

<b>Responsorial Psalm Response</b> Lord, send our your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, Alleluia!</b> Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. <b>Alleluia!</b>
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri	Sat.
<b>EPPING</b>	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am
<b>CARLINGFORD</b>	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:** Kiew's Mother, Kathy Walsh, Joshua Auvonavole, Peter Parish,

**Anniversaries:** Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Loretta Fare, Tony Moses, Aileen Wilde.

**Also for:** Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Maria Hur, Soo Woog Jin.

**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, Stephen Last, Kathy Noonan, Alice Eng Peck Quah, Dorothy Bonaccorso, Patti Howard, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, George Khouri, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Nicholas, Rajanayagan, Maria Lee, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Delma Soria, Sr Abanasia Lee, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas, Theo Stevens, Monica Weeden, Thomas Woodward.

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

**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

*(please remain seated to pray the  
Sequence after the 2nd Reading)*

**BAPTISM IN THE  
PARISH THIS SUNDAY**

Welcome to:

Isabella Louise Poliquit  
Caden Elias Balungit  
Charlotte Elizabeth Stokoe

Please hold this children and  
their families in your pray-  
ers.



## 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****PENTECOST SUNDAY****9-06-19****Acts 2:1-11****Romans 8:8-17****John 14:15-16.23-26****Moved by the Spirit**

We were at Mass one Sunday evening. The kids as teenagers, had announced that church was not for them, and it seemed best to let them grow to find faith at some point in the future, rather than have them resent us and church for the rest of their lives.

I started to pray the prayers for my son that had become the pattern of my attendance at Mass for several months. Then in the midst of the prayers of petition, it seemed that the Holy Spirit was asking me to turn my prayers over to my daughter for the night. Though the whole Mass my spirit became heavy with deep prayer of intercession for my daughter. But I did not know why.

When we got home to our teenagers, our daughter was unusually quiet and said that she did not feel well, and went to bed early. She was not her usual self, did not want to communicate at all, and did not want me to try to help her.

Early in the morning Jacinta came and got into bed with me. She started to cry. Very slowly and haltingly she told me that she was feeling terrible and she said that she did not know why, except she had had terrible nightmares and she was afraid. It was as if the nightmares were frightening her even now she was awake.

The next morning I took her to the doctor. The doctor prescribed some medication but Jacinta was not keen to take it. Then in the car, she started to tell me the truth about what had happened. Her brother had convinced her to try some marijuana, and against all her better instincts she had tried it. It had put her in a terrible frame of mind she was constantly afraid and would not leave me for an instant. I said that we'd better go back to the doctor and ask his advice about what to do. But she would not agree.

For a whole week she would not let me out of her sight. Terrifying nightmares plagued her constantly. I begged her to let me take her back to the doctor and I pleaded to the Holy Spirit for healing. Eventually this terrible state lifted, she was able to return to school and resume her normal life.

Deep in my spirit I know that God had warned me on that Saturday night, and had prompted me to pray deep prayers of intercession for my daughter. Through the Holy Spirit's grace, she has never touched the drug again. Her experience warned her off drugs for life. I am deeply grateful that Our God brought His healing to her (Anne).

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### OPENING PRAYER AT THE II VATICAN COUNCIL 1962



We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness, but aware  
that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and  
enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our  
own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you  
are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of  
others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or  
corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful  
to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the  
reward promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son, One God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*From the website*  
[http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles\\_rcaol/file/pfm/vof/26%20Vat%2011%20Opening%20Prayer.pdf](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles_rcaol/file/pfm/vof/26%20Vat%2011%20Opening%20Prayer.pdf)

### Parish Mission Statement

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

### Safeguarding Message June 2019

A culture of Safeguarding values PRESENCE....."For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." - Matthew 18:20



### 2019 WINTER APPEAL

Our Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal commences 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June in our parish.

Envelopes for donations are available in the church entrances at Epping and on the pews at Carlingford. Please return completed envelopes to the paper table at the main entrance at Epping and to the piety store at Carlingford or place on the second collection at any Mass.

### Your Gift Can Help End the Pain of Poverty



### St Gerard Majella SVDP Conference Urgently wanted:

- Volunteer helpers to deliver:
- \*Caring relief to those desperately in need\*
- \*Weekly visits to St Catherine's Aged Service\*
- \*Assistance with Piety Store\*
- \*3 x yearly clothes drive\*
- \*Christmas Hampers\*

Meetings Monday p.m. 7.30-8:30 in the Parish Meeting Room  
Contact: Gwen Ilic (President)  
gweni@optusnet.com.au

### World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - 15 June

June 15 is the United Nations internationally recognised World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day encourages awareness of the serious problem of elder abuse in our society, which takes many forms including physical assault, neglect, and psychological and financial mistreatment. If you or someone you know is experiencing mistreatment as an older person, a helpline is available on [1800 628 221](tel:1800628221), or please visit [www.elderabusehelpline.com.au](http://www.elderabusehelpline.com.au) for resources.



Our Antioch youth group would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone for attending the Trivia night and supporting us in so many ways. Thankyou for all your donations and prizes and for your kind words of encouragement. There were 130 number of people who attended the Trivia night and it was a great success to see the community together. A total of over \$2000 was raised and all the funds raised will help our youth to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth this year.

### Helping our Catechumens and Enquirers on their journey of faith

When people enquire about the Catholic faith, we need to respond to their interest as soon as possible, in a proactive way. We have therefore been reviewing how we can improve the RCIA process in the parish.

We are eager to be able to respond to the initial interest that a person expresses in our faith, and would like to be able to engage these people within the community and provide opportunities for them to be able to express their questions in a friendly setting.

For many years now we have been meeting in the homes of parishioners for our formal weekly gatherings. We would like to be able to provide a similar setting for enquirers as they seek to take their enquiry to a deeper and more formal level.

In order to be able to do this, we need a number of available homes for meetings. Working in conjunction with the already existing home gatherings for the catechumens, we are seeking to develop a broader listing of potential of home venues that we can call upon to meet together.

If you are able to assist in the process of welcoming people by offering your home to host the gatherings, or would like more details, please complete the information on the sheets at the back of the church. The RCIA team will be in contact with further details of what is involved.

### Q How is Baptism carried out for adults?

**A** The high point of the celebration includes the pouring of water over the person being baptised (or the immersion of the person in the water of the font) and the prayer invoking the Holy Trinity in the words Jesus himself gave to his Apostles: "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (RCIA 226; Matthew 28:19).



After the blessing of the water in the font there is the renunciation of sin and a profession of faith. The baptism then takes place and is followed by the giving of a white garment, symbolising the new dignity the baptised have received in Christ, and a candle lit from the Easter Candle, representing the light of Christ by which they are to walk. Generally for adults, Confirmation and the reception of Holy Communion takes place in the same celebration. If Confirmation will not follow directly, there is an anointing with Chrism, which signifies that the newly baptised participate in the prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices of Christ.

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### The Truth Justice and Healing Council

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Our Pentecost Ecumenical Liturgy took place last Tuesday evening at West Epping Uniting Church. Drawn together by shared faith in Jesus Christ, and as a sign of our unity in The Holy Spirit we have committed ourselves in Covenant with the following Churches: The Anglican Parish of Epping, Epping Uniting Church, West Epping Uniting Church, Epping Baptist Church and the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford.

**PLENARY COUNCIL:** After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the **National Themes for Discernment** for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**St Leo's College 30 Year Reunion 1984 - 89** - calling all alumni! Please contact [Katrina@Katrinaflynn.com.au](mailto:Katrina@Katrinaflynn.com.au)

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### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
**At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### 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.



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## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel—Remaining in the Upper Room

Peter Maurin, the man who helped Dorothy Day found the Catholic Worker, used say: "When you don't know what else to do, keep going to meetings!" Sound advice.

Jesus, it seems, would agree. At the end of Luke's gospel, just before he departs this earth, he gives his rather shaky group of followers this counsel: "Return to the city and don't leave until you feel yourself clothed with power from on high!" We find out later, in the Acts of the Apostles, how his followers interpreted that. They met and waited together in an "upper room" until they felt the fire of Pentecost.

To enter the upper room is to re-root ourselves in these and then trust that God will save all those people that we can't.

When one tries to name the present moment in the church, few metaphors are as penetrating, as fertile a field for reflection, and as descriptive of what is actually happening as is this biblical image—a formerly-confident-but-now-somewhat-deflated group of disciples is huddled together in an upper room, confused and out of gas, needing to be recharged with power from above. That's us; except our upper rooms are legion—church meetings of every kind, diocesan synods, ministerial associations, congresses on how to re-found religious life, ecumenical meetings, pastoral institutes, social-justice commissions, efforts in missiology, institutes on spirituality, and men and women all over the world (in kitchens and monasteries) feeling powerless and praying for God to come anew into our world. Our church meetings are "the upper room."

Like the original upper room, our venues too are humble, church basements and church conference-centers, with their plastic chairs and disposable cups. The upper room is never glamorous, a de Vinci painting. It's more like the meeting-room in your local church.

But that's where we are today, by necessity, waiting for a new health and joy to return after a painful period within which we are being humbled and purified. This is not a time of pride for the church. Secular forces are increasingly marginalizing us; humiliating church-scandals, to the delight of the culture, frequently headline the front pages of our newspapers; and it's fashionable to be anti-ecclesial and anti-clerical. This isn't a time to hold one's ecclesial-head very high.

Much of this, however, can be understood biblically, as a time of pruning, a time in the "upper room." Much of what is happening in the church today is deserved, the chickens coming home to roost. We lived too long in a time of ecclesial and clerical privilege, forgetting that what we falsely idealize we will soon enough demonize. How we love to see the gods fall! A time of disprivilege will always follow its opposite. There was a time when the church couldn't do anything wrong. Now it can't do anything right. So Jesus has sent us back into the upper room, to pray and to wait, to sort out our confusion, and to re-root ourselves in the basics, so as to prepare to receive a new fire.

But that's only half of it. We are in the upper room today for another reason too: like the first-followers of Jesus, immediately after his departure, we also don't know any more what we should be doing. So much of what used to work no longer does. We are finding it ever-harder to pass on our faith to our own children, to fire the religious and romantic imagination of our culture, and to make a religious and moral dent of any kind in the ever-hardening secularity of ordinary consciousness. What should we be doing in the face of declining church attendance, the emptying and greying of our seminaries and convents, the growing agnosticism of our world, and the ecclesial indifference of so many of our own children?

Biblically, here is our answer: return to the city and remain in the upper room! What is meant by that? In Luke's writings, "the city" refers to Jerusalem which, itself, is an image for the church, the faith, the dream that Jesus had instilled. To walk away from Jerusalem, as the disciples were doing in walking towards Emmaus, was to walk away from the church, the faith, and the dream. So now, like then, Jesus tells us: "Return to the city, to the dream!" And what is the upper room? The fundamentals. Our faith has some basics, some elementals, a rock-bottom foundation that we need always to fall back on. Too often, for every kind of noble reason, we forget (irrespective of the importance of the moral or religious struggle we are engaged in) that what God ultimately wants of us is charity, patience, understanding, hospitality, humility, prayer, community with each other, forgiveness, and a non-judgmental attitude. To enter the upper room is to re-root ourselves in these and then trust that God will save all those people that we can't.

And we support others and ourselves in all of this by going to meetings! When you don't know what else to do, re-return to the upper room—keep going to meetings!

Ron Rolheiser

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### A message for Julianna,

An envelope was left for Fr Peter by Julianna. If you were the person who left this envelope, could you please ring Maree at the Parish Office

## PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	09/06/19		SVdP Epping speaking at all Masses
		9:30am	First Eucharist Mass—No Kidz Word at St Gerard's
		10:15am	Kidz Word at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
Mon	10/06/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Rosary Group
		7:30pm	NO SVdP meeting
Tue.	11/06/19	12:15pm	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford Alpha Session
Wed.	12/06/19	9:15am	<b>Communion Service at Epping</b>
		9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's Church</b>
		10:00am	St Gerard's Class Mass Yr. 5
Thur.	13/06/19	9:30am	<b>Mass at St Gerard's</b>
		11:00am	Mass at the Poplars Nursing Home
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford SRE Course Lesson Planning
Fri.	14/06/19	9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		10:10am	PMR Carlingford Scripture Reflection
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church
		4:30pm	CH Epping Rosary for the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford Cana Youth Group
Sat.	15/06/19	9:15am	<b>Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church</b>
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		5:00pm	<b>Vigil Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians</b>
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's

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

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
08/06/19	5:00pm	Fr Peter Carroll msc	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez
09/06/19	8:30am	Fr John Frauenfelder	7:45am	Fr Joey Frez
09/06/19	10:15am	Fr John Frauenfelder	9:30am	Fr Joey Frez
09/06/19	6:00pm	Fr Paul Rowse OP		



Catholic Mission invites all those who have a heart for mission and want to celebrate and support the work of missionaries in Australia and overseas to consider becoming a Catholic Mission Ambassador. An information evening will be held with keynote speaker, Sr Therese Mumumi, the founding director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children in Ghana who will speak about her work with orphaned and abandoned children.

**Date:** Friday 28 June  
**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
**Venue:** Catholic Mission National Office, Laender Bay

### Education for Peace in a Multi-Religious World: A Christian Perspective

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) and the World Council of Churches (WCC) have published a new joint document entitled *Education for Peace in a Multi-Religious World: A Christian Perspective*. This document is grounded in the "shared conviction that education has a vital, indeed essential role to play in resolving conflicts, preventing their recurrence, healing the wounded, restoring justice, and upholding the equal dignity of all."

The document can be downloaded in several languages from the PCID website at <https://www.pcinterreligious.org/education-for-peace-in-a-multi-religious-world> or please download the document here.



Education for Peace  
in a Multi-Religious World  
A Christian Perspective

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## The Charitable Works Fund

**SHORTFALL AFTER THE FIFTH WEEK \$966**

Envelopes can be found at the back of the church. 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 2018/2019 Financial Year is \$51,193.

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



## Children's Sacramental Journey First Eucharist 2019

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will celebrate their First Eucharist with us on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am in St. Gerard's:



Amelia Aquilina, Alana Aquilina, Nathaniel Basha, Annabelle Cairns, Joshua Corsiatto, Annabel Cullen, Aaron Donohoe, Isaac Flanagan, Rebecca Jensen, Cody Jones, Jamie Kastelan, Elyse Nguyen, Yumin Oh, Noah Pinto, Chloe Raad, Samantha Sia, Mackinley Simpson, Ari Sun, Shievon Thasanthan and Alex Zeitoun.



The parish would very much like to thank the parents and carers, our Parish School Principals, Barbara Yee and Dominique O'Sullivan, teachers, catechists and facilitators/volunteers who have helped these children prepare for their First Eucharist. A special thank-you also to our sacristans, servers, music ministry, school choirs and those who operate the PowerPoint presentation, for their assistance in making this celebration memorable for the families!

First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish at the following dates and time:

- Sunday, 9th June at 9:30am in St. Gerard Majella's Church;
- Saturday, 15th June at 6pm in St. Gerard Majella's Church;
- Sunday, 16th June at 9:30am in St. Gerard Majella's Church;
- Saturday, 22nd June at 5pm in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church; and Sunday, 23rd June at 10:15am in Our Lady Help of Christians' Church.

A morning tea celebration prepared by the parish school parents will be held after the above-mentioned morning Masses. All are invited to come and congratulate the children and their families!

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as the children journey towards becoming fully initiated members of the church.

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## Confirmation 2019

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation.

If you would like to be placed on our email list to be sent information about Confirmation and enrolment, please contact us and we can have this organised. Kindly note that we have made essential changes to our Sacramental Programme enrolment process. As such we invite you to contact us so you can be kept informed to attend a Parent Information Evening as the start of the enrolment process.

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 to building a fruitful relationship. If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please send an email to [kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au)

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## Youth Page

### OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY Meeting this Sunday 9th June

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



The meeting starts at **6pm**, in the parish meeting room @ **Carlingford**. 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"



### At Mass we pray today, "Come Holy Spirit"

In the first reading we hear **what happened** at the first Pentecost. We remember and we celebrate the impact on their lives. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We believe it **can happen** in our time. Pope John the twenty third believed that the Church could only be renewed through the Holy Spirit, so he prayed for the Vatican Council -

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.*

*Come to us, Holy Spirit, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.*

*Give us light and strength to know your will.*

*Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power.*

We are praying Pentecost **will happen** for every people, every nation and especially for everybody in our parish and for everyone in our family and for ourselves. The priest prays.

*Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed. Fill now once more the hearts of believers.*

Some from our parish have been reading the 28 chapters of Acts of the Apostles over the past 28 days in preparation for Pentecost. Amazing things happened to the Apostles and those with them. More amazing healings and miracles then happened for others. We believe the Holy Spirit will happen for us too. *Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Let us expect the Holy Spirit to come, to fill our heart, so we too receive the fire of God's love.

Today is our Pentecost. It is our turn to pray

*Come Holy Spirit, I invite you into my life. Fill me with the grace and gifts I need.*

*Heal me, help me, transform me to be the person you know I can be ~ more loving and more forgiving. Use me to bring life in its fullness to all in my family and all those I meet with.*

Denis McNamara supporting Missionary Disciples

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



**Cana is on this this Friday  
14th June from 7:30-9:00pm**  
in the 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@eppcarl.org.au](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or 0423 717 550

### 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, 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](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or contact the Parish Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0423 717 550. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:joanna@eppcarl.org.au) or call Joanna on 0423 717 550.

### BEYOND OUR PARISH

#### "Why am I still a Catholic?"

At this challenging time for ourselves as people of Faith and people of the Church, a precious opportunity to reflect on this important question.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ will speak to this question on **Wednesday 12th June at 7:30pm** in St Brigid's Hall on the first floor of Holy Family Church at Lindfield (lift access inside foyer of the church), corner Pacific Highway and Highfield Road, Lindfield. Entry by gold coin donation.