

Responsorial Psalm Response	Ps 65:1-7.16.20	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.		

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	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: Janice Minogue, Patti Howard, Katherine McCarthy, John Russo.

Also for: Cheung Hop Leung.

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, Wai Chun Wong

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, a day to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts that our First Peoples bring to the Church, and who have an irreplaceable role in shaping the story and identity of the Australian Church.

A beautiful quote from the late Boniface Perdjert, our first Aboriginal Deacon: "My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite human weakness. He was preparing us for the day when he would see the features of Aboriginals in the image of his Son."

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
13/07/19	5:00pm	Fr James Baxter OP	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
14/07/19	8:30am	Fr Percival Severe OSA	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
14/07/19	10:15am	Fr Percival Severe OSA	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
14/07/19	6:00pm	Fr John Frauenfelder		

Dear Parishioners,
It was announced during PPC presentation last weekend that St Patty Faulkner sgs would be our retreat leader on 12th October. This is incorrect. In fact our retreat will be led by Sr Patty Andrew osu. Sorry for the confusion.
Trish O'Donnell (PPC Secretary)

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

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford Diocese of Broken Bay

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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7-07-19

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12.17-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr Joey's Exciting excursion of Parish Ministries – Destination 3

When we come to church especially for Sunday mass, have you ever thought who works behind the scenes to open the doors of the church an hour before the Mass starts, prepares the book of readings and the book of prayers for the priest, prepares everything that is needed for Mass, makes sure that the ministers are all present and if someone is missing has to search for a substitute, puts all the envelopes in the pews when there is a special charitable appeal, etc. You are right, it is not the priest but the sacristans.

In Carlingford, we have 4 ladies who do all these things and much more so let me introduce you the "Regular Sisters of the Altar of the Lord":

Marie Saul

Marie is the "mother superior" of the other three ladies because she is the main sacristan. She lives very near the church along Ray Road so she is on call 24/7 and she comes readily fast when you need her for anything. Marie has been a parishioner since 1960. She has 5 siblings, 8 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a 3rd due next month. She was married to Bert whom she lost in 2006.

Bert was also a very active parishioner who made the crosses that we use during Lent and the bulletin boxes in both of our churches. Her grandson Matthew did the large railing in the church when he was just 15 years old. One of the most memorable experiences she has was when she was the president of the Mothers Club in 1986 and she gathered a group of Mums to do a TV commercial for Bushnell Tea. According to Marie, they were paid well, and they donated their talent fee to the school because during that time there was no government support yet for Catholic schools.

Did you know that aside from being the main sacristan, Marie also takes communion to the sick, she volunteers at the Vinnies every Friday, visits the Rayward Nursing Home every Wednesday and St Catherine's Nursing Home monthly? She also serves at Mass in Epping every Friday, maintains the notice board every week in Carlingford.

She opens the heavy metal gates in the school during weekends for parking during Masses. Whenever I need to say Mass outside she prepared the Mass kit so all I have to do is to pick up the basket and everything I need is there.

Carole Wilson

Carole has been a parishioner for 50 years and is actively involved in the different ministries for 20 years. She has been an adult server and a lector ever since she joined our parish. She also does Prison Ministry, the Altar Society, Friday Scripture Group, and visits the Rayward Nursing Home every Wednesday. She is proud member of the Ecumenical Covenant of the Christian Churches in Epping and Carlingford. One of the things she loves to do is decorating. She is very excited to help out with the decorations especially with the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday, Easter Sunday, Christmas and other major feasts. She likes decorating the meeting room during the monthly healing masses and when we have celebrations like birthdays and anniversaries. She says, "I hope I will be remembered for celebrations and balloons, especially balloons!"

Did you know that I always tease Carole by saying, "Do you live here? Do you want me to build you a tent here?" because she is always in the church every day. She is always doing little things like watering and planting plants, washing the albs, vestments and linens, cleaning and tidying the pews, etc. She is also very involved in the Lenten group and she attended Alpha three times.



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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 July 2019

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM....."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13

"What is most intimate, most personal, is most universal"

From 'Reaching Out by Henri Nouwen)

We share a common human nature regardless of our ethnic background. We share fundamental needs. This includes the desire to belong, to be happy, to find fulfilment, to be safe, to be appreciated.

Suicide is often the last straw in a build up of unhappiness and pain. There is often a desire for the pain to go and often not focusing on the permanent consequences of taking one's life.

Our Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have suffered dispossession, displacement, violence of various types and much more. So often others have determined for them what they considered to be the best for them. The challenges facing communities are multifold.

The whole of Australian society is going through massive change. The present rate of change is possibly unprecedented in human history ever. It is affecting all of us in many ways. Many think that you cannot be sure of anything anymore. This has many implications in our search for meaning in life and values.

This massive rate of change is also, of course, affecting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. When this is combined with the practical challenges that they face, the effect can be very far reaching.

As spiritual beings we need spiritual nourishment. When we are not nourished spiritually we can become spiritually sick. Australian society as a whole is challenged of how to nourish ourselves spiritually.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people recognise that this challenge also applies to them, all be it often in somewhat different ways.

As Catholics we know that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Our Christian faith gives us energy and good reasons for living.

There is such vast history of deep spirituality in our First Nations People in Australia.

Pope John Paul II in his famous message which he gave in the Australian heartland when he addressed the Aboriginal peoples, stated that the Catholic Church will be lacking in its full expression if it does not embrace the spirituality of our Aboriginal people.

The embracing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality within the wider Catholic spirituality is deeply enriching.

We need to walk alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they reach for ways of deepening their spiritual life. All can benefit with such walking together.

Our Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people have a deep faith. We can all learn from them. Like all of us they are Often challenged as to how to pass on their traditions

to the younger generations. Many are deeply concerned about the challenges which their young people face.

The tragedy of the large number of suicides among our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the young, calls us to action! This is a sad and unacceptable reality.

There are many groups working with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These include various layers of government, community and Church organisations, and others. We need to avoid the trap of trying to 'resolve' issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people! We must safeguard the principle of self-determination.

We can walk alongside in loving support but avoid any temptation to come in with quick solutions imposed from outside.

A few basic principles can be helpful so as to move forward in the improvement of support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including the support so as to eradicate suicide.

1. All the various organisations supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to work together so as to maximise positive results. All need consistent reviews about effectivity.
2. The principle of self-determination must be truly respected.
3. The common good must be at the heart of all endeavours, i.e. the good of the individual, the good of a group and the good of all groups.
4. All must be motivated by respect and without self-interest
5. Prevention as well as 'cure' are both necessary.

Young people often feel alienated and young people across cultures can often feel more alienated. Respect must be present at all levels, including respect for young people by those who are older. Respect is always 'two way'.

For Christians, Jesus came to bring life to the fullest. He is calling us to work together with love and respect and to never give up trying to find the best way forward away from this tragic and unnecessary ending of life. While there has been many disproportionate numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people taking their lives, no society is immune from this sad reality. We all need to remember that Jesus who laughs and cries with us is 'The Way, the Truth and THE LIFE'.



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

www.thecouncil.org.au
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Natural Fertility Talk

" God created male and female...God blessed them, be fruitful and multiply..." Gn 1: 27-28
"How do we prepare ourselves to take on parental roles to receive this God's gift?"
Catherine Bourne, educator of Natural Fertility Services from Diocese of Parramatta is giving us a special talk .
Date: Sunday, 4th of August , 2019
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Venue: St Monica's Parish hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta.

All are welcome.

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta—1963-1969 Golden Reunion, Saturday 21 September 2019.

Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964 or attend any other year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969 or your SC in 1967? It's OK if you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion!
Contact Jennifer (Ingre) Newton: email fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019).

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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.

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Gwen Ilic

Gwen is also a familiar face for both Carlingford and Epping. She has been in the parish for 48 years. She goes to Mass everyday including Saturday mornings in Epping for the Adoration. She is married to Roy who is a retired solicitor. She has four sons who attended St Gerard and who are now a lieutenant colonel, a Qantas pilot, comedian and filmmaker, and a physiotherapist. Gwen is very involved in the parish. In the past she belonged to the Mothers Club, arranged the flowers before there were rosters, cleaned the church before cleaners were employed, and was a parish council member.

Her other ministries involved assisting with Confirmation and First Holy Communion Liturgies, she was a Catechist for six years, she gave Pre-baptismal instructions, she was in the Choir and Music ministry, she helped collate the bulletin, she was in the counting, transportation, and Antioch. At present she is a Reader, Adult Server, Eucharistic Minister, part of the RCIA team that meets every Thursday night, helps in organizing the healing Mass and parish morning teas. She finds time in washing and ironing the clerical garments, and she manages the Piety store. She is the current president of the St Gerard SVDP (Saint Vincent de Paul) conference that meets every Monday evening and she does weekly visits of families in need of the services of SVDP. She also organizes the huge Christmas hampers that involves the whole parish and school.

Did you know that all her boys were altar servers when they were young and that she sewed 8 altar server albs - two for each size and they are still being used today?

Gwen is such a very busy person at home and in the church, but she finds time to take her walk and to enjoy herself with a cup of coffee while reading a book. Oftentimes when I see Gwen, I do not know how she can manage her time and where she gets her energy.

Trish Lucas

Trish moved to our parish in 1978 with her husband Max. Max also helps a lot in the parish. They have one daughter and three sons. All the boys were also altar servers when they were young. Trish and Max are Adult Servers, Catechists and Eucharistic ministers. They are also in the Lenten group and Alpha. They are involved in the Baptism Program for Parents. Trish is also a lector and helps with collating of the bulletin. After the 9:30 Sunday mass when everyone is gone, they tidy up the Church and lock the gates. They also maintain the garden around the church and even in the presbytery. Trish is someone that you can count on with new projects. She helped us organize the candles and decorations when we did our first Taize night when the CYBB Cross came to visit our parish last year.

Our Liturgical celebrations run smoothly at St Gerard because of these ladies. Like Mary and the women disciples of our Lord, they work hidden from our eyes and it is this humble service that the Lord is so pleased with their dedication and loyalty and it is an honor for us to acknowledge them in this bulletin article.

Fr Joey

Jesus sends out Missionary Disciples

At Mass today we hear Jesus say the same words he said the first missionary disciples, *I appoint you. I send you out.* The instructions are clear. Let your first words be

Peace to this house!

Let your first thought be a blessing to those in the house. May you and all in your house have this deep peace, which I offer. Peace within you, peace between you and peace with your neighbours.

Stay where you are welcomed.

Cure those in it who are sick.

Does this apply to us who are disciples today?

When we hear the words in the Gospel, do you actually hear Jesus saying to us "I am sending you out." You and I have the same purpose. We are co-missioned. How do we feel? Maybe not too brave or willing. Jesus goes on *Start off now, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.*

We have the same instructions. Go into our house, and in every house, we go into, say, "Peace to this house", which sounds simple enough. Jesus then says, "*your*" peace will *go and rest on those in the house.* Well this presumes we are peaceful, so full of peace it flows out of us. We are peacemakers! We offer peace where there is 'conflict', peace where there is 'inner pain', peace that 'empowers new harmony and even new joy'. We can add this gift of inner peace to our prayer today

The second challenge is to

"Stay where you are welcomed". Persevere in sharing your peace. Stay connected to those people. Then Jesus says to us today as part of being a disciple with a mission ~

"Cure those who are sick". This also applies to us. We are called to "Cure the sick" and say,

"The Kingdom of God is very near you." The first disciples did all that. They came back *Rejoicing.* Lord even the devils submit to us *when we use your name.* Our peace and our healing will cure people, *when we use the name of Jesus!* The power of evil that divides and causes dis-ease has been overcome by a greater power coming from the "Kingdom of God".

At Mass, Jesus comes to us in communion and is with us. Please do not let it stop there. Jesus today is talking to us, appointing us, sending us out to others

to say *Peace to this house*

to stay connected, committed to the people of our house and all houses we enter,

to cure those who are sick

to say *the Kingdom of God is very near.*

Please believe in Jesus name. Cure people in Jesus name. Then you can rejoice for Jesus says to us, *your names are written in heaven.*

Denis McNamara Encouraging Missionary Disciples

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	07/07/19		Peter's Pence Appeal at all Masses
		9:30am	No Kidz Word at St Gerard's Church [Sch. Hols]
		10:15am	No Word this week at OLHC Epping [Sch. Hols]
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch Meeting
Mon	08/07/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP Meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
Tue.	09/07/19	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Alpha Session
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir Practice
Wed.	10/07/19	9:15am	Communion Service at OLHC Epping
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:00pm	CH Epping Adult Choir practice
Thur.	11/07/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		11:00am	Mass at the "Poplars" Nursing Home
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
Fri.	12/07/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:00pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	CANA on School Holidays—Resumes 26th July
Sat.	13/07/19	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 Church
		6:00pm	Mass at St Gerard's Church

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

National Theme for Discernment #4 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. Find out more: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment & Writing Group Chairs and Members

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment & Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website

www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.



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Parish Pastoral Council
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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a holy day of obligation
Mass times are as follows:

14th August
7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church

15th August
9:30am Mass at St Gerard's Church
School attending.

15th August
12:15pm Mass Our Lady Help of Christians' Church—School attending.

7:30pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church



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 can be downloaded from the 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.



A huge thank-you to the adult and youth leaders who have worked hard this first half of the year to bring the Gospel alive to all the young children of our parish! Our team of dedicated leaders have grown and we welcome on board the new volunteers who have joined us.

In these few months, I have met many of our parent and youth leaders. I have been inspired and truly am grateful for their efforts to prepare the Kidz Word sessions each week. Parents and our young leaders, you are proof that volunteers are people who don't want to be thanked for helping others. God bless you!

We will be organising a gathering in the second half of the year and hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Lynn Siau
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Peter's Pence Collection:

This week we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis. By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity.

Donations using funds from the Peter's Pence appeal have assisted with these recent natural disasters including:

The Indonesian island of Sulawesi affected by the earthquake and tsunami

Between September and October 2018 violent earthquakes and a strong tsunami devastated several areas of Indonesia causing over 1,500 dead and thousands injured. The area most affected was the **island of Sulawesi** where the **Mount Soputan** volcano erupted threatening the already exhausted and worn out population.

In the first phase of emergency, Pope Francis, through the **Department for the Integral Human Development Service**, sent a contribution of **\$100,000** that will be distributed, in collaboration with the Apostolic Nunciature, among the areas most affected by the catastrophe.

During the Angelus of Sunday, 30 September, 2018 the Holy Father prayed for those affected, **"for the deceased, unfortunately many, for the injured and for those who have lost their homes and their jobs. May the Lord console them and support the efforts of those who are trying to bring help"**.

Understanding the RCIA Process

Q What do people need to know in order to be initiated?

- A** The initiation process prepares people to follow the Christian way of life. To do this they need to learn to draw nearer to God and to come to a deep sense of the great mystery of salvation in which they seek to take part. They need an introduction to the dogmas and precepts of the faith. They need to learn to be part of a Christian community and to work with others to spread the Gospel through acts of love and service. For those already baptised who are seeking full communion, preparation focuses on learning the Christian tradition and what it means to live their Christian vocation in the Catholic Church.



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OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

Meeting this Sunday 7th July

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



THERE IS NO CANA FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

CANA will resume on the 26th July, from 7:30—9:00 pm in St Gerard's Parish Hall.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun term break!

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 Joanne on 0423 717 550.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Sherry Weddell at the Diocese of Broken Bay

"Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish: Discerning Our Mission"

Sherry Weddell is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples' and co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute. She has a wealth of experience on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and the path to get there. This event is for parish teams, ministers and interested individuals to explore the renewal of our parishes through the formation of our people as intentional, missionary disciples.

Topics include:

- The nature of intentional discipleship and the thresholds of discipleship
- Supporting people from one threshold stage to the next through a variety of entry points
- Practical ways that ministries and parish activity can foster intentional discipleship
- The importance of discerning our gifts and using them to live the mission of Jesus

Date: **Saturday 14 September 2019**

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

Morning Tea and Lunch are provided

RSVP and enquiries: Natalie Moutia
faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1626

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



On 27 and 28 August, Caritas Australia will be running a two day Global Justice Workshop at the National Office, Alexandria from 9.00am-4.00pm. The program is designed for young adults (post-high school and over 18) to learn about Caritas' approach to development, and how they can work for justice. It will also be an opportunity to work with the different teams within the Caritas office, particularly Advocacy. Participants might be youth who currently work or volunteer within the Diocese/Parish or who are particularly interested in social justice.

There are limited spaces. If you would like to recommend a participant, please forward details to Pina Bernard on 8379 1627 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au