

Responsorial Psalm Response I love you, Lord, my strength.		Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!					
WEEKEND MASSES							
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	9:15am	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: Hee Chua, Denis Foley, Dot Doyle, Noelene Gardner, Paul Schwager, Jim Carmody, Betty Murdoch, Vicky Kennedy.
Anniversaries: Roger and Jean Claude Nina, Marjorie Webb.
Also for: Robert Webb, Marie Binskin, Fernalina S Alarcon.
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, Amy, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Jan Doherty, Brian Walsh, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, Tony ?, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Rob Neil, Josie Scully, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Patricia Amy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Frank Holmes, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Sr. Pauline Wicks rsj.

Safeguarding Message The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who **LISTENS** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed.

BAPTISM IN THE PARISH THIS SUNDAY
 Welcome to: Evelyn Irene Scarfe
 Please hold this child and her family in your prayers.



Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
10/11/18	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
11/11/18	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
11/11/18	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
11/11/18	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

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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 B THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4-11-18

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews: 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday at the 10:15am Mass we welcomed in a special way some students and families who attend our Special Religious Classes at local State schools within our parish. On behalf of the entire parish, I would like to especially thank Katherine Tam, Serena Kozanic and Christine Beasley as well as all the Catechist helpers for their wonderful work in preparing and assistance in guiding the children in their various ministries during the Mass. A special thanks also to those who provided hospitality with our morning tea. May we continue to pray for our Catechists and may God continue to bless the sharing of the Good News in both our parish and State Schools.

Last weekend I mentioned that our parent couple who have been assisting our parish Antioch group for just over a year now and have just announced they stepped down at the end of October.

In order for our Antioch group to continue we need parent support otherwise I will have no option but to cease our ministry to the 25 or so young people aged 17 to 22 who currently are growing in their faith through Antioch. If we could get four to six parent couples or singles who would be prepared to commit to attending on average each fortnight on a Sunday night with our young people then Antioch and the great work it does for many of our young parishioners will continue. At the end of the day, the responsibility for assisting our youth is ALL of our responsibilities. Many people talk about how important the youth are in our Church and supporting them (and yes, we are all busy about many things)...well, here is your chance to "walk the talk!" That "somebody else" may, in fact, be you.

Firstly, I ask you all to pray about this invitation...and yes God may be calling YOU! Secondly, for anyone who may have a passion for walking with our incredible group of young people and be prepared to discern further the possibility of this ministry I ask you to contact me directly.

Finally, I hope as many as possible will join Fr Joey and myself for our Parish Thanksgiving Evening on Thursday 22nd October. Please RSVP by this coming week either by filling in the slip in today's bulletin and placing it in the box near the entrance to the church or contacting the parish office. Everyone is welcome!

Fr Peter



**Friday 9 November at Epping
 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm**

For family fun, face painting, craft, international cuisine, quality Christmas gifts and fresh fruit and veggies. Mingle with the local community in a family friendly environment where live entertainment will run all night. Don't miss this epic annual event happening in your local community.

The markets are in the grounds of Our Lady Help of Christians' Primary School, Epping. Pedestrian entrances are via Cambridge Street or Oxford Street.





Alpha has begun at Carlingford on Tuesday afternoons. People have come to join with others over a cuppa and light refreshments. All are welcome. All parents and grandparents who pick up children from schools are most welcome to meet new people and make new friends. "Would you join us for Alpha in the parish meeting room at 1.00 for 1.30 start?"

Alpha continues at Epping on Wednesday evenings. At our retreat on Saturday we celebrated the love and life of people coming together to receive fruits of the Holy Spirit ~ love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness.

May everyone at this Mass be welcomed with a smile and be greeted by name. We are praying for one another and receiving the prayers of each other. We are members of **All Saints** and we remember **All Souls** who have died and gone before us, especially our loved ones, our ancestors and all who need our prayers.

Did you know? One in four in Australia believe in Christianity. They like much about Christianity, but they do not consider themselves a "Christian".

The greatest influence on people are their parents and family, then friends and networks.

Your family, your friends, your neighbours could be among those who are interested in finding out more about Christianity.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to see where you could ask them to join us. "Would you join us at Mass this Christmas?" "Would you come with me to Alpha?"

Many of them may say, "I would attend because it is important to you, for you invited me, otherwise you would not have invited me!"

If they say 'yes' or 'no', it is not our responsibility. That is the mystery of the Holy Spirit at work in their heart. Our part is to ask and then to welcome. We welcome our guests and we welcome one another.

Memorial Mass for Parents who have experienced pregnancy, infancy and child loss

**Together as One.....
A Mass to remember, love and pray with our children who have died**

You are invited to a candlelit Eucharist for parents, siblings, grandparents or other family members, and friends who have experienced, or been touched by the death of a baby, (before or after birth), a child or young adult.

A time to remember our young people who have died

A time to thank God for the gift of our children and the special place they will always hold in our lives and hearts.

A time to show support for families who have lost their precious baby, child or young person, recently, or long ago.

A time of care for those who work with families experiencing the loss of a young person.

**Thursday, 29th November at 7:30 pm,
At Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping**

You are welcome to bring a photo, or a symbol of the young person you are remembering, such as a small item of clothing, a toy or favourite book to place in the sacred space.

All are welcome!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The second CWF Appeal for this Financial Year will be held this weekend 4/5th November in both our Churches. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

Please give generously as any shortfall from this appeal will have to be made up from normal parish funds – please support the appeal so that we can avoid this happening.

Our Parish quota for this Appeal is \$17,064.

Combined Primary State School Mass 2018



Photo Credits : Nick Kwok

Last Sunday, many enthusiastic children from over 50 families participated in our Combined Primary State School Mass. We thank the schools of Epping Public, Epping North, Epping West, Epping Heights, Murray Farm and Roselea for allowing us to use their school banners for the student procession.

We had wonderful readings by the children, lovely singing from the choir, especially 'A Child's Prayer' during thanksgiving and graceful procession of offertory by children carrying beautiful flowers.

We thank our catechists who teach our children of Catholic Faith. We thank everyone who has contributed to this special occasion.

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.**

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

Pray For Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools

A group of people from local churches meets together for one hour, once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools to support the students, staff, chaplains and Scripture program. Please join us on Thursday 15 November from 8-9pm at 9 Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly. Enquiries: Katrina Collins 0400 488 459 / ckjsge@gmail.com

GUEST SPEAKER: FR LEO PATALINGHUG

The **Parish of St Kevin's at Eastwood** are so excited to announce that TV chef, Priest, black belt and break-dancer, Fr Leo Patalinghug, has accepted an invitation to come to Eastwood, to present his internationally renowned talk...

GRACE BEFORE MEALS: RECIPES AND INSPIRATIONS FOR FAMILY MEALS AND FAMILY LIFE.

Fr Leo is hugely popular in the US and will share with us tools to bring families back to the dinner table to be nourished- body, mind, and soul. You will laugh and be inspired from beginning to end. **DON'T MISS THIS!** Save the date and bring your friends.

**When: Thursday 15th November, Time: 7pm
Where: St Kevin's Church, 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood.**

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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—Honoring Talent And Grace

For those of you who aren't Canadian, perhaps this name might not mean much, but, a few years ago, Canada lost one of its great cultural icons, Jean Beliveau, a famed athlete. He died and all Canadians, including your author—a Canadian in exile—mourn his passing.

Jean Beliveau was more than an athlete, though certainly he was a one-in-a-million athlete. The record of his achievements almost defies belief. He played in the National Hockey League for 20 seasons and ended up with ten championship rings. Later, as an executive, he was part of another seven championships. Imagine anyone, in any sport, at the highest level, winning 17 championships!

Giftedness and success just as easily swell the ego as enlarge the soul

But that wasn't what defined his greatness, nor the reason why a country fell in love with him and made him a national icon. It was his grace, the exceptional way that he carried himself both on and off the ice. Seventeen championships are remarkable, but his real achievement was the respect that he drew from everyone, both inside the athletic arena and outside of it. I don't know of any pro athlete, in any sport, who has garnered this type of respect. Indeed, long after his professional career was over, the Canadian Prime Minister, asked him to become the Governor-General of Canada, an office offered only to someone who is, for an entire country, a symbol of unity, dignity, and grace. He graciously declined.

What made him so unique? There have been other great athletes and pop stars who were humble and gracious. What sets him apart? Greatness is somewhat of an intangible; it's hard to nail down what precisely sets someone apart in this way. Why Jean Beliveau? He was a just a hockey player after all. What made him so singular in drawing respect?

The renowned Polish psychiatrist, Kasmir Dabrowski, had a thought-provoking theory about human maturity and what it takes to get here. For him, we grow by breaking down, by being driven to our knees through various crises which force us to move beyond our mediocre habits and immaturities. Richard Rohr calls this falling upwards: We mature through failure, grow arrogant through success. Mostly that's true. Success, more than failure, destroys lives.

But is that logical? Isn't it more logical to grow through success? Shouldn't success induce gratitude within us and make us more generous and big-hearted? Someone asked Dabrowski that question in class one day. This was his answer: "You're right, success should make us more grateful and big-hearted; that's the ideal way to grow ... except, in more than 40 years of clinical experience, I have never seen it work that way. It only works that way in rare, exceptional cases ... and that, I believe, is what makes for a great person." A great person is someone in whom success enlarges the soul rather than swells the ego.

When Jean Beliveau broke into the Canadian National Hockey League he was, at that time, the tallest, some-skilled, most-graceful, and handsomest player in the league. No small gifts to carry. He was a little like the young, King Saul in the bible who when he was initially crowned king was described this way: among the men of Benjamin was a man called Saul, a handsome man in the prime of life. Of all the Israelites there was no one more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders taller than anyone else.

But, sadly, all of that giftedness and success did not make Saul a good king. Rather it destroyed him. Clinging falsely to his giftedness, his life became a tragedy. His height and grace and handsomeness left him jealous before the gifts of others and he became paranoid and spiteful and eventually ended up taking his own life. Saul's story is one of the great tragedies ever written; and sadly it keeps getting written too many times in the lives of the hugely talented. Giftedness comes with its own perils. Giftedness and success just as easily swell the ego as enlarge the soul.

Sadly we see a lot of that today, not least in the sports world where ego and self-promotion is legitimized and is often even seen as a desired quality inside an athlete, a virtue rather than a vice, because bravado and arrogant strut can help intimidate opponents, win games, and make the world watch. It makes for color, for hype, brings fans to the park, and awards a certain notoriety and fame. Character gets trumped by color and hype, but arrogance can be a help win games.

Even so, I'm glad I once knew a different time, a time when athletes and most everyone else still had to be apologetic about ego and self-promotion. I'm glad that when I was a boy, obsessed with sports and looking for a hero among athletes, there was a superstar, Jean Beliveau, who eschewed arrogance, bravado, strut, the taunting of opponents, and crass self-promotion, and played the game with such grace and humility that it invoked the right kind of admiration, even as it won games.

Ron Rolheiser

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PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	04/11/18	9:30am	No Kidz Word—Children's Mass
		10:15am	Kidz Word at Our Lady Help of Christians
		12:00am	Baptism at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Antioch Group
Mon	05/11/18	9:00am	PH Epping—Little Engines Playgroup
		9:30am	PH Carlingford Gerry's Playgroup
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30am	PMR SVdP Meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
Tue.	06/11/18	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church
		1:30pm	PMR Carlingford—Alpha Session
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
		7:30pm	SVdP Epping Meeting in the shop
Wed.	07/11/18	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	CH Carlingford St Gerard's Reconciliation Yr. 3M
		11:00am	Mass at Rayward Nursing Home
		7:00pm	PH Epping Alpha Session
Thur.	08/11/18	7:00pm	PMR Carlingford PPC Meeting
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	CH Carlingford—Reconciliation Yr. 5B
		11:00am	Mass at the Poplars Nursing Home
Fri.	09/11/18	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Reflection on Sunday's Gospel
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		5:00pm	OLHC School Twilight Markets
Sat.	10/11/18	4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:30pm	PH Carlingford CANA Group meeting
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	OLHC Vigil Mass
		5:00pm	NO Reconciliation
		6:00pm	St Gerard's Vigil Mass

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

Ecumenical Covenant with the Anglican Parish Epping, Epping Uniting Church West Epping Uniting Church, Epping Baptist Church

Rev. John Barr is the Ministry Team Leader at West Epping Uniting Church. He has been involved in lay leadership in the church for more than 20 years as an elder, teacher and then as a mission worker in Indonesia. For the past 25 years he has served as an ordained minister in Australia and overseas. Rev John is in his fifth year in West Epping.

Rev John will be reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures at the 6pm Mass on Sunday 18th November 2018

One of the points in our Covenant invites Ministers from our Covenant Churches to share Pulpits during the course of the year.

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ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Our parish is strongly committed to ecumenism and a formal Covenant has been signed with the Anglican Parish of Epping, Epping Uniting Church, West Epping Uniting Church and Epping Baptist Church.

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.

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.

OUR ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

A reminder that our gathering with our fellow local Churches with whom we share a covenant relationship will take place on **Tuesday, 27th November at 7:45pm** in St Alban's Church, 3 Pembroke Street, Epping with The Rev. Andrew Hall, Senior Pastor at the Epping Baptist Church. Please be there for this final ecumenical gathering for the year as we prepare together to celebrate the Lord's birth



A WELCOME GATHERING FOR ALL 2019 KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES IN OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND ST GERARD MAJELLA'S SCHOOLS

An invitation is extended to All Kindergarten families for 2019

- at **Epping** on **Sunday 18th November** at the **10:15am Mass**
- at **Carlingford** on **Sunday 2nd 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



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place this **Wednesday 7th November** in the parish meeting room at Carlingford commencing at 7:00pm.

**MEMORIAL WALLS:
~ A MASS FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMEMORATED ~**

We will celebrate a Memorial Mass at Epping and Carlingford, which will be offered for the repose of the souls of those commemorated on the plaques. The celebrations will take place:

- ◆ at Epping on Saturday 24th November at 9:15am.
- ◆ at Carlingford on Saturday 24th November at the 9:30am Mass.

If you would like to purchase a plaque for one of the Memorial Walls please collect the paperwork from the Parish Office.

Volunteer needed!

You can make a difference by giving a helping hand.

A volunteer is needed to help with:

- Mowing of the lawn (in front of the old school building).

For more information please call the Parish Office on 9876 2853 or email parish@eppcarl.org.au

St. Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop" Bargain Bus Day was a Great Day enjoyed by those dedicated shoppers, who had a wonderful day and did most of their Christmas Shopping. The day didn't disappoint anyone, and there were lots of bargains and lots of fun, for all who came along. The money raised will go towards the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal, and is a wonderful contribution to the Christmas vouchers we give out in December. **Thank you** to all those who supported this day.
Marilyn Sharp

ANGEL TREE 2018



Once again through the "Angel Tree" the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford can deliver the Christ love of Christmas to children of prisoners.

Prison Fellowship invites you to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter. The children we are supporting have a parent/s serving a goal term, but the children are often the forgotten victims of their parents' crime.

Your commitment will involve purchasing a gift (up to \$30) or donating money towards the postage of the gift. We do not know how these gifts will be received, or the material circumstances of the family, but these families are suffering. The gift is from an incarcerated parent who cannot personally buy or deliver the gift to their child.

You are asked to collect an "Angel Card" from the Tree (which is located near the Ambo (Lectern) in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church next weekend. The Card has the child's name, sex, age and possibility a gift suggestion requested by the parent.

Due to jail regulations please do not wrap the presents. Place the "Angel Card" on the outside of the gift and return to the Tree on the weekend 25th/26th November. Please continue to pray for the children, parents and carers this Christmas.

Gerry's Playgroup

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

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

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

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



Australian Church Women

A big bouquet of thanks to the parish for the wonderful, warm welcome and hospitality offered to Aust. Church Women last week. Mrs. Peg McEntee and the ACW ladies have all asked that I pass on their appreciation. It was a lovely bonus to have Fr Peter, Fr Joey and Roger with us. The atmosphere was friendly and comfortable, the luncheon more a banquet! The theme was "Women Sharing Open Heartedly" Thank you, you certainly did!
Lorraine Lobsey

Year of Youth 2018

CANA YOUTH GROUP



Next CANA Meeting Friday 19 October

If you're in Yrs. 7-9

Come along for a night jam-packed with **FUN & FAITH! EVERY FRIDAY** night of school term **7:30pm—9:00pm** in the parish hall @ Carlingford.

It's a great place to catch up with friends and meet some new ones! Please remember that a small donation when you come to the meeting would really help out with the cost of the night! Thanks :)

Any questions call Ashleigh 0430 120 015

The Parish Playgroup – Little Engines -



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

The playgroup recommence on Monday 2nd February. We hope that you are able to bring your children to these 9-10.30 sessions.

Our Diocesan Assemblies: Share Your Story, Shape the Future

Speak as one Diocese to Plenary Council 2020. As our Year of Listening continues, we invite people of the Broken Bay Diocese, our parishes and faith communities to participate in Diocesan Assemblies that will shape the agenda of the Plenary Council. You can take part in this national conversation at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on the 24 November, or at The Entrance Parish on the 1 December. Both events are from 1-4:30pm with afternoon tea provided. Please RSVP to Jenny Hildebrandt in the Office for Evangelisation at jenny.hildebrandt@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1625.

Parish Thank You Evening

Thursday, 22nd November 2018 7:00pm Mass

at

Our Lady Help of Christians' Church followed by finger food in the Parish Hall

A Parish Thank You to All Parishioners

All Welcome!

Please complete the tear-off slip and place in the box at the back of the Church



OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:

Meeting this Sunday 4th November

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 heaps of great young people from our parish!

The meeting starts at 6pm, in the Parish meeting room @ Carlingford

So head on down and bring a friend.

ALL VERY WELCOME!!

Joanne—0416 030 927



"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians." ~Acts 11:26

Catholic Youth Broken Bay

End of Year of Youth Celebration and Youth Discipleship Awards

To celebrate the successes and growth that has occurred during the Year of Youth, we invite all people, but in particular young people and those who minister to them, to join us for an End of the Year Of Youth. As part of the celebrations that evening, we will also be acknowledging young people who have shown themselves to be witnesses of missionary discipleship. With this in mind we invite you to read the attached document that outlines the concept and nomination process for the first ever, CYBB Youth Discipleship Awards.

Online nomination form: <https://goo.gl/forms/2hsZ18PUnI2a12GS2>

The evening will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and will include a 3 course meal, entertainment and the awards presentation - at no charge, so we strongly encourage your attendance with youth ministry leaders and young people from your parish. RSVP's are essential!!

Date: Saturday 24 November 2018

Time: 5:00pm Mass – 9:00pm

Venue: Our Lady of The Rosary, Hornsby Cathedral Parish, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara **RSVP:** youth@bbcatholic.org.au

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I will be attending the Parish Thank You Evening.

Name.....

Number attending:

Or email or phone the information through

Email parish@eppcarl.org.au or ring 9876 2853