

Responsorial Psalm Response Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.		Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!					
<u>WEEKEND MASSES</u>							
Epping	5pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am, 6:00pm						
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am						
<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u>	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	12:15pm	10:00am	12:15pm	12:15pm	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	
HEALING MASS	Carlingford —1st Thursday, Epping — 3rd Wednesday						
EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am, Carlingford , 4th Thursday 10:00am							
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Saturday 9:45-10:15am Carlingford Saturday 5:00—5:30pm OR BY APPOINTMENT							
BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT							
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:
Recently deceased: Fred Camilleri, Sr. Patricia Murphy, Tony Taylor, Damian O'Neill, Violet Smith, Ton & Yuk Lan., Michael Joseph Fahy, Ancizar Lopez, Gan Chin Joo (father of Lynn Siau), Thomas McEnearney, Sheila Lansom, Lawrence O'Donnell (father of Marilyn Sharp), Gerald Viset, Clara Suh, Mary Margaret Smith, Brendan Flanagan, Betty Pearson.

Anniversaries: Roger & Jean-Claude Nina, Roger Brennan,

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, Marion Barton, John Gilberti, Stella Nathan, Catherine Walsh, Brendan Stone, Melanie Loudoun, Mary Wijewardana, Pam Taig, Elaine Hunt, Arnold Day, Marcie Power, Maureen Carlon, Fr Adrian Borst, Austine Hong, 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.

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

Date	Mass	Epping	Mass	Carlingford
21/07/18	5:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	6:00pm	Fr Peter Dowd
22/07/18	8:30am	Fr Joey Frez	7:45am	Fr Peter Dowd
22/07/18	10:15am	Fr Joey Frez	9:30am	Fr Peter Dowd
22/07/18	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez		

July Safeguarding Message

"Recruitment and selection procedures for new employees and volunteers should clearly signal the organisations commitment to children safety." (Final Report, Royal Commission).



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 B

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15-07-18

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Dear Parishioners,

When you read this, the Broken Bay Year of Youth Cross will be with us as we commence hosting the Cross for the two-week period from today 14th July until 27th July.

More detail on each of the events are set out in the brochures which are available at the back of each of the Churches. We invite you, whether you are young or not so young, to come along to as many of the events as you are able to make, as we celebrate the Year of Youth.

Our celebrations commence with the Reception Mass this weekend at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's Church, followed by a Reception Dinner in the St Gerard's Parish Hall.

During the two-week period, we will be holding 12 events to celebrate the Year of Youth, and details on each of the events are set out in the Brochures which are still available at the back of each of the Churches. We invite you, whether you are young or not so young, to come along to as many of the events as you are able to make, as we celebrate the Year of Youth.

If you are able to join us and support the success of the events over the two-week period, please do so. If you are coming to events that include supper or refreshments, we ask that you please bring along a plate of food to share. If you would like to assist at any of the events please contact the Parish Office on 9868 2853, or Kevin Macdonald on 0427 906 960.

One of our central celebrations is the Procession of the Year of Youth Cross event where we are processing the Year of Youth Cross from St Gerard's Church to Our Lady Help of Christians' Church on the afternoon of Saturday 21st July. The celebration commences with afternoon tea at St Gerard's Church from 1:30pm, with the opening prayer and procession starting at 2:00pm. The Procession is being undertaken in 5 stages, stopping for prayer and reflection at 4 stops (Parishioner's front yards and Boronia Park) along the way, with the Procession arriving at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church by 4:30pm for final prayers and refreshments (in time for the Cross to be received during the 5:00pm Vigil Mass).

Whilst we welcome everyone to join us on the entire 4.8km pilgrimage, you are welcome to walk one or more stages if the whole walk sounds a bit daunting.

Maps of the final Cross Procession route are at the back of each of the Churches, as well as a planned running sheet for the Procession itself. If you plan to come to this event, please have a look at the Map and Running Sheet to familiarise yourself for next weekend.

For those coming along, please remember to bring along a hat, sunscreen (since it won't be raining!) and water to drink along the way (water will be available when we stop at Boronia Park). We plan to recite the rosary as we process, so please bring along rosary beads if you have them.

One last suggestion for those attending is that we suggest that you consider car-pooling with at least one other person to get to the event. We suggest this noting that you will need to be able to leave and collect your vehicles at/from various locations as you walk the Procession route. For example, if you are walking from St Gerard's Church to Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, we suggest you car-pool with at least one other person coming on the Procession, and that one vehicle is left at Our Lady Help of Christians' Church and the car pool group then drive to St Gerard's Church to commence the Procession. This will enable you to then drive from Our Lady Help of Christians' Church to St Gerard's Church at the end of the Procession to collect the second vehicle.

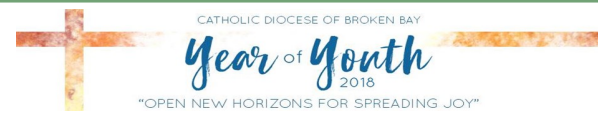
Please join us in the celebrations of the Year of Youth Cross. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office (9868 2853), Fr Joey (by email or through the Parish Office), or Kevin Macdonald on 0427 906 960.

On behalf of the entire parish I would like to thank all those who have so generously given their time and talent to assist in these preparations. May the presence of this Cross be a sign of unity, hope and transformation for all of us especially our young people.

Fr Peter

Parish Youth Forum

As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, we will be holding a Parish Youth Forum as part of the Year of Youth celebrations. The Forum, in which the Australian Catholic Bishops are inviting us to enter into a prayerful discernment about the important and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society, will be held on Sunday 9th September, after the 10:15am Mass at Epping in the Our Lady Help of Christians' Parish Hall. More details will be available of the coming weeks.



Broken Bay Year of Youth Cross Programme

Sunday 15th July

Witness for Youth 5:30pm-8:30pm

Hosted by our own Antioch youth group. We welcome all who are interested in hearing about a few people's personal experiences at the previous World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow.

Tuesday 17th July

Year of Youth Retirees Luncheon 10:30—12:30pm

A Prayer Service and light lunch for adults and older adults to build fellowship and celebrate their youth. Please RSVP on the sheet at the back of the Church or call the parish office on 9876 2853.

Thursday 19th July

Praise and Worship followed by Supper 7:30-10pm

A night of joyful and prayerful worship music. Two of our young people will give witness to God's impact on their lives and a priest's reflection on self-identity and acceptance followed by Adoration and Benediction. Light Refreshments afterwards in the parish meeting room. (If you can bring a plate of food, please complete the sheet at the back of the Church).

Friday 20th July

Live Stations of the Cross (SoC) and Reconciliation 7:00pm-8:00pm

The youth will present the SoC through narration and a live play. Confession is available after SoC to everyone.

Saturday 21st July

Procession of the Cross from St Gerard's to Our Lady Help of Christians Epping 1:30pm-4:15pm

Our own Carlingford to Epping Pilgrimage walk.

1:30pm Enjoy a light afternoon tea at Carlingford before setting off.

2:00pm Commence Pilgrimage. There will be four stops with music and prayer during the Pilgrimage. You may walk one leg or the entire procession that is up to you.

If you or your group is interested in carrying the Cross for one of the legs in the journey then please complete the sheet at the back of the Church.



Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass for Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

With the appointment of Most Rev Peter A Comensoli as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, the Diocese of Broken Bay will hold a Farewell Mass for him with all the faithful of the Diocese invited. Followed by Thanksgiving Gathering light refreshments in The Light of Christ Centre.

Date: Sunday 22 July 2018

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

The map showing the route of the Procession is located at the back of each Church.

5:00pm The Cross will be processed in at the Vigil Mass at Epping.

Sunday 22nd July

Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00pm—7:30pm

Will be held after the 6pm Sunday night Mass.

7:30pm Antioch will be Hosting a Social Pizza

Night (after the Divine Mercy Chaplet) in the parish meeting room Epping.

Monday 23rd July

Our Lady Help of Christians School Event

Tuesday 24th July

St Gerard Majella's School Event.

Wednesday 25th July 7:30pm—9:30pm

Taizé celebrations followed by supper in the parish meeting room Epping.

Come and experience the church being filled with candles around the altar with gentle music chants. Priest's reflection on Being Still. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you bring a plate of food to share that would help, Please complete the form at the back of the Church.

Friday 27th July 7:00pm

Evening prayer followed by the handover of the Cross to St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills.

Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?



RCIA Enquiry Meetings will be held on:

Sunday 15th July 11:30am in the Parish Meeting Room at Epping

Wednesday 18th July at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room at Epping

For further information please contact the RCIA Coordinator through the Parish Office on 9876 2853.

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 both office phones divert to Fr Peter, Fr Anselam & 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, please restrict office and 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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend :

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

17th – 19th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Book online

at www.wvme.org.au

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



St Teresa's 'Way of Perfection' is full of a rich and timeless wisdom that is still very relevant today as a guide in the spiritual life. Most Rev David L. Walker will lead us over two sessions in exploring the spirituality of this great Spanish 16th century Saint and Doctor of the Church.

Presenter: Most Rev David L. Walker, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Broken Bay

Date: Tuesdays 7 and 14 August 2018

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

RSVP: By Friday 3 August

faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or Pina Bernard 8379 1627

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
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

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 May or June? 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 this Sunday's Gospel: Our Inability to Cast Out Demons

The older I get, the more I realize that there is a huge difference between speaking effectively, perhaps even brilliantly, and actually changing anybody's life. It's one thing to impress a person, move a heart, inspire someone, reveal the depth of some truth, help someone to understand himself or herself more deeply, or to teach and minister in a way that brings admiration. No small thing. But it's something else, something much more difficult, to move someone in such a way that he or she actually changes and gives up the habits, compensations, addictions, indulgences, fears, and angers that stand between him and her and the joy of being a saint.

The integrity of our private lives and private morals, down to the smallest detail, is the real power behind our words.

Even when we are at our best, we are still not very effective in helping each other better our lives. In effect, people listen to us and say: "You're wonderful, but this isn't going to change my life!" Like John the Baptist, we are able to point out the way, but not able to help affect the transformation that's needed for someone to actually change his or her way of life. That's why there's a lot more admiration than transformation inside religious and moral circles.

And that's true too in the world at large. In the arts, politics, and academia, we've become masters at everything, except actually creating new beauty and actually bettering community.

We're brilliant at showing what's wrong, but far less effective in actually improving the situation. If we're honest, we can all truthfully speak these words (which John Shea puts into the John the Baptist's mouth): "I can denounce a king, but I cannot enthrone one. I can strip an idol of its power, but I cannot reveal the true God. I can wash the soul in sand, but I cannot dress it in white. I can devour the word of the Lord like wild honey, but I cannot lace his sandal. I can condemn the sin, but I cannot bear it away." Why? Why is our power less than our knowledge? Why, when we know so much, are we so powerless to change things?

Largely, I believe, it's because our own lives aren't integral enough. We aren't saints, pure and simple, and only saints have the right to actually ask someone to change his or her life and have some power to affect that transformation. Why?

There's a story about a troubled mother who had a daughter who was addicted to sweets. One day she approached Gandhi, explained the problem to him and asked whether he might talk to the young girl. Gandhi replied: "Bring your daughter to me in three weeks time and I will speak to her." After three weeks, the mother brought her daughter to him. He took the young girl aside and spoke to her about the harmful effects of eating sweets excessively and urged her to abandon her bad habit. The mother thanked Gandhi for this advice and then asked him: "But why didn't you speak to her three weeks ago?" Gandhi replied: "Because three weeks ago, I was still addicted to sweets."

And there's the lesson: We must do more than just point out the right road to others, we must be on that road ourselves. For this reason, the integrity of our private lives and private morals, down to the smallest detail, is the real power behind our words.

In her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, Therese of Lisieux tells how she sensed that she could help others, across time and distance, by being part of the silent, hidden, moral heart within the Body of Christ. Hidden away in an obscure convent, she sensed she could help people outside those walls, and help the whole world, by being part of a hidden moral heart. And so she bore down in her private life and focused on making every action, no matter how small, pure and loving, believing that some universal power would flow forth from this private, hidden goodness.

How right she was! We know that from our own lives. Anyone who has had the right and power to ask us to make a real sacrifice has had that right and power only because he or she was inviting us into a moral reality that he or she was already living, at least essentially. Conversely, we've all experienced how feeble is the invitation from someone who speaks the right things, but doesn't live them.

In the Gospels, we see an instance where Jesus' disciples are perplexed because they're powerless to cast out a demon. When they ask Jesus about it, he says: "This kind is cast out only by prayer and fasting." That cryptic phrase contains more than we suspect.

The power to baptize with fire and spirit, that is, the power to actually change someone's life for the better, unlike the power to simply enlighten, issues forth only from a heart that is essentially pure, moral, and integral because only that kind of heart can cast out the real demons.

Ron Rolheiser

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Planned Giving

Your generosity in supporting the priests and good works of the Church is gratefully acknowledged. Each person's capacity to give is different and depends on individual circumstances and you are not expected to give anything more than reasonable. We would ask for your support in the Planned Giving Programme by either opting to give by weekly envelopes, monthly by credit card or monthly via your bank account (a form is provided to authorise a direct debit).

There are two collections taken up at Mass on a Sunday. These are the 1st Collection which supports the needs of priests of the parish; and the 2nd Collection which supports the running costs of the parish, things such as maintenance, insurance, wages and many other costs. The parish must work within its own budget and is unable to draw funds for expenses from any source other than its own parish income.

Have you considered a Bequest to your Parish? Perhaps now is the time when you may like to consider commemorating your memory (or that of a loved one) by a gift to the Parish in your Will? We know that this is not a decision to be made lightly, but perhaps some prayerful reflection may lead you to determine if this is something that is appropriate for you. Please speak with Fr Peter.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun.	15/07/18	9:30am	NO Kidz Word at St Gerard's—school holidays
		10:15am	NO Kidz Word at OLHC—school holidays
		11:15am	PMR Carlingford—Baptism Preparation Meeting
		11:30am	PMR Epping—RCIA Enquiry Meeting
		1:00pm	CH Carlingford—Alvi's Group practice
Mon	16/07/18	6:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Antioch Group meeting
		9:00am	PH Epping—No Little Engines Playgroup Sch. Hols.
		9:30am	PH Carlingford—No Gerry's Playgroup—Sch. hols.
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford—Rosary Group
Tue.	17/07/18	8:00pm	PMR Carlingford—SVdP Carlingford Meeting
		10:30am	Retirees Luncheon Prayer Service in St Gerard's CH followed by light luncheon in PMR
		12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Adult Choir practice
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
Wed.	18/07/18	10:00am	Healing Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Taizé Practice
		7:30pm	PMR Epping—RCIA Enquiry Meeting
		9:15am	PMR Epping—Alpha on a break
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
Thur.	19/07/18	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		7:00pm	PMR Carlingford—Alpha on a break
		7:30pm	CH Carlingford Praise & Worship followed by Supper in the PMR Carlingford
		9:30am	Mass at St Gerard's
		10:00am	PMR Carlingford—Scripture Reflection
Fri.	20/07/18	12:15pm	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		7:00pm	CH Carlingford Live Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation
		7:00pm	CANA is on a break will resume on Friday 27/07
		9:15am	Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians
		9:45am	Exposition and Reconciliation
Sat.	21/07/18	10:20am	Benediction
		2:10pm	Year of Youth Cross leaves Carlingford for Epping
		4:15pm	Arrival of the Year of Youth Cross from Carlingford
		5:00pm	Vigil Mass with Cross at Epping
		5:30pm	Reconciliation at St Gerard's
		6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Gerard's
PH-Parish Hall, CH-Church, PMR-Parish Meeting Room,			

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Wednesday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – **a holy day of obligation**

Mass times are as follows:

14th August
7:00pm Vigil Mass at St Gerard's
15th August
9:30am Mass at St Gerard's Schools attending.
12:15pm Mass Our Lady Help of Christians Schools attending.
7:30pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.



ALPHA SESSIONS

ALPHA IS ON A BREAK AND WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY 26TH JULY

“粵語啟發聚會 CANTONESE ALPHA”

In addition to the Alpha held by the Parish on Thursdays, The Happy Family Group of Carlingford has also organized a "Cantonese Alpha." Details are: Whole sessions will be spoken in Cantonese; Watch Alpha videos with Chinese subtitles; Next meeting 4th August in the Carlingford Parish meeting room. Commencing at 7:15pm.
Catherine Wong Email: happyfamily.2008@yahoo.com or 0468 491 338



Children's Sacramental Journey Confirmation 2018

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on Sunday, 22nd July. Enrolment information, forms and brochures are available at the back of both churches and available for download on the parish website www.eppcarl.org.au. Alternatively, please feel free to contact us and we will forward you the enrolment kit.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above are eligible to celebrate Confirmation. Our Sacramental Programme is advertised through the parish website, bulletins, announcements at Mass, both parish school newsletters, catechists and word-of-mouth. This can mean we are unable to ensure every eligible child is notified. If you do know of anyone whose children are in Year 2 or above, please feel free to spread the word for us.

Children enrolled in this Sacrament's preparation are required to attend a group session once a week with their parent over 4 weeks. The group sessions are family-centred and encourage parent-child interaction with activities to help children explore the key concepts of the sacrament in an age-appropriate and fun way. Upon completion, the children (also known as Candidates) will celebrate Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, 8th September.

We always like to hear from you! If you have any queries or would like more information regarding your child's sacramental journey within our parish, please feel free to drop us a line.



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.



ST GERARD MAJELLA

The monthly Mass in honour of St Gerard will be celebrated in the St Gerard's Chapel within St Gerard's Church **Monday 16th July at 9:30am.**

EPPING HEALING MASS Our Healing and Anointing Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 18th July at 10:00am** in the Church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of Mass in the meeting room. Catering: Carmel Avis, Marie Herd & team.



All are welcome to our monthly Healing Masses (on the 1st Thursday of the month at Carlingford and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Epping) as a time to pray for God's healing strength either for ourselves or those we know. Each third month (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) within these Masses.

Positions Vacant - Catholic Parish of Epping Carlingford

Missionary Discipleship Co-ordinator, Part-Time approx. 22 hpw

The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford is seeking a person to assist in the development of a culture within the parish where all parishioners are invited to grow in their faith based on the model of parish transformation developed by Fr James Mallon and articulated in his book "Divine Renovation."

Familiarity with the Alpha Programme, an ability to develop volunteer leaders within the parish as agents of this transformation as well as offer faith formation through small groups and other faith education opportunities is essential for anyone appointed to this position.

For more information contact Maree at maree@eppcarl.org.au



LITTLE ENGINES PLAYGROUP

The Little Engines Playgroup meets every **Monday** during school term. Our playgroup is a very informal morning session designed for all children from 0-5 years. Mums, dads and grandparents and friends

are welcome to come and join us in the parish hall in Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Cost is \$2 per family. For more information contact the parish office on 9876 2853.

Why do we do that? Incense?

The ancient world was a smellier place than the modern world! Fragrant incense covered the unpleasant smells! Eventually, ownership of incense came to be a sign of honour and dignity and it adorned the houses of the wealthier members of society. It also came to have a religious symbolism: - it signifies the divine 'fragrance' of the presence of God - the smoke rising is a symbol of our prayers, our spirit, rising as a sacrifice of praise to God - it was a sign of honour: it was carried in procession before high officials and burnt in the residences of important people. This Roman symbolism came to be carried over into the Christian liturgy: celebrant and people were incensed as a sign of their dignity under God, another case of liturgy borrowing from life - taking a common thing and using it as a symbol of spiritual things.

Year of Youth 2018

CANA: OUR yrs. 7 -9 YOUTH GROUP

CANA IS NOW ON A BREAK AND WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY 27 JULY 2018

Ring Ashleigh for any further information
0430 120 015



WYD08 Sydney 10th Anniversary

20 July 2018 will mark 10 years since the Archdiocese of Sydney hosted World Youth Day 2008.

To this day, WYD08 remains one of the most powerful demonstrations of faith our country has seen, welcoming Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 pilgrims from around the world to our city.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Catholics from across Sydney are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher for a special Mass followed by food and cultural performances plus the announcement of a number of new initiatives for youth ministry.

Co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth, the event will also include the launch of Archbishop Fisher's new book for young people *My Dear Young Friend: Forty letters on youth, faith and future*.

When: Friday 20 July for 5:30pm Mass followed by WYD08 event at 7:00pm

Where: Mass - St Mary's Cathedral. WYD08 event - St Mary's Cathedral College Hall All welcome!

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Broken Bay Bible Conference 2018



"St Paul: Persecutor to Preacher"

Friday - Saturday 27-28 July 2018

Registrations for the Bible Conference close 11 July. Come along to meet Paul, the passionate proclaimer of the Gospel, and learn about his journey from persecutor to preacher. Presented by acclaimed international biblical scholar Fr Nicholas King SJ; Dr Catherine Playoust; and Most Rev David L. Walker. The conference includes a Conference Mass; 9 talks with interactive discussions and question time; a Panel Presentation; and a Conference Dinner.

Venue: The Heritage Function Centre, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Rd West Ryde 2114

Costs: Full Conference Registration \$110; Single Day Registration \$55

Register at: www.trybooking.com/UFJU

Enquiries: Web: www.dbb.org.au/bible Email: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au

Phone: Pina Bernard 8379 1627.

OUR PARISH ANTIOCH COMMUNITY:

Meeting this Sunday 15 July;

Antioch now meets @ 6.00pm,

If you're young, feel like **FUN** & **FELLOWSHIP** & want to know more about living your faith, come & join us this week in the parish meeting room @ Carlingford.

This Sunday our Antiochers will be sharing their WYD experiences in Krakow

If you would like more info or would like to come, please contact
Donna 0498 935 580

So head on down and bring a friend.

ALL VERY WELCOME!!

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

ACBC Australian WYD2019 Prayer (WYD 2019 in Panama)

Eternal God,
You loved the world so much that You gave us your only Son,
to accompany us in every moment of our lives.
From diverse backgrounds across our vast land,
we journey as one, your pilgrim church.

We leave what is known and what is precious to us to embark on life's pilgrimage,
uncertain of who our companions will be
or what joys, hopes and challenges await us.

In our brokenness, we desire wholeness.
We trust Jesus, your Word, to lead us on this journey.
Unafraid of what we do not know,
we are full of excitement and ready to embrace all.

May your Holy Spirit open us to transformation.
We want to give ourselves to the Holy Spirit as Mary did.
With her, we say:
"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word".
Assist us that we may welcome all that is needed to renew our lives.

May we become Jesus' true disciples,
forgetting ourselves and loving His kingdom, His truth,
and all he came to save by His Holy Cross.

Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia, pray for us.
Amen.