

# Our Parish Catechists

TERM 2, 2017

*Handing on what we have received:  
the hope and joy that  
Jesus brings*



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## Catechist Newsletter



# ACYF SHORT FILM COMPETITION

# film



**LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is hosting a SHORT FILM COMPETITION!

This short film should explore or broadly be inspired by the Festival theme: "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy; Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment"

Entries close 5pm on Monday 16th October 2017

for more information visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

Categories	Duration	Prizes
Students (Year 9 - Year 12)	Films must be no longer than 3mins	1st Prize: \$500 (each category) 2nd Prize: \$300 (each category) Participant Choice: \$400
Young Adults (post school up to 30 years of age)		





# ACYF ART COMPETITION

# ART



**ART CREATION!**

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Entries close 5pm on Monday 16th October 2017

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Categories	Entries	Prizes
Students (Year 9 - Year 12)	The Exhibition is for 2D works including photographs, and small 3D works	1st Prize: \$500 (each category) 2nd Prize: \$300 (each category) Participant Choice: \$400
Young Adults (post school up to 30 years of age)		





# ACYF OFFICIAL SONG COMPETITION

# SONG



**SING US A SONG!**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is hosting an OFFICIAL ACYF SONG COMPETITION!

The song should reflect the Festival theme: "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy; Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment"

Entries close 5pm on Friday 26 May 2017

for more information visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

Language	Submission	Prizes
The language style should be accessible to and touch the hearts of young people	A simple recording of the song in MP3 format. A notated melody line with chords and a lyric sheet	Professional recording of the song. Return flights, Accommodation and entry to the Festival in 2017





Young people across Australia are invited to showcase their musical, artistic and film making talents ahead of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) being held in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017.

Encourage our youth to enter!  
(from year 9 students to 30 years of age)

# From the Director

*Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, as he said, Alleluia!*

Thank you for your generous and continued service to our Parish children in public schools.

Thank you to Archbishop Anthony Fisher, our clergy and Catechist Co-ordinators who met on 31st January. Archbishop, your encouraging address and time spent with us for "Q&A" and lunch was very much appreciated (for an email version of the Archbishop's address, please contact: [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au))



**Doug Mawhinney**



**Easter lessons** – It's great that we celebrate Easter for the first six weeks of Term 2 this year. During these 50 days of Easter (after all the Easter eggs are finished) one catechist recounted to me how she purposely and joyfully greets her students with the Easter greeting, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" and has taught them to respond, "Truly, He is Risen, Alleluia!" May the hope and joy of this Easter season overflow into our hearts and on to all those whom we meet.

**Pentecost** – We also look forward to preparing our students to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit

(Pentecost Sunday is 4 June) The same Spirit who enabled Jesus' disciples to go from being afraid, to being courageous, is with us. More surely than we see the invisible wind moving among the trees does the Holy Spirit work among us and through us to open hearts to the hope and joy of being in union, in communion, with God 'so that we may have life in his name' (John 20:31).

**A big thank you** – to all Catechist Co-ordinators for your help with the Department of Education requirements for name tags to be worn and dates of births to be supplied to schools.

**New training** – the five-unit initial training course has been well received by new Catechists and also by existing Catechists as a refresher. Please see the Training calendar on page 19.

**Farewells and Welcomes** - We thank Sarah Christie for her dedication over seven years serving Catechists and students. Sarah, we wish you well as you commence your doctoral scholarship and continue to juggle young family life. Please see Sarah's farewell letter on page 11. We look forward to announcing a new CCD Faith Education Officer for the Central Area.

For the Western Area, please join us in welcoming Vincent Haber as CCD's Faith Education Officer. Vincent rejoins the Sydney Archdiocese after a "Western sojourn" as the Archdiocese of Perth's Catholic Youth Ministry and Communications Coordinator, having initially served Sydney's Catholic Youth Services from 2004-2010. Thank you to Paul Worthington, CCD's Special Projects Coordinator, for going so many extra miles. Paul has borne the workload assisting out West with start-of-year matters and training along with handling his other CCD Sydney and statewide CCRESS roles.

**Recruitment** - Please let us know if you need any help with recruitment, training, extra resources or in-school matters.

**May our loving God continue to bless you and all those you meet this day and everyday,**

Doug

# SRE “Scripture in Public Schools” in the news

You may have noticed the “Fairness in Religion in Schools” (FIRIS) parent group's anti-SRE media campaign, which commenced on 1 February.

Whilst SRE acknowledges the social fabric upon which we all stand, unfortunately FIRIS does not understand the ramifications of pulling the carpet out from under our society.

- SRE is a strength in public education in our multicultural, multi-faith community.
- Schools are requesting SRE as it is regarded as a valued service to school families.
- SRE Teachers ‘who are believers’ can more effectively foster social cohesion, the Australian School Values, citizenship and counter extremism with the children of their own faith community.
- As such, SRE Teachers ought to be supported and SRE curriculums of moderate faith groups promoted across NSW and, moreover, across Australia, as an effective service to the community.
- Removing SRE from multicultural NSW could adversely affect the integration of faith groups within our communities adding to any social isolation that in turn lends itself to extremism.

I encourage you to write a letter to your local member of parliament to voice the benefits and your personal experiences of the good that SRE does in our school communities.

Doug Mawhinney - CCD Director

Wollongong's CCD Director, Jude Hennessy, offered the following reflection upon Justice Kirby who also “had a go” at SRE recently:

*Justice Kirby wrong about ethics classes and enrolment forms*

*I don't agree with much of what former Justice of the High Court Michael Kirby comments on, but generally speaking I would attest that his arguments are well constructed. That is why his opinion piece ‘Schools must be upfront on ethics’ that appeared in The Sydney Morning Herald on March 9 was so disappointing, because the points he made were anything but upfront. The key points he made showed a complete lack of understanding on why Special Education in Ethics (SEE) does not appear as an option on the NSW Public School enrolment form.*

*Some facts about SRE and SEE*

*Offering something that is probably not available is not good practice. I'd be annoyed if I was for example, offered woodwork at school and then was informed, “no sorry, we don't offer woodwork”. My simple response would be, ‘Well why did you offer it to me’?*

*Ethics classes are not available in at least 1600 of the state's 2100 public schools. They are not available in any high schools. Herein lies why Ethics classes (and SRE classes) are not tick options on the enrolment form and were quickly removed after being snuck on without any consultation in 2015. Nevertheless, it is always well publicised and offered when it is available at a local school. Unfortunately, these decisions haven't been appreciated by a small but vocal group of SRE opponents, whose vigorous and ongoing complaining remains quite unreasonable.*



# SRE “Scripture in Public Schools” in the news

*Continued from page 4:*

*The media needs to get fair dinkum.*

*To suggest as Justice Kirby does, that SRE is compulsory, is nonsense and disingenuous. Parent choice is the number one priority and families are presented continuously, with all of the SRE and SEE options at a local level, something that cannot be achieved on a state-wide K-12 enrolment form. Moving in and out of classes is a simple and quick process.*

*SRE providers do not regard SEE as the enemy or a threat. SEE teachers are good people offering a valid and valuable alternative to Scripture in a small but, hopefully, growing number of schools. Scripture is not compulsory, nor is Ethics.*

*A recent online survey by The Newcastle Herald, found that around 70% of respondents regarded SRE as a good thing in state schools and wanted it to continue to be available. Interestingly, the survey results were rapidly removed without comment.*

*SRE makes an incredible contribution to Public Education with quality curriculums and trained teachers. It is an asset in our multicultural and multi-faith nation, with options for people of no faith. It is expected that the Government will shortly release the Review on SRE. While there will of course be recommendations for some of the nearly 100 SRE providers across all faiths to make SRE even better, there will also be much to affirm. It remains my hope, perhaps naively, that it might be celebrated, not denigrated by a self-appointed media and academic elite, who have shown themselves to be orchestrating a narrow, mischievous narrative about the wonderful work done by thousands of Catholic Catechists and SRE teachers across faiths and Christian denominations.*

Mr Jude Hennessy  
Director of CCD  
Catholic Diocese of Wollongong



# Catholic School Enrolment Information

## Are you teaching a child in year 5?

Sydney Catholic Schools are now enrolling Year 5 students for secondary school two years before they commence Year 7.

From 2017, Parents/Carers of students in Year 5 are invited to contact their local Catholic Secondary School for enrolment interviews and offers of places.

In the past, the enrolment policy at Sydney Secondary Catholic schools only required parents to enrol their child one year prior to commencing Year 7. It has been increased to two years, to give parents greater assurance of securing a place for their child; to ensure their child's learning needs are met, and to ease the transition from primary to secondary school.

This new two-year time-frame will also create further opportunities for families to build partnerships with their school early and to create a sense of community. Sydney Catholic Secondary Schools support your child's immersion in the Catholic faith and traditions, and enable them to grow as young men and women who will make a difference in the world.

Visit your local Catholic secondary school to enrol now. To find your local school, please visit the SCS website at: <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au>

CCD will be asking parishes to place the above information in their parish bulletins so that Catechists may ask public schools if their SRE students can take it home. I realise public schools may view this information as 'poaching' from the public school system but hope that it is taken as it is intended, to enable parents to have the right to make an informed choice for public or Catholic secondary schooling instead of finding out too late to choose the latter.

With thanks, Doug

## GET IN TO A HIGH SCHOOL FRAME OF MIND

Students about to start high school worry most about too much homework, making new friends, being lost and late for class, a survey of more than 1600 students in Years 6 and 7 at Sydney Catholic schools found.

The research was completed in 2012 by Sparks Education founder and transition specialist Jenny Atkinson, a former primary school teacher whose two-hour Get Set for High School workshops have been completed by Year 6 students at St Luke's Catholic Primary Revesby, St Christopher's Catholic Primary Panania and others.

Ten of the 29 survey questions were open-ended, allowing students to explain what they thought about navigating a new and bigger school.

"The main concern Year 7 students had was coping with the amount of homework they were given," Ms Atkinson said. "One third were struggling with the type of homework they were doing but two thirds were struggling with the amount at the end of Term 1.

"The Year 6's were worried about getting lost, how to read a timetable and those types of things."

Among the advice Ms Atkinson gives students is to do boring or unpleasant homework tasks first to get them out

of the way – described as 'Eating the frog' – and ask for help when needed. She said there was more focus on students moving into Kindergarten than from Year 6 to Year 7.

"There is this expectation that because school is already very familiar to them it's not that much of a jump," she said. "It is actually a major jump. It's a very different system and they're expected to be far more independent."



# Tips from the driving seat...

Being a SRE teacher brings both challenges and rewards. In the first few years, it is like being on your “P” plates...you are out there and doing it but are still learning. (In fact, you will always be learning!) So, while we are on our “P” plates...here are a few tips to help keep you on track.

Be:

**Purposeful** - know what you want to achieve in your lesson. Look at the Learning Outcomes in the Teacher's Manual and think about how you are going to achieve them. Look at the Lesson plan and understand how this will help you to attain your purpose. Think also about what you want to accomplish in terms of relationship building with your students. This might be as simple as learning their names and being confident in using them.

**Prepared** - Write a lesson plan so you know what you are going to do and in what order. Get a feel for how many activities you can fit into the lesson time and make sure that you allow time for prayers at the beginning and end of lessons. Always have an extra activity for students who work quickly.

**Practical** – Take time to think through what will and won't work in your lessons. If you are using technology make sure that you know how to use it and have it set up ready to go. Give your students clear instructions and let them know what is expected of them.

**Positive** – Be excited at the opportunity you have to share your faith with the students. Remember that even when the class does not go smoothly, you have been a presence in these children's lives and have demonstrated God's love to them just by being there.

**Patient** – Be patient with yourself and also with your students. Remind yourself that you are learning and that you are human; some classes will go better than others and each week will help you to learn from that experience. Be patient with your students as you model the gospel values for them.

**Prayerful** – Start your lesson preparation with a prayer. Start your lesson with a prayer. Prayer is our conversation with God. Enough said!





## Awardees



Saint John Paul II Award - 50 Years Service  
Congratulations to Dianne McGrath & Merryl Foster



Cardinal Gilroy Award - 40 years service



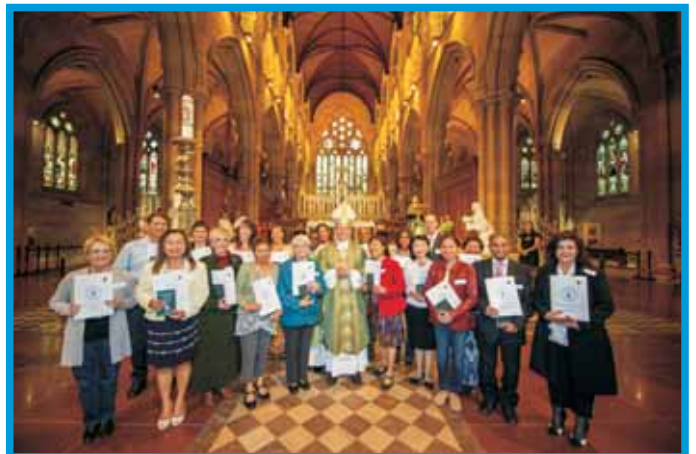
Life Member's Award -30 years service



Cardinal Freeman Medal - 25 years service



Apostolic Blessing - 20 years service



Certificate of Accreditation

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# Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass 2016



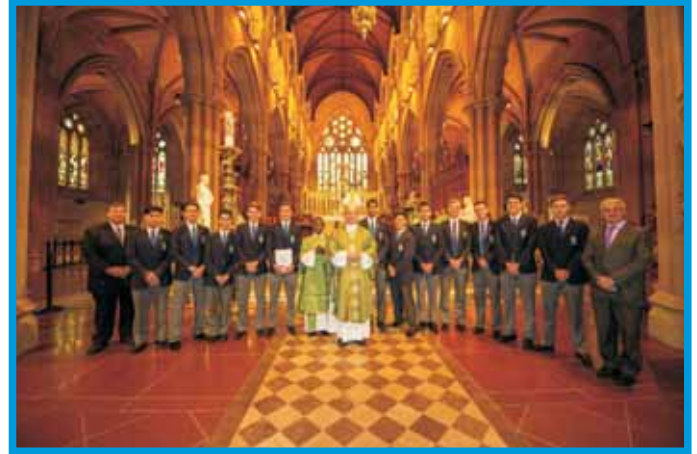
Tongan-Samoan Choir



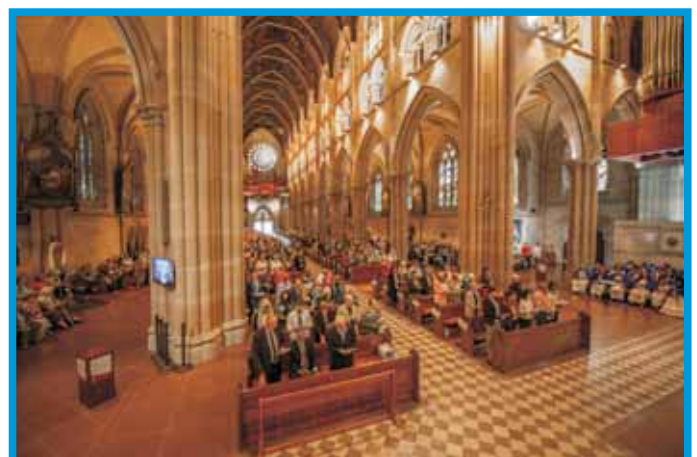
Parish Candles



Monica Fitch - Prayers of Intercession



Student Catechists from St Mary's Cathedral College



*A word of thanks to all who participated in the planning and preparation of this celebration.  
Congratulations to all catechists*

Photos by Giovanni Portelli





# Farewell from Sarah Christie



## *To my dear catechists in the Central Area*

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that as of Monday 20th February, I will no longer be your FEO at the CCD. After seven and a half years in this role, and after a period of prayer and contemplation, I have made the decision to move to a teaching and research position at the University of Notre Dame.

Those of you who know me well know that I came into this job at 23, dissatisfied with my place in the media and looking for solace in a Church that had always given me comfort. I have enjoyed my time with you, growing in faith and learning from your example, but it is time I take new steps for my work and my family.

In my time working with you, I have celebrated your personal faith journeys, your first-hand experiences with the Lord and the changes you have made in the lives of those you teach. In the process, little by little, many of you made a change in my own life. I have never encountered people who have lived their faith better than the catechists of the CCD. I have met men and women whose dedication to the Good News has surpassed every other thing in their life. I have been assured of the difference you are making in the lives of the children you encounter, and I shall continue to pray for you and think of you always.

I will be continuing as a catechist with my own High School class and hope to see you at a CCD event. You will be advised of a replacement FEO in due course, but until then, please feel free to contact Laura or Julia in the city office should you need anything at all.

It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work alongside you over the years.

God bless you all, and thank you for your continued hospitality to me.

*Sarah*

## Eastern Area ROBERT MILAN

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Welcome back to Term 2,

what a hectic Term 1 it was! The new revised Level 1 (Basic) Training Course is well underway and has been embraced in a positive way by new and existing catechists. Parishes and catechists have also been quick to comply with the Department of Education requirements in wearing our new Green Cards as identification. I thank you all for your swift adjustment; I know sometimes change can be challenging.

The Eastern Area Mass for 2017 will be held at St Andrew's Catholic Church, Malabar on Friday 16 June. Special appreciation to Father Laurie Caucchi, Parish Priest and Lee Leo, Catechist Coordinator, for agreeing to host the Area Mass at short notice. Mass will begin at 11am and will followed by our usual shared lunch at 12pm. I hope to see you all there.

Throughout May I will be away with my wife and extended family visiting the Holy and secular places in Europe. It is an exciting trip as we will be present at the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima which will take place on 13 May 2017. This is a very special time and I would extend an invitation to any catechist who would like me to take their prayer offering to Our Lady. Please send these to the CCD in a sealed envelope marked to my attention. I shall keep you all in my prayers and wish you a most Blessed Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Should any matters arise please contact the CCD City Office on 9307 8330.

Following my return please let me assist you in recruiting catechists: some parishes in the Eastern Area are finding it challenging to find new catechists. Working together we will endeavour to uncover opportunities. I am at your service.

Wishing you all a safe, blessed Easter. May the Risen Jesus be your guiding light in your family and Apostolate.

With best wishes

Robert



*"One day through the Rosary  
and Scapular I will save the world."  
(The Blessed Virgin's words to St Dominic)*



## Northern Area CHRIS COX

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Dear Catechists,

Welcome back to term 2. We have had an overwhelming interest in the new training units for 2017. In particular, the Northern area held the majority of catechists who were eager to improve their teaching skills and apply these within the classroom. These courses are not just for new catechists; every catechist is welcome to join us in the school holidays in the city.

This year, I have been in the universities recruiting at Notre Dame and ACU University. We receive many expressions of interest from students that are eager to share their faith and get some teaching experience. A big "thank you" must go to Chehade Richa for assisting me with recruiting.

In the Northern Area, there are now over 10 high schools that have SRE for catholic students. This year, Strathfield Girls, Homebush Boys and Leichhardt Secondary College have begun weekly classes with between 40 and 50 students attending each week. Also, the third-year seminarians from the Good Shepherd are assisting the Catechists from Strathfield and Concord.

Save the date!

This Year the Northern Area Mass will be held at Holy Innocents Croydon, on Friday 19 May, 11am – 2pm. (1A Webb Street Croydon). Please bring a plate of food to the School Hall to share for lunch following Mass. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Chris



Chehade & Chris at Open Week,  
Notre Dame University - and yes, these are WATER Bottles.

## Praying with children

One of the most important duties of a Catechist is to teach our students how to pray.

What does this look like for us?

Do we simply teach students how to memorise and say the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be?

Or is there more?

Can we help them enter into an intimate personal relationship with the Trinity?

How much does our own prayer life influence the way we teach prayer?

Cathy Kennedy, Catechist and Head of the new Archdiocesan agency, Encounter & Faith Formation, will reflect on what prayer is, our relationship with the Trinity and how we teach this to our students.

The sessions will be practical and experiential; from how to set up a prayer space to the different forms of prayer.

It will include experiences of lectio divina (praying the scriptures) and meditative/imaginative prayer that we can do with our students.

**When: Monday 15 May 2017**

**Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm**

**Where: Polding Centre,  
Level 8, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney**

**BOOK NOW!....Do not miss out!**

**\*Strictly limited to 100 places**

RSVP: Julia, via email  
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Cathy Kennedy



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Welcome to Term 2.

This is always a busy term and SRE classes are often interrupted by Naplan tests, sports carnivals and excursions. Schools often have little choice as to when these events can be held.

Please note: the 2017 Southern Area Mass will be held on Thursday, 18 May at St Joseph's Parish, Como – Oyster Bay. The Mass will start at 11am. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch after the Mass. Tea and coffee will be provided. This is a great opportunity to mingle with catechists from different parishes.

In Term 1 the five units of the revised Basic (Level 1) Training Course were held in the Southern Area at Caringbah, Brighton-le-Sands and Miranda. The CCD Basic Training Course is designed to help with classroom management, lesson preparation and child safeguarding issues, as well as giving you a basic understanding of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible.

All new catechists are to complete this course in the first year of teaching. Unit 1 (safeguarding) must be done before entering the classroom. Units 2, 3, 4 and 5 can be completed in any order at any venue. So far this year more than 30 new Southern Area catechists have completed the five units of the Basic (Level 1) Training Course.

In Term 2 basic training units will be run at Peakhurst on Tuesdays and in the city during the school holidays. Experienced catechists are welcome to attend of the units as a refresher. Please see page 19 for the complete list of training courses available.

Please call or email if you would like any of these courses to be brought to your parish.

Denise Humphreys and Tracy McEwan



A clever catechist from the Southern area came up with this wonderful resource for Holy Week/Easter lessons for a year 3/4 class. An eggcellent activity!

## Western Area Paul Worthington

(Acting FEO)

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It has been a delight to work with the Parish Co-ordinators and catechists in the parishes of the Western Area.

I have been involved with courses at Mt Pritchard, Holsworthy with the five day course and also catching up new-comers to the ministry with the Safeguarding Module to allow our new catechists to begin observing or being assistants in our schools for this year.

The encouraging sign has been also the number of experienced catechists who have taken up the new five day course or have refreshed with various modules they wished to learn more about. It is terrific to have the experienced hands-on board to provide our new catechists with your wisdom of the work.

Congratulations to all those who have participated. Don't forget it is a must that all new catechists in 2017 must complete the five units in one year. Please see the Training Calendar on page 19 for course offerings in the western region and other locations.

We look forward to you joining us for the Western Area Mass which will be held on Friday, 11 August - 11am at St Joseph's, Moorebank.

### **New Western Faith Education Officer**

Please join CCD Sydney in welcoming Vincent Haber as the Western Area Faith Education Officer (FEO). Vincent returns to Sydney from the Perth Archdiocese to commence on 7 April. I look forward to introducing Vincent to you as together we 'show him the ropes'.

*My name is Vincent and I am excited to be serving and connecting with so many of you.*

*I have always been passionate in providing a place for young people to know and encounter Jesus and the Gospel. I am most looking forward to journeying closely with you and the students, to pray and continue to build a deeper relationship with Christ. Lastly, I love eating cake, so I plan on sharing a slice or two with you all.☺*



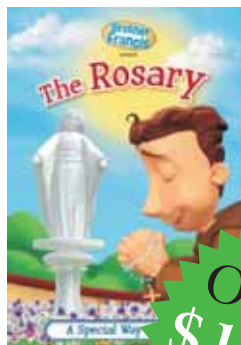
Denise Humphreys teaching Unit 4 at Liverpool.



Recently appointed  
Western Area FEO -  
Vincent Haber



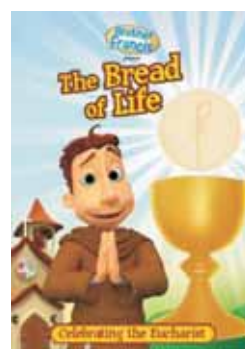
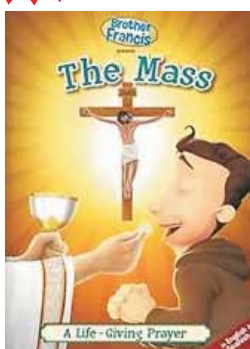
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# Training Courses

## TRAINING COURSES RENAMED

Each level contains five (5) units, and will be taught over (5) consecutive weeks.

Level 1, Unit 1 (1.1) must be completed before entering a NSW Public School as a Catechist or Catechist Helper.

Level 1, Units 2 to 5 (1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5) must be completed within 12 months of commencing as a Catechist or Catechist Helper.

Level 2 and Level 3 units, are to be completed by catechists following completion of Level 1.

### LEVEL 1

(previously Basic)

**1.1: Induction** - This must be completed before entering a classroom to teach

**SRE Safeguarding Module** (2 hours)

**The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the State school.** (2 hours)

**1.2: Using the Authorised Curriculum** (4 hours)

**1.3: Classroom Management** (4 hours)

**1.4: The Bible** (4 hours)

**1.5: Classroom Skills** (2 hours)

**Awareness of the Child in your Classroom** (2 hours)

### LEVEL 2

(previously Intermediate)

**2.1**

**2.2**

**2.3**

**2.4**

**2.5**

Five (5) units completed over five (5) consecutive weeks

further details on course content to be confirmed

### LEVEL 3

(previously Advanced)

**3.1**

**3.2**

**3.3**

**3.4**

**3.5**

Five (5) units completed over five (5) consecutive weeks

further details on course content to be confirmed

## COURSE LOCATIONS

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney	City
Meeting Rm, 21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park	Hoxton PK
St Joachim's, 31 – 33 John Street, Lidcombe	Lidcombe
All Saints' Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool	Liverpool
CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda	Miranda
St Gertrude's Parish, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield	Smithfield
OLF Parish Hall, 825 Forest Road, Peakhurst	Peakhurst
St Charles Borromeo, 582 Victoria Road, Ryde	Ryde

# CCD Training Courses (May-Dec 2017)

## LEVEL 1 (BASIC)

1.1 Monday 1 May	Miranda
1.2 Monday 8 May	Miranda
1.3 Monday 15 May	Miranda
1.4 Monday 22 May	Miranda
1.5 Monday 29 May	Miranda

1.1 Tuesday 2 May	Peakhurst
1.2 Tuesday 9 May	Peakhurst
1.3 Tuesday 16 May	Peakhurst
1.4 Tuesday 23 May	Peakhurst
1.5 Tuesday 30 May	Peakhurst

1.1 Friday 12 May	Hoxton Park
1.2 Friday 19 May	Hoxton Park
1.3 Friday 26 May	Hoxton Park
1.4 Friday 2 June	Hoxton Park
1.5 Friday 9 June	Hoxton Park

1.1 Wednesday 31 May	City
1.2 Wednesday 7 June	City
1.3 Wednesday 14 June	City
1.4 Wednesday 21 June	City
1.5 Wednesday 28 June	City

1.1 Friday 2 June	Western - TBA
1.2 Friday 9 June	Western - TBA
1.3 Friday 16 June	Western - TBA
1.4 Friday 23 June	Western - TBA
1.5 Friday 30 June	Western - TBA

1.1 Wednesday 26 July	City
1.2 Wednesday 2 August	City
1.3 Wednesday 9 August	City
1.4 Wednesday 16 August	City
1.5 Wednesday 23 August	City

1.1 Monday 31 July	Smithfield
1.2 Monday 7 August	Smithfield
1.3 Monday 14 August	Smithfield
1.4 Monday 21 August	Smithfield
1.5 Monday 28 August	Smithfield

1.1 Thursday 3 August	Miranda
1.2 Thursday 10 August	Miranda
1.3 Thursday 17 August	Miranda
1.4 Thursday 24 August	Miranda
1.5 Thursday 31 August	Miranda

1.1 Friday 18 August	Liverpool
1.2 Friday 25 August	Liverpool
1.3 Friday 1 September	Liverpool
1.4 Friday 8 September	Liverpool
1.5 Friday 15 September	Liverpool

## LEVEL 1 (BASIC)

1.1 Friday 20 October	City
1.2 Friday 27 October	City
1.3 Friday 3 November	City
1.4 Friday 10 November	City
1.5 Friday 17 November	City

1.1 Wednesday 18 October	Miranda
1.2 Wednesday 25 October	Miranda
1.3 Wednesday 1 November	Miranda
1.4 Wednesday 15 November	Miranda
1.5 Wednesday 22 November	Miranda

1.1 Monday 6 November	Western - TBA
1.2 Monday 20 November	Western - TBA
1.3 Monday 13 November	Western - TBA
1.4 Monday 27 November	Western - TBA
1.5 Monday 4 December	Western - TBA

## BEGINNERS SMARTBOARD COURSES

Wednesday 17 May	City
Wednesday 16 August	City

## LEVEL 2 (INTERMEDIATE)

2.1 Saturday 29 April	Miranda
2.2 Saturday 6 May	Miranda
2.3 Saturday 13 May	Miranda
2.4 Saturday 20 May	Miranda
2.5 Saturday 27 May	Miranda

2.1 Monday 17 July	Ryde
2.2 Monday 24 July	Ryde
2.3 Monday 31 July	Ryde
2.4 Monday 7 August	Ryde
2.5 Monday 14 August	Ryde

## LEVEL 3 (ADVANCED)

3.1 Friday 5 May	Miranda
3.2 Friday 12 May	Miranda
3.3 Friday 26 May	Miranda
3.4 Friday 2 June	Miranda
3.5 Friday 16 June	Miranda

3.1 Friday 11 August	City
3.2 Friday 18 August	City
3.3 Friday 25 August	City
3.4 Friday 1 September	City
3.5 Friday 8 September	City

3.1 Monday 16 October	Miranda
3.2 Monday 23 October	Miranda
3.3 Monday 30 October	Miranda
3.4 Monday 6 November	Miranda
3.5 Monday 13 November	Miranda

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ALL COURSES RUN FROM  
9.45AM TO 2.15PM  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH





# CCD Calendar 2017

## January

- Monday 30** Start of Term 1
- Tuesday 31** Combined Co-ordinators' Meeting St Mary's Cathedral College Hall 10am – 2pm

## February

- Sunday 5** Catechist Sunday

## March

- Wednesday 1** Ash Wednesday

## April

- Friday 7** End of Term 1
- Friday 14** Good Friday
- Sunday 16** Easter Sunday
- Wednesday 26** Start of Term 2

## May

- Monday 15** Catechist Gathering, Polding Centre, City
- Thursday 18** Southern Area Mass  
St Joseph's, Como/Oyster Bay – 11am
- Friday 19** Northern Area Mass – 11am  
Holy Innocents Croydon

## June

- TBA** Central Area Mass
- Sunday 4** Pentecost Sunday
- Friday 16** Eastern Area Mass – 11am  
St Andrew's Malabar
- Friday 30** End of Term 2

## July

- Thursday 13** Southern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda. 10am – 12pm.
- Tuesday 18** Start of Term 3
- Friday 21** Western Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Mt Pritchard, 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg. 10am – 12pm.
- Monday 24** Central Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, 4 Duke Street, Campsie, 10am – 12pm.
- Friday 28** Eastern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. 10am – 12pm.
- Monday 31** Northern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. 10am – 12pm.

## August

- Friday 11** Western Area Mass, 11am  
St Joseph's, Moorebank

## September

- Friday 22** End of Term 3
- Sunday 24** Annual Catechist Mass 2pm – 5pm  
St Mary's Cathedral/ St Mary's College Hall

## October

- Friday 6** Catechist Gathering  
10am – 1.30pm  
St Joachim's, Lidcombe
- Monday 9** Start of Term 4

## November

## December

- Friday 1** Life Members' Function  
12.00pm to 2.30pm  
Dooley's Catholic Club, Lidcombe
- Friday 15** End of Term 4

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### Front cover photos:

Archbishop Anthony Fisher attends Catechist Co-ordinator/Clergy meeting 31 January 2017.

Catechists Merryl Foster (left) and Dianne McGrath (right) receiving their award from Bishop Tony Randazzo for 50 years service as catechists, on 9 October 2016, Annual Catechist Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral.