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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The one who serves God with their whole heart will be accepted. Their prayers will carry to God. (1st reading at Mass) The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed; God will save.

For **the Lord hears the cry of the poor.** (Psalm 33)

Alleluia, God sent Jesus to reconcile the world to himself.

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.

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

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

Name/s:.....

Number attending:

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:

Prayerful and Eucharistic

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. There was a call for stronger and more engaging preaching, with an emphasis on the Word of God and connection to daily life, some seeking a uniquely Australian expression of prayer and Eucharistic celebration, drawing from the wisdom and rituals of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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

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).

The Initiation Process for Adults: A period of formation in the Christian way of life

Q How long does it take to become initiated?

A For those who have never been baptised, the Church recommends at least one year of preparation – it may take longer, depending on the individual.

Christian initiation is not a crash course in Catholicism.

- It is a process of formation in the life of faith.
- It takes time for the seeds of faith to be nurtured and brought to fruition.
- It takes time for catechumens to be immersed in the Christian life and to make the rhythms of the Church's liturgical prayer their own.
- It takes time to nurture an interior prayer life and to come to know and love the Lord not as a remote reality but as a living presence in daily life.

That is why, except in cases of emergency, Christian initiation for adults typically lasts a year or more.



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Our next CWF Appeal will take place next weekend 2/3 November 2019

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

This week the video is about Rachel and Clare. Two catechists who attended a public school in our Diocese and who received a Catholic Special Religious Education through the CCD. Clare even converted to Catholicism thanks to her positive experience with the CCD. Perhaps you or someone you know has benefited from a Catholic Religious Education class in a NSW Public School, made possible through donations of the faithful?

Donations to the Charitable Works Fund help our community through five charities and agencies that serve the people in our Diocese. These are the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College** and the **Ephpheta Centre**. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Donations can be made online via www.givenow.com.au/cwf. You will be prompted to click on your Parish so that your donations can be credited to our Parish quota.

Donations to the CWF may be Tax-Deductible.

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

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. Fr Peter

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 in the PMR Carlingford this **Friday 1st October at 7:30pm**. For details contact Tim Paxton 9945 0151. Dads welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

There will be devotions in honour of Our Lady, on the 1st 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!

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OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 27 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

Promoting Missionary Disciples

At Mass, we hear readings, listen to prayers and usually we start **thinking**. We want to know more about something spiritual. We **feel moved to find out more**. We have **become curious**.

This **spiritual curiosity is a beautiful gift leading us to know Jesus**. We want to know more about his life and his message. We want to understand some aspect of life for those who follow Jesus. Curiosity can range from mere awareness of a new possibility, to something quite intense. This gift of **wanting to know more, is a grace**. Ask someone who is **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, for they receive keys that give understanding.

Consider the parable Jesus tells about **the way the Pharisee and the Tax Collector pray**.

The first begins, *I thank you God. I am not like the rest and not like this tax collector. I fast, I pay one tenth of all I get.* The second person praying, *not daring to raise his eyes to heaven, beat his breast. God be merciful to me a sinner.*

Compare the pair. The first sounds like *I'm so much better than the rest. God you should be thanking me!* The second knows God. You are the **merciful** one. I trust you God, **be merciful to me**. I know our relationship, I am the one who fails, I am **a sinner**. Forgive me.

Jesus concludes ~ the one who knows the truth about where they stand with God, ends up lifted up and made a friend of God. Bragging about oneself before God ends in embarrassment.

From the questions that come to mind, what would you be curious to find out about? Let us pray for the grace to feel intrigued and to want to know more about Jesus and how to follow Him.

Denis McNamara *Supporting Missionary Disciples*

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.

COMINED SCHOOL LITURGY

There will be a Combined School Liturgy for Yrs. 1 & 2 on **Wednesday, 30th October at 10:15am** at St Gerard Majella's School All class parents most welcome!

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

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BEYOND OUR PARISH

Serra Vocations Mass and dinner meeting

Father Bogdan Skupien, Assistant Priest at the Lakes Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 31st October 2019.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Bogdan will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

Association of the Miraculous Medal: On Saturday 2nd November, 2019 Mass of All Souls will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, 54 Agincourt Rd., Marsfield, at 10.00 a.m. followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena. All welcome.

POSITION VACANT PART-TIME ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS / EX TEACHERS

High School Catechist Co-ordinator

Hours: Approx. 3 hrs per week (school terms)

Role

- leading Scripture classes from a detailed manual/ PowerPoint
- mentoring Catechists
- covering classes when Catechists are away

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