

Responsorial Psalm Response Ps 145:6-10 R.v.2 Praise the Lord, my soul!	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass

HEALING MASS **Carlingford**—1st Thursday, **Epping** — 3rd Wednesday

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am, **Carlingford**, 4th Thursday 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am **Carlingford** Saturday 5:00—5:30pm
OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT

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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:
Recently deceased: Noelene Wells, Annette Agnes Banks, Kevin Diversi, Lucy Kwan, Ryan Wang, Rod Glendenning, Maria Magdalena, Eva Fong, Mary Carrol, John Rate MSC, Ian McMaster (former parishioner of St Gerard's), Damian Yong,

Anniversary:

Also for: Young Kwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Soo Woog Jin, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur,

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng, Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Peter Baker, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Wai Chun Wong, Elizabeth Barton, Heather Stoodley, Terry Hoolahan.

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

AFTER HOURS SICK CALLS— 9876 2853

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

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.

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.

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.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
05/10/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
06/10/19	8:30am	Fr Peter Dowd	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
06/10/19	10:15am	Fr Peter Dowd	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
06/10/19	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd		

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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.

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29-09-19

Amos 6:1.4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Social Justice Sunday 29th September



This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019-20 is titled **'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'**.

New digital media offer positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity, however some elements of our digital world may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of

the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

The Bishops amplify Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website:
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Social Justice Statements will also be available from the back of both churches.

Prayer for Our Digital World

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgements. Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening; where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety; where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

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 4th October** at 7:30pm. For details contact Tim Paxton 9945 0151. Dads welcome for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

Parish Mission Statement

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

Safeguarding Message September 2019

SAFEGUARDING MONTH—an inclusion of people with disability is about evangelisation and mission.

Light for Our Path

The Parish Retreat day will be held on;
Saturday 12th October
at the Benedictine Monastery in Arcadia.

It will commence at 10 am and conclude about 3 pm.



The theme for the day will focus on Creation as God's first Incarnation. Such a way of understanding and contemplating our created world enables us to embrace its magnificence with a deep sense of wonder and gratitude for all that is. As we grow in appreciation of this, we become more aware of

creation being a "thou" not an "it." This enables us to live more intentionally in a right relationship with the earth and the cosmos through a loving exchange of giving and receiving.

It is hoped that one of the fruits of our day together will be an increased sense of growing in harmony as a Parish community of faith, with the one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new.



Please indicate your attendance by putting your name on one of the sheets of paper located near the entrance to the church.

While there is no fixed cost for the day everyone is asked to bring their own lunch. Any donation would be appreciated.

If you need transport please contact the parish office.

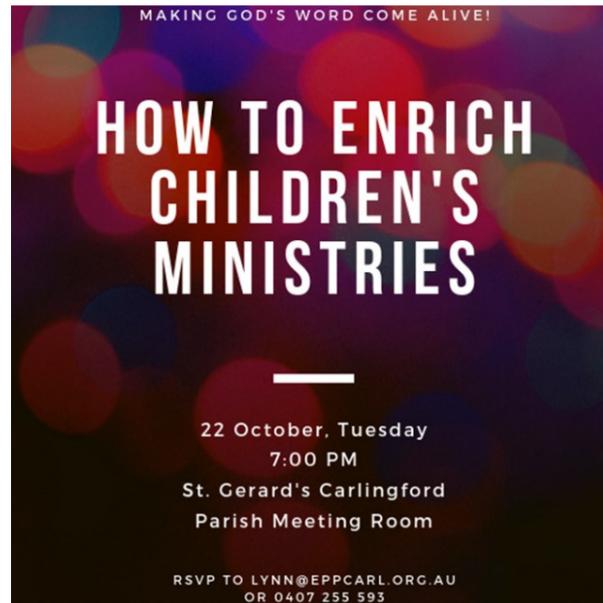
*The day will be facilitated by Sr. Patty Andrew osu
(a sister of the Ursuline Congregation)*



Children's Liturgy

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

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



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Broken Bay Bible Conference 2019 Registration Closing Soon! The Holy Spirit through the Pages of Scripture

The broken Bay Bible Conference registrations close next week! Don't miss out, register today.

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2,
423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.
Costs: Full Conference Registration \$88; Single Day \$44.
Enquiries: www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible;
Tania Rimac: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or
8379 1629 Online Reg: www.trybooking.com/BCKBE

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.

Position Vacant – Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Retired Priests Care Coordinator – PT 4 days per week

If you would like more information, please see the full advertisement on Seek
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/39950832?searchrequesttoken=5587cccd-2fe4-4a77-92f5-712ec45acbd8&type=standout>
Applications close 5:00pm, Monday 7 October 2019

Position Vacant – Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Clergy Development Officer – P/T 4 days per week

For more information contact Kelly Paget (Kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au / 8379 1612)
Applications close 5:00pm, Tuesday, 1 October 2019.
Please note that the successful candidate will be required to undergo a pre-employment National Police History

ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS

MEDAL: Mass with Novena will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Saturday 5th October, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. All welcome.

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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Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—The Church's Economic-Social Teachings

Most of us have been raised to believe that we have right to possess whatever comes to us honestly, either through our own work or through legitimate inheritance. No matter how large that wealth might be, it's ours as long as we didn't cheat anyone along the way. By and large, this belief has been enshrined in the laws of democratic countries and we generally believe that it is morally sanctioned by the Christianity.

Partly this is all true, but it needs a lot of qualification. The right to private ownership and private wealth—from scripture, through Jesus, through the social teachings of the churches, through papal encyclicals from Leo XIII through John Paul II—is mitigated by a number of moral principles. Let me list a number of those principles (which are taught with the weight of Ordinary Magisterium within Roman Catholicism and the ecclesial equivalent of that in most Protestant churches). For Roman Catholics, I will list the major references to church documents:

Both the workers and the employers have an equal duty to be concerned for the common good

- God intended the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human beings. Thus, in justice, created goods should flow fairly to all. All other rights are subordinated to this principle (Gaudium et Spes 69, Populorum Progressio 22). We do have a right to private ownership and no one may ever deny us of this right (Rerum Novarum 3-5, 14; Quadregesima Anno 44-56, Mater et Magistra 109) but that right is subordinated to the common good, to the fact that goods are intended for everyone (Laborem Exercens 14). Wealth and possessions must be understood as ours to steward rather than to possess absolutely. (Rerum Novarum 18-19).
- No person (or nation) may have a surplus if others do not have the basic necessities (Rerum Novarum 19, Quadregesimo Anno 50-51, Mater et Magistra 119-121 & 157-165, Populorum Progressio 230). Thus, no one may appropriate surplus goods solely for his own private use when others lack the bare necessities for life (Populorum Progressio 23). People are obliged to come to the relief of the poor and if a person is in extreme necessity he has the right to take from the riches of others what he needs (Gaudium et Spes 69).
- The present economic situation in the world must be redressed (Populorum Progressio 6, 26, 32, Gaudium et Spes 66, Octogesima Adveniens 43, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 43). Thus the law of supply and demand, free enterprise, competition, the profit motive, and the private ownership of the means of production may not be given complete free reign. They are not absolute rights and are only good within certain limits (Populorum Progressio 26, Quadregesimo Anno 88, 110).
- In regards to the private ownership of industry and the means of production, two extremes are to be avoided: Unbridled capitalism on the one hand, and complete socialism on the other (Quadregesimo Anno 46, 55, 111-126).
- Governments must respect the principle of subsidiarity and intervene only when necessary (Rerum Novarum 28-29, Quadregesimo Anno 79-80, Mater et Magistra 117-152). However when the common good demands it they not only may step in, they are obliged to do so (Populorum Progressio 24, 33, Mater et Magistra 53, Gaudium et Spes 71). As well certain forms of property should be reserved for the state since they carry with them an opportunity of domination too great to be left to private individuals (Quadregesimo Anno 114, Mater et Magistra 116).
- Governments may never sacrifice the individual to the collectivity because the individual is prior to civil society and society must be directed towards him or her (Mater et Magistra 109, Quadregesimo Anno 26).
- Employers must pay wages which allow the worker to live in a "reasonable and frugal comfort" (Rerum Novarum 34) and wages may not simply be a question of what contract a worker will accept. Conversely, workers may not claim that the produce and profits which are not required to repair and replace invested capital belong by right to them (Quadregesimo Anno 55, 114) and they must negotiate their wages with the common good in mind (Quadregesimo Anno 119, Mater et Magistra 112). As is the case with the employer, it is not just a question of what kind of contract can be extracted.
- Both the workers and the employers have an equal duty to be concerned for the common good (Laborem Exercens 20).
- And, the condemnation of injustice is part of the ministry of evangelization and is an integral aspect of the Church's prophetic role (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis 42).

The church has history on its side in teaching these principles. The failure of Marxism in Eastern Europe highlights precisely that an attempt to create justice for everyone without sufficiently factoring in the place of private profit and private wealth (not to mention God or love) doesn't lead to prosperity and justice, just as our present economic crisis highlights that an unregulated profit motive doesn't lead to prosperity and justice either. There is a middle road, and the Church's social teachings are that road-map.

Ron Rolheiser

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Rabi'a, a Muslim who lived a thousand years ago in Baghdad, was asked how to learn the virtue of patience: 'Stop complaining,' was his answer.

Timothy Radcliffe. Why God To Church? The Drama of the Eucharist. Continuum, London, p.80.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	29/09/19	9:30am	No Kidz Word at St Gerard's school holidays
		10:15am	No Kidz Word at OLHC school holidays
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
Mon	30/09/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30am	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	01/10/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:30pm	SVdP Epping Conference meeting in the shop
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Wed.	02/10/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Primary Catechists
		11:00am	Mass at Rayward Nursing Home
		7:15pm	PH Epping "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
		7:15pm	PMR Epping PPC Meeting
		7:30pm	CH Epping Adult Choir Practice
Thur.	03/10/19	9:30am	Healing Mass at St Gerard's
		10:00am	No "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" due to Healing Mass taking place in the PMR.
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Fri.	04/10/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		10:10am	Reflection on Sundays Gospel
		12:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	No Rosary due to school holidays
		7:00pm	NO CANA due to School Holidays
Sat.	05/10/19	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

Pastoral Care Seminar Day

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2019**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day** on Thursday 24 October between 9:00am and 3:00pm. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend including: Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Our special guest presenter will be Phil Shirvington.

Venue: Caroline Chicholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

For enquiries please contact:

Peter Brown (Co-ordinator Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care) on 0418 616 602. Registrations by Thursday 17 October to: Peter.brown@catholiccaredbb.org.au

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Celebrations this Week Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday:
Memoria, St Jerome. priest, doctor.

Tuesday:
Memoria St Therese of the Child Jesus.
Virgin, doctor

Wednesday:
Memoria, The Holy Guardian Angel

Friday:
Memoria, St Francis of Assisi

Would you like to be part of an ecumenical service to be held at the Lutheran Church?

Our parish is a member of Australian Church Women. We are holding our next Community Day at the Lutheran Church, 56 Norfolk Road, Epping on Thursday, 31st October.

The Planning meeting is earlier, on Thursday, 17 October at 10.30.

I will be going. Would you like to join me? Please phone Lorraine Lobsey 9872 4005, 0438 605773 if you would like to know more.



Children's Sacraments

Dear Parents,

With the formalities over, we hope you will find a little time and space to celebrate your parental efforts in some delightful way. You certainly deserve it!

Of course, like parenting itself, your faith journey with your child continues beyond the programme. We acknowledge that, like all parenting, it can be very hard work, but also a joy and an extraordinary privilege.

Things to keep working on in the home environment to help your child 'grow' into this sacrament:

- Be attentive to the power of the Holy Spirit at work, the fruits and the gifts, all around you. They enjoyed that session very much; don't let that time be forgotten
- Affirm your child's gifts and call him/her forth as a servant of God. There are many things they can do that can make a difference to others.
- Practise home rituals: e.g., praying before bed, praying for others, family prayer, grace at meals, bible reading, Catholic symbols in the home.
- Take your child shopping at a Christian/Catholic shop to buy a few special things to set up a prayer space. A trip to Hot Dollar for some candles could be fun, as is getting coloured ribbons to decorate according to the church's liturgical calendar ie. green for Ordinary Time, gold, purple, red and pink!
- Send me an email to come and pick up your child's decorated dove and Confirmation name tag to be placed in a special treasure box or sacred space at home.

Bring your child to Sunday Mass and encourage their involvement in our parish community. Eg. Children's Liturgy (Kidz Word), Children's Mass and our children's choir.

In all this, we pray that you and your family will experience the Lord's peace and joy. Enjoy the ongoing adventure!

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CARLINGFORD HEALING MASS Our monthly Healing Mass will take place **this Thursday, 3rd October at 10:00am** (no 9:30am Mass that day). Please note the Mass will take place in Meeting Room, and morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass.

All are welcome to our monthly Healing Masses (on the 1st Thursday of the month at Carlingford and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Epping) as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know. Each third month (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) within these Masses.



Dates—Times—Location
You are invited to join us:

Next Session

Wednesday 2nd October
at 7:15pm in the Epping Parish Meeting Room

PLEASE NOTE—There will be **NO** meeting on Thursday 3rd October at St Gerard's This is due to the Healing Mass taking place at 10:00am in the parish meeting room

If you are interested in coming to "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" please leave your name at the parish office 9876 2853.

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 to join us.

No rosary on Friday 4th & 11th October

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place this **Wednesday 2nd September** in the parish meeting room at Epping commencing at 7:00pm.

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!

St Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop"

Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year.

Date: 26 October 2019

Tickets: The bus has been paid for, and there are a few seats left to anyone who would still like to come.

Cost: \$60 per ticket, includes morning and afternoon tea and a great venue for lunch.

Shopping venues: Home and Gift Warehouse, Sasy and Savy, Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places.

It will be the best fun day you will have this year. For further details please contact **Marilyn Sharp** on 9872 1436 for further details.



Youth Page

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 29 August

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 6pm in the parish meeting room @ **Carlingford**. 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

Who do you trust to do the right thing?

In the first reading, Amos told the people, "The leaders do not care about the ruin of the people". They only care about living in luxury. He foretold, "They will be the first to go into exile", and they disappeared from history.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a tragic story about a **very rich person with everything** and a desperately poor man covered with sores. After death the rich man is in agony in flames, while Lazarus is surrounded by the angels in the "bosom of Abraham". The no longer rich man is now begging, "**Send Lazarus to warn my brothers**, so they do not come to this place of torment." "Not possible" says Abraham. "But if someone comes from the dead, they will repent!" Abraham replies, "If they will not listen to Moses or the prophets, they will not be convinced, even if someone should rise from the dead. They were not convinced, when Jesus went to Bethany and raised Lazarus the brother of Mary and Martha and when Jesus himself rose from the dead.

In the Psalm, we join in this **prayer of trust in the Lord, who keeps faith for ever, is just, gives bread to the hungry, and sets prisoners free.**

Praise the Lord my soul! Our God gives sight, raises up those bowed down, loves the just, protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

What we hear today challenges us to listen, to trust and to be convinced that the way we live has consequences. We can also pray with trust in God.

Many have gone to **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. Congratulations on your commitment.

This program will be offered next year, so many more will be able to 'unlock the mystery'.

Denis McNamara *Supporting Missionary Disciples*

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning

Our next reflection morning will be held on **Saturday 5th October**. Bishop Peter Ingham will lead our reflection, The morning will commence at 9.30 AM and conclude at 12.30 PM. No need to book. Tea & Coffee provided. We do appreciate a donation. All are most welcome. A time to be still, a time to reflect. Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036. 'Come and

CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



CANA IS ON BREAK FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We're back on Friday
18th October

BLESSING OF HSC STUDENTS

There will be a blessing for all HSC students within the following Masses on **Sunday 13th October**.

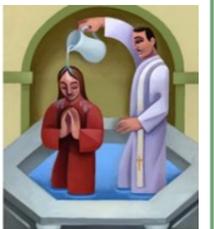
9:30am Mass at Carlingford
6:00pm Mass at Epping



Christian Initiation – A Process of Growth

Q What are the stages and steps in the process of Christian Initiation?

A *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* defines four stages in the process of becoming a Christian.



The first is the "Period of Evangelisation and Precatechumenate." In this informal time someone who is thinking about becoming a Christian can ask questions and be introduced to the Gospel.

In the second stage, the "Period of the Catechumenate," the person enters into a formal relationship with the Church, becoming a "catechumen" or listener. It is a time of nurturing and deepening faith in Christ.

The third stage, the "Period of Purification and Enlightenment" corresponds to the season of Lent. The catechumen – now counted among the "elect" – enters into a time of intense prayer and preparation for the Easter sacraments.

Following the reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, the neophytes (new initiates) enter the "Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy," reflecting on the life-changing sacraments received at the Easter Vigil.

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Woman looking for a fully furnished studio or bedroom.

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