

Responsorial Psalm Response Praise the Lord, my soul!	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!
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WEEKEND MASSES							
Epping	5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm						
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am						
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	9:15am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	NO MASSES THIS
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	WEEK.
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: Tsang Chan Yuk, Marcella Power, Gan Chin Joo, Mrs Tsang, Joan Gurr, Angela Roworth, Peter Flanagan (father of Brendan Flanagan), Margaret Cooke (nee Feld), David Boulton, Louise Carey.

Anniversaries: Ray Book, Henry Maluga, Carmel & Bruce Wall, Tony Aliprandi.

Also for: Constanca,

Please pray for those who are sick: Sean Huhse, Joel Steinberg, Patricia Rumble, Dean Pan, John Davies, Nicole Greenfield, Michael Furlong, Saulius Dovydas Balsya, Residents of Wesley Rayward Nursing Home, Rose Prior, Mark Di Palma, Anthony Conlon, Amy, Andrew Hannam, The Craig Family, Fr Mick Court, Margaret Maher, Cooper Rundell, Anna & Leo Bruzze, Gerhard Stieger, Fred Saad, Ron Jenkins, Mike Van Werdt, Tammy Birch, Dorothea Ellis, Veronica Hartwich, Rebecca Lawler, Ben Thornton, Elaine Finlayson, Greg Walsh, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Ausustine Hong, Luba Charlton, Tony ?, George Khouri, Martin Sill, Antony Hogan, Ingrid Connor, Steve Toth, Rob Neil, Josie Scully, Martin & Gay Flood, William Jones, Kath McCarthy, Patricia Amy, Nicholas Rajanayagen, Maria Lee, Frank Holmes, Joyce Fewtrell, Patricia Muschalik, Ernest Lau, Robert Carroll.

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

Celebrations this Week—
23rd Week in Ordinary Time
 Thursday—Memoria, St John Chrysostom
 Friday—Feast, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
 Saturday- Memoria, Our Lady of Sorrows.



Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
15/09/18	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
16/09/18	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
16/09/18	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
16/09/18	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

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Welcome to our Parish of Epping and Carlingford consisting of our two worshipping communities of St Gerard Majella's at Carlingford and Our Lady Help of Christians at Epping. If you are new to the area or visiting today we are glad that you are with us, and we hope that our celebrations of the Eucharist together will provide both nourishment and challenge on your Christian journey.

YEAR B TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9-8-18

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with over 80 children and young people of our parish together with their families. I would like to thank all those who have helped to prepare the children especially their families, the group facilitators, members of the parish team including our wonderful office staff and especially our Sacramental Coordinators Lynn Siau and Marcella Letteri who have done an excellent job in patiently guiding and organising our parish programme. Our parish has been greatly blessed by your ministry! Next weekend over all the parish Masses we will present the certificates to the children.

Last Thursday our "Sharing our Faith" series, which will run for four weeks, commenced with over sixty parishioners taking part. Our formation as 'Missionary' disciples, which all of us through baptism are called to take seriously, will, I believe, be assisted greatly by this series run by Martin Teulan. Also, this weekend we invite **ALL** parishioners, especially those who haven't taken part in our Alpha series so far, to seriously considering doing so by signing up for the Alpha programme commencing at the end of this month. Along with the great food, videos and discussion, Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and renew old ones here in the parish. Please see the bulletin for more details.

As you can also see in the bulletin, we will be farewelling Father Anselam **NEXT WEEKEND, 15th September** at the 6pm Mass at St Gerard's Carlingford followed by a supper in the parish meeting room. Unfortunately, due to commitments at Waitara and the need for him to commence his appointment at Wairoa immediately on the following weekend, the only opportunity we have to farewell Anselam here at Epping and Carlingford is this coming Saturday evening vigil Mass. I hope as many of you as possible can join us to thank God and him for his gentle and much appreciated ministry here in this part of God's vineyard over the past couple of years!

Finally, as Fr Joey, myself and the clergy of the diocese commence our retreat this coming Monday please keep us in your prayers as we will be keeping you all in ours!

Fr Peter



For those who may wish to make a donation towards a parish gift for Father Anselam a box is available near the entrances to the churches for you to place your financial contribution or you can drop it into the parish office before next Friday. We have also provided some cards for you to write a farewell message on if you so wish. These cards will be left in both churches until Friday.

You are all invited to a farewell for Fr Anselam in the parish meeting room at St Gerard's next Saturday 15th September commencing with the 6pm Vigil Mass and followed by a light supper—finger food. So if anyone could help out with a plate of food to share that would really be appreciated.

Also donations towards a gift for Fr Anselam can be left in one of the boxes or at the parish office. A card is also available at the back of the church which can be signed.

Safeguarding— September is Safeguarding month.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

CARE
 for us as we are a precious gift from God

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

RESPECT our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

Come and See event—Is there More to Life?

Who comes to Alpha in Epping Carlingford?

Young adults, young married, parents of young families.
Some Catholics, some not sure about being Catholic, some not Catholic, some not sure about Christianity.

So who is Alpha for?

All of the above and especially for those with questions about life, about who is Christ?

Alpha is a place of entry into the journey of faith, of hope and of love.

It is "shallow water" where you can get your feet wet and the opposite to diving in at the deep end. You come and see and as you keep coming you keep seeing more and can take the first step or the next step in your personal journey. This could be to trust more, or it could be to want to find out more, or it could be to open up to change in your life.

Alpha is for people with questions and supports people seeking when they are not sure what they are looking for. Alpha is fun for people to connect. They form real friendships over the meal and from sharing their lives.

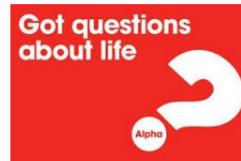


We invite you too,
"Come and See ~ Is there more to life?"

Next **Saturday evening 15th September at Epping at 6 pm**, we invite you to come to the Parish Meeting room. Join us over some food. We will watch a 25-minute video, then share some of the stories. This will be after the 5pm Mass. Families are welcome.

Or **Wednesday evening 19th September at 7 pm**, you can come to the Parish Hall in the school. Join us over a sit-down meal, then the video and some stories.

The following **Wednesday evening 26th September at 7**, we start the Alpha sessions.

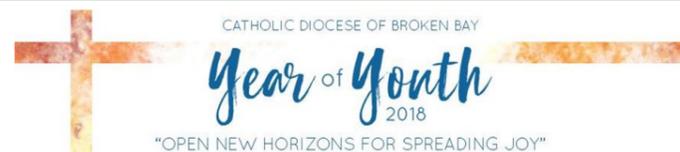


Can you see the **Sign-up Slips** on the seats in the church?

Please fill in the slip, for catering and for setting your place.
You are our guest, so we want to be ready to welcome you

There is a box at the entry to the church, or you can fold the slip and put it on the plate.

Also think of your friend, your neighbour or someone from your family.
Take a Sign-up slip to invite them personally.



Parish Youth Forum

As part of the Year of Youth celebrations, our Parish of Epping and Carlingford will be holding a Parish Youth Forum this Sunday. The Youth Forum invites us all to enter into a prayerful discernment about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society. It will be held on

**Sunday 9 September, after the 10:15am Mass
at the Parish Hall at Epping**

We invite you all whether you are young, or not so young to 'Come and have your say' to discuss and share your vision of the future for our young people.

We will have morning tea/light lunch down next to the Parish Hall at 11:15am, followed by the Forum in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome including youth, young adults, parents, grandparents etc. (12 years old and up).

We will also be holding kids' activities (5-12 years old) in the Parish Meeting Room during the Youth Forum for those who may not want to participate in the Forum.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, you call us, your disciples in Broken Bay to be the face of Jesus to the world, to care and evangelise in his name.

Through your Spirit, you call us all, to serve you in many forms of Christian discipleship.

We ask you particularly at this time to call forth individual believers to serve your disciples in Broken Bay in our lay ecclesial ministries, in religious life, in diocese and in priesthood.

May we be a Church where generosity, dedication and passion are called forth and nurtured.

May we be a Church where we can listen for your voice in a noisy world, and respond with faith and hope.

We ask you this through the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital to please ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during



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Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel: Affective Prayer

"Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. (Gospel)

A while ago I attended a six-day retreat given by Robert Michel, an Oblate colleague and a highly sought-after spiritual mentor. His approach was disarming. Most of us are forever looking for something novel, at the cutting-edge, outside the box, something complex, but what he offered was stunningly simple and down-to-earth. He spent the whole time trying to teach us how to pray in an affective way.

What exactly does that mean, to pray affectively? In essence, what he told us might be summarized this way: "You must try to pray so that, in your prayer, you open yourself in such a way that sometime—perhaps not today, but sometime—you are able to hear God say to you: 'I love you!' These words, addressed to you by God, are the most important words you will ever hear because, before you hear them, nothing is ever completely right with you, but, after you hear them, something will be right in your life at a very deep level."

These are simple words, but they capture what we ultimately try to do when we "lift mind and heart to God" in prayer.

In the end, prayer's essence, its mission-statement, its deep *raison d'être*, is simply this: we need to open ourselves to God in such a way that we are capable of hearing God say to us, individually, "I love you!"

"This might sound pious and sentimental. It's anything but that. Don't be put off by simplicity. The deeper something is the simpler it will be. That's why we have trouble understanding the deep things, be they of science or the heart. What separates the great minds (Augustine, Aquinas, Descartes, Whitehead, Einstein, Lonergan) from the rest of us is their capacity to grasp the simple. Anyone can understand what's complex, but we have trouble grasping the principle of relativity, the concept of being, the concept of love, and things about the nature of the God, for exactly the opposite reason. They're too simple. The simpler something is, the harder it is to wrap our minds around it and the more we need to make it complex in order to understand it. That's true too of prayer. It's so simple that we rarely lay bare its essence. It has ever been thus, it would seem.

John's gospel already makes that point. The Gospel of John, as we know, structures itself very differently from the other gospels. John has no infancy narratives or early life of Jesus. In his gospel, we meet Jesus as an adult right on the first page and the first words out of Jesus' mouth are a question: "What are you looking for?" That question remains throughout the rest of the gospel as an interpretive coloring suggesting that beneath everything else a certain search is going on. A lot of things are happening on the surface, but underneath, there remains always the nagging, restless question: "What are you looking for?"

Jesus answers that question explicitly only at the end of the gospel, on the morning of the resurrection. Mary Magdalene goes looking for him, carrying spices with which to embalm his dead body. Jesus meets her, alive and in no need of embalming, but she doesn't recognize him. Bewildered, but sincere, she asks Jesus where she might find Jesus (something, I suspect, we do often enough in prayer). Jesus, for his part, repeats for her the question he opened the gospel with: "What are you looking for?" Then he answers it. With deep affection, he pronounces her name: "Mary."

In doing that, he tells her what she and everyone else are forever looking for, God's voice, one-to-one, speaking unconditional love, gently saying your name. In the end, that's what we are all looking for and most need. It's what gives us substance, identity, and justification beyond our own efforts to make ourselves lovable, worthwhile, and immortal. We are forever in fear of our own seeming insubstantiality. How to give ourselves significance? We need to hear God, affectionately, one-to-one, pronounce our names: "Carolyn!" "Julia!" "Kern!" "Gisele!" "Steve!" "Sophia!" Nothing will heal us more of restlessness, bitterness, and insecurity than to hear God say: "I love you!"

Moreover since prayer is meant to be a mutual thing, it's important too that we respond in kind: Part of affective prayer is also that we, one-to-one, with affection, occasionally at least, say the same thing to God: "I love you!" In all long-term, affectionate relationships the partners have to occasionally prompt each other to hear expressions of affection and reassurance. It's not good enough to tell a marriage partner or a friend just once "I love you!" It needs to be said regularly. The relationship of prayer is no different.

Prayer, it is said, is not meant to change God but us. True. And nothing changes us as much for the good as to hear someone say that he or she loves us—especially if that someone is God.
Ron Rolheiser

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PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR DAY

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2018**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day** on Wednesday 24 October between 9.00am and 3.00pm. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Our special guest presenter will be Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC

Venue:

Caroline Chisholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

For enquiries please contact:

Denis O'Brien (Acting Coordinator Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care) on 0439 009 932

To register your attendance please send an email by Monday 15 October to:

denis.obrien@catholicaredbb.org.au (please also note any special dietary requirements)

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	09/09/18	9:30am	Kidz Word at St Gerard's
		10:15am	Kidz Word at Our Lady Help of Christians
		11:30am	PH Epping—Youth Forum
Mon	10/09/18	6:00pm	PMR Carlingford Antioch meeting
		9:00am	PH Epping Little Engines Playgroup
		9:30am	PH Carlingford Gerry's Playgroup
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
Tue.	11/09/18	7:30pm	PMR Carlingford SVDP Meeting
		12:15pm	Communion Service at Epping
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford—Adult Choir Practice
Wed.	12/09/18	9:15am	Communion Service at Epping
		9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's
Thur.	13/09/18	9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's
		12:15am	Communion Service at Epping
Fri.	14/09/18	7:00pm	PH Epping Growing in Faith with Others
		9:30am	Communion Service at St Gerard's
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Scripture Reflection
		12:15am	Communion Service at Epping
		7:00pm	PH Carlingford CANA Youth Group
Sat.	15/09/18	9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
		10:15am	Benediction
		3:30pm	Happy Family Chinese Group
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		5:00pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's
7:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Farewell to Fr Anselam		

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

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Blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes . . .



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**, is this **Friday, 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.

Please bring along your cross or crucifix from your sacred space at home – these will be blessed at the 12:15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians and the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's.

Diocesan Clergy Retreat

Fr Peter and Fr Joey will be away from 10th—14th September for the annual Clergy Retreat which will be held at Douglas Park, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

There will be Communion Services instead of the usual Masses celebrated in the parish.

Please keep Fathers Peter and Joey and all the clergy of our Diocese in your prayers throughout this coming week.



Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

With 100% of New South Wales declared to be in drought, Vinnies is making a special appeal to raise vital funds for rural communities in need.

You can help keep hard-working farmers of the NSW regional area afloat as they care for their land, their livestock and crops, and most importantly their families.

Donate at www.vinnies.org.au



Children's Sacramental Journey Confirmation 2018

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their Confirmation in the parish this Saturday 8th September:

Jacob Africa, Isabella Butts, Danielle Agostino, Sophie Andrews, Amelia Aquilina, Alana Aquilina, Aileene Binoy, Oliver Brown, Poppy Brown, Annabelle Cairns, Vincent Candy, William Carroll, Tristan Chee, Joshua Corsiatto, Annabel Cullen, Aaron Donohoe, Timothy Doyle, Naomi Fernandes, Reuben Fernandes, Isaac Flanagan, Zac Forster, Noah Foster, Lachlan Frost, Eva Galati, Leon Galati, Anton Galati, Porsha Gill, Phoebe Greville, Cooper Hajinakitas, Samuel Hanna, Connor Hays, Jaden Hendricks, Ronald Holmes, Giancarlo Ibarra, Febby James, Rebecca Jensen, Cody Jones, Marissa Joseph, Chrissa Joseph, Jamie Kastelan, Charlotte Keller, Emilie Klimkeit, Xavier Leung, Portia Lockrey, Liana Madeleine, Ethan Mareath, Darcy McNicholas, Brooklyn Millard, Marcus Miranda, Dia Miranda, Elyse Nguyen, Nicholas Nuvoli, Yumin Oh, Zara Palfrey, Joshua Parry, Chloe Perry, Jessica Pham, Noah Pinto, Michael Saba, Raul Saldanha, Aneka Salgado, Christian Sam, Nigel Satheesh, Samantha Sia, Mackinley Simpson, Ari Sun, Samuel Taggart, Audrey Tedja, William Tedja, Jacob Terrel, Shievon Thasanthan, George Thomas, Leo Turco, Cara Turco, Cayleigh Twohill, Caitlin Wallis, Clare Wang, Isaac Wang, Brodie White, Darcy Wytenburg and Alex Zeitoun.

The parish would very much like to thank the facilitators, teachers, catechists, parents and carers who have helped these children prepare for their Confirmation.

A special thank-you also to our sacristans, altar society, junior and adult servers, lectors, musicians and singers, and those who helped look after the PowerPoint presentation. Their time and efforts have been vitally important in helping make the Confirmation Liturgies memorable!

If there is anything we can assist you with regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to contact us.

Lynn Siau
Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
0407 255 593
kids.sacrament@eppcarl.org.au



MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS AT EPPING

A reminder, that our monthly Children's Mass at Epping, will take place next **Sunday, 16th September** at the 10:15am Mass. If you would like your child/ren to be involved in one of the active roles at this Children's Mass please email Therese at olhc-childrensmass@gmail.com

The next meeting for the Liturgical Music Groups will be held on:
Date & date will be read out in the notices at all Masses.



Come and See—Is there more to life?

Next Saturday evening 15th September after the 5 pm Vigil Mass at Epping

Come to the Parish Meeting Room
The heaters will be on; the place will be warm.
Catch up with other parishioners. Meet new people.
Come as a family. The children will find new friends.

If you are able, please, bring a plate to share at the meal. You can put it in the meeting room before Mass
Just follow the crowd down the path towards the school.

If you can't or if you forget, there is always plenty to go around.
See you next Saturday after the 5 pm Mass.



The Parish Playgroup – Little Engines

- is made up of parents from the parish and school who bring their pre-school children, toddlers and babies together on a Monday morning for free play in our school hall during the school term.

Attendance cost for the playgroup per week is a \$2 donation per family.

We hope that you are able to bring your children to these 9-10:30am sessions.
For more information please contact the parish office.

Gerry's Playgroup

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

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

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

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



Year of Youth 2018

CANA YOUTH GROUP

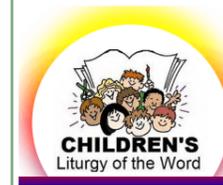
If you're in **Years 7-9** come along for a night Jam-packed with FUN & FAITH!
EVERY FRIDAY night of the School Term,
7:30pm - 9pm. In the Parish Hall @ Carlingford

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

Ring Ashleigh for any further information
0430 120 015



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [KIDZ WORD]



During the 9:30am Mass at Carlingford and the 10:15am Mass at Epping each Sunday during school term, Children's Liturgy is held for primary school aged children at both St Gerard's and Our Lady Help of Christians.

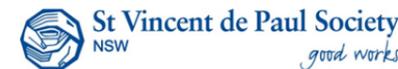
The children move from the main body of the Church to the meeting room after completion of the Greeting by the priest. There are at least two to three volunteers who help with the Children's Liturgy. Each week the liturgy will include a song, reflective prayer, a Profession of the Faith, a reading of the Sunday Gospel and a reflection lead by the leader of the Children Liturgy.

If you would like your child/ren to take part, please join the other children when the priest asks for 'those children taking part in the Children's Liturgy to come to the front of the Church.'

There is no Children's Liturgy on a Sunday when it is a Children's Mass or school holidays.

St. Vincent de Paul "Shop till you Drop" Bargain Bus Day is happening again this year on Saturday 27th October.

There are only 3 weeks to get your money in to pay for the bus. Some of the venues will include KB Toys, Debs Hidden Treasure and Manchester Importers, plus many more new and exciting places. The cost of the ticket will be \$60 including morning and afternoon tea and a great venue for lunch. It will be the best fun day you will have this year. Contact *Marilyn Sharp* on 9872 1436 for further details.



Broken Bay Diocesan Central Council Festive Mass

A Vincentian Family Celebration
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

7:00pm Thursday 27th September 2018
RSVP (02) 9495 8300 or email
william.wachsmann@vinnies.org.au

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:

This Sunday 9th 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 heaps of great young people from our parish!

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

So head on down and bring a friend.
ALL VERY WELCOME!!

Donna—0498 935 580

Joanne—0416 030 927



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

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Catholic Life & Faith Formation CIAN2018 National RCIA Conference



Evangelisation and the RCIA
MELBOURNE
11-13 OCT 2018

The National RCIA conference, hosted and organised by the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), will be held on 11-13 October 2018 in Melbourne.

The Conference is for parish RCIA teams to enliven, reignite and add a spark to evangelisation and the RCIA in your parish community. In addition to the workshops, presentations will be given by Shane Dwyer, Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation; Louise Campbell, Director of the National Liturgy Office of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference; and Fr Elio Capra SDB, lecturer at Catholic Theological College in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. A Conference Dinner will be held on the Friday and the Conference concludes with Mass on Saturday evening.

Registrations are open at www.trybooking.com/UHCM

Moving Forward in Solidarity with Survivors of Abuse

Our hearts are aching and wounded. So why are we still here? An evening of prayerful affirmation of solidarity with people who have experienced abuse, and a forum to explore the issues.

Special Guests: Thea and Neil Ormerod, authors of *When Ministers Sin: Sexual Abuse in the Churches*

Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.15pm
St Anthony in the Fields Church
46 Myoora Road Terrey Hills

A Project of the Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Solidarity Group.
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