

<b>Responsorial Psalm Response</b> Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17 In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, Alleluia!</b> Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. <b>Alleluia!</b>
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**WEEKEND MASSES PLEASE NOTE THE CLERGY ARE AWAY ON RETREAT THIS WEEK. SEE DIARY PAGE 3**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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**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:** Ron Jenkins, Noelene Wells, Annette Agnes Banks, Kevin Diversi, Lucy Kwan.

**Anniversary:** Ray Book, Harry Maluga, Bruce Wall & Carmel Wall,

**Also for:** Tony Moses, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur, Soo Woog Jin, Lesar Jolejole, Filomenn Jolejole, Sor. Elena Pontilla.

**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 Connors, Narelda & Alan Ryan, Kit Smith, Margaret Floyd, Peter Baker. Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Augustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward, Brigitta Williams, Wai Chun Wong, Elizabeth Barton, Heather Stoodley, Terry Hoolahan.

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

**AFTER HOURS SICK CALLS— 9876 2853**

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

**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.

**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.

**The Truth Justice and Healing Council**  
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Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
14/09/19	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
15/09/19	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
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**Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford** consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

**YEAR C**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**08-09-19**

**Wisdom 9:13-18**

**Philemon 9:10.12-17**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Dear sisters and brothers,

As mentioned in last week's bulletin over the coming weeks you will be hearing about one of the ways we as a parish will continue to implement our parish plan with its goal of enabling us to become "missionary disciples" (people with a personal relationship with Jesus who share that gift with others) through a deeper understanding of the Bible. Until the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, Catholics were generally warned to be careful when it came to reading the Bible outside of Mass in case they were led into "error"...of course, part of why this came about was due to the thinking of the time which emphasised distancing ourselves from the "Protestants", many of whom insisted on having only the Bible and downplayed the importance of or even the need for the Sacraments. Since then there has been many attempts to assist our Catholic people to read and understand the richness of what is ultimately God's Word for all people. Encountering the Scriptures through prayer and study is essential if we are to grow in our Christian faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

I would like you all to consider, seriously, participating in our forthcoming programme, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" which will be offered in homes and in our parish meeting rooms commencing Wednesday 18th September at 7:15 pm in the parish meeting room Epping and Thursdays at 10:00 am in the parish meeting room at Carlingford.

The programme will help us "uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about". It will assist us to make sense of the Bible and how it relates to everyday life as well as see how the Sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith are rooted in Scripture. Once again I hope as many as possible will consider participating in this new and exciting programme.

Finally, Fr Joey and myself will be joining the clergy of our diocese for the annual clergy retreat at Douglas Park from Monday evening to Friday morning. As this is an important time in our life as priests your prayers are greatly appreciated!

Please note there will be Communion Services instead of Masses from Tuesday to Friday morning inclusive. There will be a 12:15pm Mass at Epping on Friday.

*Fr Peter*



**Parish Mission Statement**

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

**Safeguarding Message September 2019**

SAFEGUARDING MONTH—an inclusive community creates awareness, breaks down barriers and fosters friendship.

**SAFEGUARDING MONTH EVENTS:**

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting a community forum promoting safety for people living with Disability

Wednesday 25 September 2019  
St Joseph's Hall, Killara  
1:30-3:30pm

This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)



**Parish Retreat Day—12th October 2019**  
St Benedict's Abbey  
121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

**Presenter: Sr. Patty, Ursuline Community**  
**Theme: To be advised**

**Time: 10am for 10:30am start**  
**Finish: 3:30pm**

Registration : Sheets will be placed at the back of both Churches over the next couple of weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES**



**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. You will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in the order in which they happened. You will receive a study book to help you keep track of what you read and what you learn.

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and ~ the most important impact ~ you will understand how you fit into God's plan.

Our Epping Carlingford Parish will begin the Unlocking of the Mystery of the Bible at Epping on Wednesday 18 September in the evening 7:15 pm in the parish meeting room and at Carlingford on Thursday 19 September in the morning at 10:00am in the parish meeting room. We will meet every week to watch a video presentation followed by a group discussion and some food. Ask someone to come with you. Invite someone to come with you. Invite someone new to join us.

To register ~ fill in the page and place in the box at the back of the church.

For more information, contact Maree in the parish office on 9876 2853 or [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

Epping Carlingford Parish—You are invited to join us ~  
Wednesday evening 7:15 pm in the PMR Epping  
Thursday morning 10:00am in the PMR Carlingford

Receive your free personal copy of the Book and the Time Line.

Fill in the form for catering purposes. Just come and join us :)

Contact Maree at the Parish Office 9876 2853 or email [maree@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:maree@eppcarl.org.au)

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/unlocking-the-bible-study-program-downloadable-resources>



**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Genuine Encounter in the Digital World**

This formation event marks Social Justice Sunday, and will allow participants to begin to engage with the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement "Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World".  
Presented by: Dr Anthony Maher

**Date:** Saturday 28 September 2019  
**Time:** 1:30pm—4:30pm  
**Venue:** Caroline Chisholm Centre Building 2,  
423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

**THE NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

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



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## Reflection on Sunday's Gospel—True and False Notions of Freedom

CS Lewis tells the story of his conversion in a little autobiographical piece entitled, *Surprised by Joy*. His journey has some things to teach us.

For years he was blocked from committing himself to faith precisely because of his keen, uncompromising intellect. Brilliant, searching, skeptical of easy answers, he was unable to picture to himself how the great events of Christ's life and resurrection could have happened. Moreover, he saw commitment to faith as somehow selling short one's freedom. In all of this, he was constantly challenged by JRR Tolkien, the author of *Lord of the Rings*, a friend and a practicing Roman Catholic. Lewis recalls how, on many an evening, Tolkien and he would have dinner together and then walk the streets of Oxford for hours, arguing faith and religion. On one such evening, shortly before Lewis' conversion, Tolkien challenged him to this effect: "Your inability to picture for yourself the mysteries of Jesus' life is a failure of imagination on your part!" Lewis was stung by that remark, but realized too its truth.

It's difficult, indeed impossible, to come to faith in Jesus unless we share precisely in the cross by giving away our freedom as Jesus did. Not long afterwards he converted to Christianity and, as *Surprised by Joy* puts it, on the night when he finally, first, knelt down to acknowledge his faith he did so not in a burst of joy and enthusiasm, but "as the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom." Parts of him were still in rebellion, but he knew he needed to kneel in a certain acquiescence because, as he put it, he had come to know that "the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God's compulsion is our liberation." Happiness and freedom, he realized, are paradoxical in the extreme. You can only have them by giving them away. Giving away freedom is what makes us free, just as jealousy hoarding it is the ultimate enslavement.

Scripture speaks of truths that were "hidden since the beginning of the world." What Jesus reveals about the relationship of love and freedom is one of these truths. What does he reveal? That the essence of love is a certain obedience, a free acquiescence, a giving over of one's freedom, a laying down of one's life for love, morality, duty. Freedom doesn't achieve its purpose by claiming itself for itself, but by giving itself away.

There is a great paradox in that and we see it stunningly portrayed in the scene where Jesus stands before Pilate during his trial. From every outward appearance, Jesus is unfree. He stands before Pilate and the crowd, shackled, helpless to walk away, seemingly a victim. Yet, in all of literature, one will never find an image of someone more free than Jesus at that moment. When Pilate says to him: "Don't you know that I have the power to set you free or put you to death," Jesus answers, "You have no power over me. Nobody takes my life. I lay it down of my own free will." Pilate understood exactly what that meant: you can't make a saint into a victim or a martyr into a scapegoat. You can't take by force what someone has already freely given over.

Scholastic philosophy used to make a distinction around the notion of freedom that partly captures this. It spoke of freedom as "freedom-from" and "freedom-for." The former designates a certain adolescent ideal, where freedom means lack of restraints, lack of duty, lack of moral inhibition, the capacity to do whatever you like. The latter designates the purpose of freedom itself, namely, the capacity for self-donation in love, for altruism, for morality, for duty, for service.

This is not something we understand or accept easily. We are all too easily seduced by the idea that freedom means "freedom-from"—from duty, from moral restraint, and from anything else that inhibits or ties us down. Duty, morality, and religion are then seen as unhealthy weights, shackles to be shed.

But that's a dangerous, unhappy, notion.

In Luke's gospel, the disciples of Jesus are cast in a particularly bad light. They don't just abandon Jesus during his passion and death, they misunderstand, betray, and get things wrong all the way along. That's partly the point of Luke's Gospel. For him, it's difficult, indeed impossible, to come to faith in Jesus unless we share precisely in the cross by giving away our freedom as Jesus did, freely, without resentment. In Luke's view of things, discipleship can only be grasped existentially, by participation in what lay at the heart of Jesus' mission, his giving away his freedom to his Father.

Simone Weil, a fiercely independent mind who died fighting for freedom, was once asked: "What are you searching for?" Her answer, in essence: "I'm searching for someone to be obedient to because without obedience we inflate and grow silly, even to ourselves."

It was precisely this realization that drove a reluctant CS Lewis to his knees in genuflection. God's harshness is softer than our kindness and obedience in love is what sets us free.

Ron Rolheiser

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This September Caritas is making a change for women around the world through their *Women for the World* campaign raising funds to provide aid and fund programs to empower women and their communities, to enable them to uphold dignity, tackle poverty and overcome injustice.

Caritas is encouraging people to hold their own event to raise awareness and funds or come to the Women of the World Luncheon being held in Sydney.

**Date:** Friday 13th September **Time:** 12:00pm **Venue:** The Ivy Ballroom, Sydney

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	08/09/19	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's
		10:15am	Kidz Word at OLHC Epping
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Antioch Meeting
Mon	09/09/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVdP meeting
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
Tue.	10/09/19	12:15am	<b>Communion Service at OLHC Church</b>
Wed.	11/09/19	9:15am	<b>Communion Service at OLHC Church</b>
		9:30am	<b>Communion Service at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:00pm	CH Epping Adult Choir practice
Thur.	12/09/19	11:00pm	<b>Communion Service at the Poplars</b>
		12:15pm	<b>Communion Service at OLHC Church</b>
		9:30am	<b>Communion Service at St Gerard's Church</b>
Fri.	13/09/19	10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	<b>Mass at OLHC Epping</b>
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA meeting
		9:15am	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
Sat.	14/09/19	9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation at OLHC Church
		10:00am	<b>Confirmation Liturgy at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:15am	Benediction at OLHC Church
		12:00pm	<b>Confirmation Liturgy at OLHC Church</b>
		5:00pm	<b>Mass at OLHC Church</b>
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's Church
		6:00pm	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>

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

### Our Lady Help of Christians' Primary School



Will be holding their Term 3 fundraising

**Cake Stall this Sunday 15th September after the 10:15am Mass at Epping.**

Families from years 3 and 4 will be selling yummy baked goods.

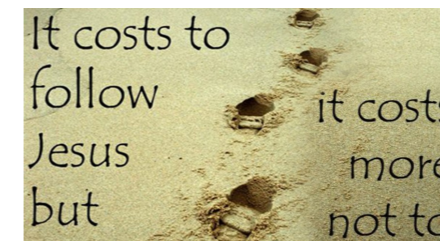
Thank you for your support of our school

Naomi Osman

### The Plenary Council

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups on the National Themes for Discernment.

Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide. "Let's Listen and Discern", at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



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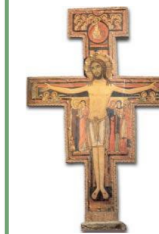
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## Blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes . . .



**Please bring along your cross or crucifix from your sacred space** As you know we try to tap into our Church's tradition of punctuating the rhythm of the year with feasts and festivals by observing some of those feasts in a special way so that they might help to

relate our faith to the living of our lives. One of those feast days will soon be upon us. The **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, Saturday 14th September**, celebrates the victory over sin and death that comes through the Cross of Jesus. It is an especially appropriate day each year to bless the cross or crucifix in our sacred space at home.

**home – these will be blessed at the 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.**

## Celebrations this Week Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

**Friday:** Memoria, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor.

**Saturday:** Feast, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## Confirmation 2019

What a wonderful journey this has been the past month! Well done to the children and their parents. It was most heartening to see the parents introduce this sacrament to their children. Most of the children were baptised when they were babies so they did not know the significance of the sacred symbols that were present then. These same sacred symbols: the Paschal Candle, Holy Water, Book of Gospels and Holy Chrism, along with their white outfits, now hold meaning to them, as they prepare for this big day. They will also, on this day, be renewing their Baptismal Promises by saying "I do" as they profess their faith for themselves in the church.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation in our parish on **Saturday, 14th September**.

Confirmation at St. Gerard Majella's Church –  
10am Liturgy

Confirmation at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church –  
12pm Liturgy

### Children's Mass - Epping

There will be a Children's Mass at 10:15am at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Epping on **Sunday 15th September**. Fr Peter and Fr Joey invites the children to come and participate!

The children can be involved in hospitality, readings, prayers and processions. Please email Therese at [olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com](mailto:olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com) if you would like your child to be allocated a role.



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### St Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop"

Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year.



**Date:** 26 October 2019

**Tickets:** Only 45 tickets are available—wise to get in early.

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

**Shopping venues:** KB Toys, Bonds and Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places.

Only three weeks to get your money in to pay for the bus.

For further details please contact *Marilyn Sharp* on 9872 1436 for further details.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL



The first CWF Appeal for this Financial Year continues this weekend in both our Churches.

#### SHORTFALL AFTER FIVE WEEKS—\$5,217

Envelopes can be found 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 \$18,577.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your kindness, your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

#### Q What is Christian initiation?

**A** Christian initiation is the process of preparing for and receiving the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Those baptised as infants receive these sacraments over years. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the original order of receiving these has been restored. Confirmation is received at around the age of seven (the age of reason), followed by the Eucharist, often in the year following the reception of Confirmation.



But in the early Church, these sacraments were received together.

That still happens for adults who wish to become Christians. Their preparation may last one or more years; they learn about and apprentice in a life of faith in the community before receiving all three sacraments at once, usually at the Easter Vigil, on the night before Easter. This process is known as the 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults'.

Adults baptised in other Christian traditions prepare to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Depending on their background, this preparation may take a few months or many months.

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### Carlingford Catenians' September Dinner

Tuesday 17th September marks the next step in War On Slavery when Jane and Becky will be the guest speakers at Carlingford Catenians' September dinner.

We would be delighted if some parishioners, would share the evening with us.

**Venue:** Carlingford Bowling Club,  
Pennant Hills Road Carlingford

**Time:** 7:15 for 7:30pm **Cost:** \$50 per person

**Bookings** no later than Friday 13th September may be made by email to [Carlingford.circle@thecatenians.org.au](mailto:Carlingford.circle@thecatenians.org.au) advising the name of the attendee(s);

Payment can be made on the night, although our preference is for prior electronic funds transfer to Carlingford Catenian Association - BSB 067 950 Account Number 00002657 with the names of the people being paid for in the reference field.

For further information about War On Slavery's mission click [War On Slavery](#) or via [YouTube](#); Jane and Becky click [Bios](#) and click [here](#) for the Catenians.

## Youth Page

### OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY

#### Meeting this Sunday 8 August

Why not come along to the Antioch meeting to hear a great talk, join in discussion time get into some awesome music, take time out for **prayer and meet people!**

The meeting starts at 6pm in the parish meeting room @ **Carlingford**. So head on down and bring a friend!



For more information  
**Joanne—0416 030 927**

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

### Reflection—Understand Jesus' challenge by understanding the story

In the Gospel, Jesus is going to Jerusalem. He knows what will happen to him and turns to the crowd with him to tell them.

*If you do not carry your cross and come after me, you cannot be my disciple.  
None of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions.*

Jesus challenges them to commit, to follow, which is to be his disciple. He challenges us to make Jesus our priority for we cannot be half hearted. Our relationship with Jesus comes first. This is asking more than asking a lot. Jesus is asking for everything!

To understand who Jesus is and why Jesus asks that, we need to understand the Bible story. The Bible tells the history of how God has connected and related to a family, a tribe, then a nation and now to all human beings through Jesus. The relationship God wants is one of trust and love.

You can learn this story by coming to "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". We go through the history and you can see for yourself. We start in two weeks.

Denis McNamara *Supporting Missionary Disciples*

Peter wrote to those following Christ.

*You must **make every effort to support your faith** with goodness and goodness **with knowledge**. Keep from being ineffective and unfruitful **in the knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. 2 Pet 1:6-8*

When a river in full flood inundated a small mountain village, the house of a certain religious man was covered by the flood. The man climbed up onto the roof of the house and waited as the water continued to rise. When the water reached his ankles, a boat came by and the owner invited the man on the roof to come away and be rescued. "No thanks," replied the religious man, "God will save me." So the boat man moved off. When the water reached his knees, another boat came along and invited him to come on board. Again the man replied: "God will rescue me." So the boat moved off. When the water reached his chin, a helicopter came along and offered help. Again the man declined, saying: "God will rescue me." The water continued to rise and the man drowned. When he appeared before the Lord, he asked in confused tones: "Lord, I asked you for help and you did not hear my prayer." "Yes, I did," said the Lord. "I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

### CANA: OUR yrs. 6-9 YOUTH GROUP



CANA is on this Friday 13 September from 7:30—9:00 pm in St Gerard's Parish Hall.

CANA is a relaxed social and Christian gathering for young people between Year 6-9, with a combination of **games, food, a talk** each week and **prayer**.

Come along and try it, bring a friend along and make some new friends.

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister, **Joanna Mak**  
[joanna@epccarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@epccarl.org.au) or 0423 717 550

### Catholic Youth Broken Bay—Twilight Talks

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. This month we will be focusing on and breaking open Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. Hear from a panel of young adults with some of their insights, and join in discussion around the Holy Fathers' latest document to young people and the Church.

Date: Tuesday 17th September 2019  
Time: 6:30pm—9:00pm  
Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd  
Pennant Hills.



### Marriage Enrichment Weekend :

*Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!*

**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Book online at [www.wmwe.org.au](http://www.wmwe.org.au)

Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan**: on

**0490 774 419** or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter.**

### Right To Life NSW Rally

on  
**Sunday 15th September 2019**  
at the  
**Archibald Fountain, Hyde Park**

**Stand for Life**

**Please come along and join us!**