

Responsorial Psalm Response	Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
You are my inheritance, O Lord.		

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	10:00am	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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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: Joshua Auvonavole, Peter Parish, Janice Minogue, Patti Howard.

*Please pray for Katherine McCarthy who died last week.
The funeral will be held on Tuesday 2nd July at 10am at St Gerard's Church*

*Please pray for John Russo who died last week.
The funeral was held at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church Epping last Thursday.*

Anniversaries: Dorrie Flanagan

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, Dorothea Ellis, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Patricia O'Connor, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Betty O'Connor, 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, 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.

Position Vacant
Parish Secretary – Woy Woy Peninsula Parish
Part-time, 18 hours (3 days) per week

Woy Woy Peninsula Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary for our busy office. The role provides support to the Parish Administrator in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to the Parish Office. For further information and a Position Description, phone Jackie Hanson on 8379 1667 or email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Applications close: Monday, 1 July 2019

This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
06/07/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Terrence Bell
07/07/19	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Geoff Bugden
07/07/19	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Geoff Bugden
07/07/19	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30-06-19

1 Kings 19:16.19-21

Galatians 5:1.13-18

Luke 9:51-62

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr. Joey's exciting excursions of parish ministries – Destination 2

Right after greeting the parents of our first communicants after a beautiful First Communion Mass for the kids, I had to rush to the Carlingford parish meeting room to visit my next destination for my series of "Fr. Joey's exciting excursions of parish ministries".

Upon arrival, I was a bit embarrassed because they were still waiting for me to bless the food. Despite their waiting, all were smiling and after blessing the food we lined up for a huge table of one of my favourites...an array of Chinese home cooked food! (yes, better than the ones in the restaurants) It was nice to see them eating together, chatting, smiling and laughing together. No wonder they are called the Happy Family Chinese Group. They really are happy and they really are a family!

The group started ten years ago in the homes of a few members. The group grew so they needed a bigger place, so they decided to have it in the parish meeting room. They meet once a month. They start with the Saturday vigil mass and they serve at that mass. Then they have the dinner followed by a spiritual session for two hours. In that session, they divide themselves into groups of 6-8 people and share the gospel for that Sunday. At the end of the sharing, they come up with a personal resolution for the next three weeks up until the next time they gather the following month. The remaining time, they use for learning the faith from different sources like Videos or some structured spiritual talk from a parish in Hong Kong that they have a connection with.

Right now there are 30 members and they come from Indonesia, Malaysia and mostly from Hong Kong. The present coordinators are Andy Lee and his wife Irene. They have two children, Clavell who is a Compliance Manager and Claudia, who is a physiotherapist. I have worked with them before and they are truly very fast and efficient.

Although the group is there for support for all the members, Andy points out that he is amazed at the generosity and cooperation of everyone.

Lucy, who has been with the group for ten years said that she values the kindness and friendship of all the members. She said she is enriched by the resolutions that they share and she enjoys their other activities like their planned outings and games. Joanna has also been with the group for more than 10 years. She says that the group has helped her learn and deepen her faith. And from there she has been involved in a lot of things like the RCIA, Bible sharing, and Alpha.

I am always struck by the many people I meet in our parish. We are so blessed that most of our parishioners are really serious in their faith. A lot of them take time to volunteer and learn their Catholic faith.

As a priest, one of the things I cherish as a reward in my ministry is when I see our parishioner being passionate and active in their faith. The more I see our parishioners get involved in our parish to deepen their faith and their relationship with God, the more I get motivated in my priestly ministries. In other words, the more I get motivated to work hard!

So let us help and support each other and let us pray for each other so that we may bring the kingdom of God in our parish!

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



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT JUNE 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Growing Missionary Disciples through Small Groups has been the focus of our Parish Plan in 2019. By way of short articles in the bulletin, the PPC would like to offer some deeper insights and purpose of small groups in achieving this mission. We invite you to read, reflect and share with others the value and meaning of belonging to small groups.

As a parish, we are helping every parishioner to grow as what Pope Francis calls a "Missionary Disciple". There are the 10 attributes of a Missionary Disciple which we use in our parish:

1. Has a personal relationship with Jesus
2. Has a daily prayer life
3. Has a commitment to Sunday Eucharist and the Sacraments
4. Uses gifts in ministry
5. Knows basic Catholic theology (Kerygma)
6. Has knowledge and love of the Scriptures
7. Can and does share faith with others
8. Personally outreaches to people in need
9. Gives Generously
10. Experiences real Christian community (in a small group and has friends in parish)

It has been said that faith is shared at a distance of no more than 10 feet (3m in the new language).

Our parish wants to grow Missionary Disciples, but the question is how?

The answer is that we will, in most cases, grow Missionary Disciples through small groups. Most of the attributes above are best developed in small groups, particularly those small groups with some support and direction from the parish leadership.

So, what is a small group?

It is a group of people who come together to share community and to grow in their faith. Some types of small groups include:

- Friendship Groups – e.g. Family Groups
- Ministry Groups – e.g. Parish Pastoral Council, Choir, St Vincent de Paul
- Evangelistic Groups – e.g. Legion of Mary
- Learning Groups – e.g. Faith Education courses
- Fellowship Groups with a combination of friendship, evangelisation and learning

In all of these the aim of the small group for a parish is to promote growth of people in their faith, not only in their knowledge but in their attitudes, skills and activities. While growth in faith is really about a person's decision to give their hearts and lives to Jesus, living more and more within a discipleship lifestyle enables and supports that decision to be lived out each day.

So, what are the advantages of a small groups?

The answer to this question will form part of next month's article....until then, good wishes and happy reading!

GETTING TO KNOW PPC MEMBERS

PPC Secretary Trish O'Donnell



Trish has been a member of St Gerard's parish since 2006 when she moved into the area from Abbotsford. She was warmly welcomed into the parish and feels very much at home here. After being tapped on the shoulder during mass one morning and asked if she would like to join the adult choir life at St Gerard's has never been the same.

Trish believes there is something very special about being part of an organisation of people who have a deep faith and love of God and one another. The sharing of values and beliefs with other like-minded people is an important aspect of her time here.

Her name was put forward to become part of the Parish Pastoral Council at the end of 2017 and she became a member of the PPC in 2018. In 2019 Trish joined Joan Sally on the executive as Secretary of the PPC.

Trish's husband, Keith, while not a Catholic, is very supportive of her involvement in parish life. They have two grown up children and four small grandchildren and spend quite a lot of time enjoying visits from these little people.

Trish recently retired from her profession as a secondary school teacher where she taught HSIE at both state and private schools. Looking forward to a quiet and relaxing time after working for 44 years was an unreal expectation, and every day is now filled with varied activities and people she loves.

When spare time is available Trish enjoys keeping fit, reading, (she is a great believer in the local library) crosswords and Sudoku.

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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St Mary's Tower Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Retreat Weekend: 19-21 July 2019 -

\$230 Contemplation for the Professional Person:

Mr Lou Nulley. Primarily directed at the lay-person or professional who would like to lead a more contemplative life amidst the pressures of every day responsibilities and commitments, this retreat will provide some valuable insights and methods to allow you to live a more contemplative life through prayer, mindfulness and meditation practices. It will also provide a framework to enable you to experience a more balanced life, achieving what's most important to you. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park.

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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.

ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Mass with Novena will be celebrated in Saint Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Saturday, 6th July, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. All Welcome.



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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel



Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem

Where is my life leading? A question many people ask themselves today – as the things that really matter are lost sight of in a haze of materialism and hedonism. We read in the weekend papers of people seeking to give their lives a new direction, because wealth and acclaim have left them with a sense of emptiness. If this spiritual emptiness is more widespread in today's world, the problem is not new. St Paul's advice for the Galatians, in our second reading - describing the 'self-indulgence' of the times as a kind of bondage - is as meaningful today as when it was first written.

It is our fundamental decisions that give direction to our lives. In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus begins to instruct his disciples, preparing them for the decisions that lie ahead of them. The example of Jesus, in the direction he gives to his life, is clearly affirmed - 'the time draws near for him to be taken up', and 'Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem'. He shared our life to the full; he too had to make the painful human decisions that gave direction to his life. In these decisions, he was 'resolute', faithful to the end in expressing the generous ways of his Father. Our lives are shaped by the basic decisions we have made - concerning family priorities, concerning our professional responsibilities,

concerning our attitudes as neighbours and citizens. As this gospel reading takes us into the company of Jesus, let us ask ourselves how responsible we are in the making of these life decisions, and how resolute we are in putting them into practice.

Luke presses home the lesson, recalling, at this point, three surprising responses made by Jesus to those who sought to become his followers. Jesus used words to great effect. The crowds followed him to hear his words of wisdom and encouragement. Many of his off-the-cuff sayings have become proverbial. But the prophet from Nazareth was not the ordinary kind of storyteller, he overturned people's expectations. In the usual way of things, a good story reconciles us, in the end, to the wholesomeness that is inherent to our human affairs; and proverbs sound a note that reassures us that there is a predictable order in things. The parables of Jesus, however, invite us to leave behind the reassurances of our familiar world, and to enter into the new order of things he called the 'Kingdom' of his Father – where the last may be first, and the one who shows himself to be our true friend may be a traditional enemy. Similarly, the three responses in today's gospel, though they are like proverbs, are meant to bring a shock that confronts us with the radical nature of our decision to be a follower of Jesus. They should be taken in this spirit, rather than as literal prescriptions. There may be a little ironical humour implied, also – for instance, if the father who is to be buried is still hale and hearty.

Those who take seriously the invitation to follow Jesus, with all its radical implications, will never regret their decision – as the history of the Church has proved age after age.

John Thornhill sm

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We listen to the readings to learn how to follow Jesus

Do you ever wonder about what you hear in the readings at Mass? Take the first reading – Elija the prophet finds this man Elisha, who is guiding the oxen dragging the plough. Elija throws his cloak on Elisha who then runs after Elija. Did he not like the cloak? There are a few words spoken then Elisha kills two of the oxen, sets fire to the plough to cook the oxen to feed the workers. How would he explain that to his dad? I think he burnt his bridges in that relationship. There was no turning back. His career as a ploughman just went up in smoke.

The psalm response is "You are my inheritance, O Lord." So where do we go to collect this inheritance? In the psalm we ask "Preserve me God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord, "You are my God, . . . it is you yourself who are my prize". (You and not the money) You show me the path of life, the fulness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness forever". YES, that is "my inheritance", the joy, the presence and happiness forever!

St Paul is very clear in telling us how to live. *Serve one another in works of love. A single command, Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, . . . you will destroy the whole community.*

At Mass there is so much to learn and the reading go quickly. We have questions. We need time to think. Have you ever thought ~ Where can I go over the readings before I come to Mass, or when I go home from Mass? YES you can, Google **Sunday Mass readings**. This is one among many. <https://www.catholicgallery.org/sunday-mass-readings-njb/>

We can discover so much from the readings that show us how to follow Jesus.

Denis McNamara—Supporting Missionary Disciples

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	30/06/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church
		10:15am	NO Kidz Word this week at OLHC Epping
		11:15am	Cake Stall after the 10:15am Mass at Epping Fundraising by Yrs. 3 & 4 of OLHC School
Mon	01/07/19	6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
Tue.	02/07/19	7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	PMR Alpha Session
Wed.	03/07/19	7:30pm	SVdP Epping meeting in the shop
		9:15am	Communion Service at OLHC Epping
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
Thur.	04/07/19	11:00am	Mass at Rayward Nursing Home
		7:00pm	NO PPC Meeting
		10:00pm	PMR Carlingford Healing Mass followed by morning tea
Fri.	05/07/19	7:00pm	CH Epping Adult Choir Practice
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
Sat.	06/07/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	No Cana Meeting—School holidays
		7:30am	PMR Carlingford Dads' Club
Sun.	07/07/19	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
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #3 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is 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. Find out more: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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Concerned Catholics:

A speech from the former CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council.

The Catholic Church has been in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons in recent times.

Francis Sullivan was the CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council responsible for guiding the church through the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

He is committed to equity and justice and has been highly successful in bringing a social conscience to the political debate on religion, health and aged care issues.

Please join Francis in conversation on
Wednesday, 28th August
at
St Thomas Catholic Church,
High Street, Willoughby.



From the messy desk of Lynn Siau...

I would like to thank Marcella Letteri, our Sacramental Programme Assistant, for all the hard work she has put in to ensure the smooth running of our office, especially during crunch time! Marcella's 12-month contract with the Sacramental Programme has concluded and she will now move on to serve in other ministries within the parish. So it is not a "good-bye" from me but a sincere "thank-you" and we wish her well as she continues to explore her exciting journey with her faith-filled heart.

At the same time, I would like to introduce our new Sacramental Programme Assistant, Lisha Abraham. Lisha is also a fellow parishioner at our parish. Her husband and her have recently moved to Carlingford with their 2 young children. I am sure you will be seeing her quite a bit in the coming weeks and please welcome her warmly to our family at Epping and Carlingford! Lisha can be contacted at kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au



Confirmation 2019

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on Sunday, 28th July. Enrolment information, forms and brochures are available at the back of both churches and will shortly be available for download on the new parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/eppingcarlingford

Alternatively, please feel free to contact us at kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au and we will forward you the enrolment pack via email.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation. Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. This can mean we are unable to ensure every eligible child is notified. If you do know of anyone whose children are in Year 2 or above, 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. Upon completion, the children will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 14th September.

We always like to hear from you and look forward getting to know you. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact us.

Lynn Siau
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Peter's Pence Collection:

Next week, 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 distributed across the world to support victims of war, oppression and disasters. Over the past year, donations have been made in response to natural disasters including Mozambique, Zimbabwe & Malawi affected by cyclone Idai

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You Planned Givers

Thank you to all those who have continued to generously support our Parish financially through the Second Collection at Mass, Weekly Envelopes, Credit Card, and Direct Debit.

The new Weekly Envelopes for the financial year 2019/2020 are now available for collection at the back of each Church.

Please support the work of your Parish, and help to carry the load, by joining the Planned Giving Programme, or increasing your commitment, today by visiting or contacting the parish office.

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning

Our next reflection morning will be held on Saturday 6th July in the parish hall of Hunters Hill, corner of Gladesville Road and Mary Street. Sr Patty Andrew OSU will lead our reflection. Her topic/theme: **'Seeing Jesus face to face'**. All welcome.

Tea & coffee available. We do appreciate a donation. No need to book. We commence at 9.30 AM and conclude at 12.30 PM.

Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036.
A time to be still. Come and See.

Being a Missionary Disciple: Outreaching to the non-baptised

Q How do members of the assembly help attract and welcome people to our faith?

A A simple invitation to come to Mass may be just what a spouse, neighbour, good friend, or acquaintance has been waiting for. People are attracted to faith by the way others lead their lives – in the neighbourhood, school, workplace, or ball field. What they observe in us kindles a desire for something more. Some people have no experience of any formal faith tradition and don't know how to access it, so a willingness to share our faith and extend an invitation opens the way for them. We must become the hands and feet and welcoming voice of Jesus in the marketplace. The Holy Spirit is alive and working through us to lead others to Jesus. And when visitors cross the threshold of our church, we must pay attention. Everyone needs a warm welcome – especially seekers.



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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.

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to **Twilight Talks**. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. In July, we will break open the spiritual & practical dimension of mental health and look into practical tools for taking care of yourself & being sensitive to others around you.

Date: Tuesday 2 July 2019
Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



Divine Renovation Implementation Workshop

An opportunity to gather with and learn from Australian Parishes actively engaged in implementing Divine Renovation principles.

Thursday 8th August 8pm—Saturday 10th August, 1pm

Workshop Cost: \$155 (includes supper Thursday (not dinner). Lunch, dinner & refreshments Friday. Morning tea Saturday.

Accommodation—A limited number of rooms are available at the Chevalier Centre for those who wish to 'live in' during the workshop. Bed and breakfast \$170pp single, \$210 double/twin room, for two nights.

For further information contact Greg Shakhovskoy 0439 678 018 or email gshak@internode.on.net or Lorraine McCarthy 0402 217 123 or email Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

Fundraising for the ACYF

The Antioch group are fundraising to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), 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, 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

BEYOND OUR PARISH

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.