

Our Parish Catechists

TERM 3, 2018

*Handing on what we have
received: the hope and joy
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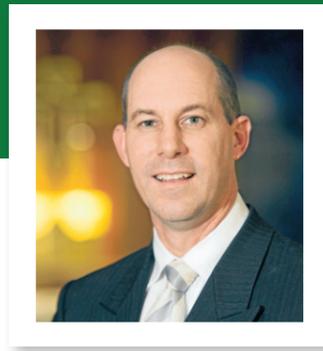
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CATECHIST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Term 3



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Thank you for using your God-given time and talents so well to serve the families who have chosen Catholic Special Religious Education for their children in public schools.

Music and Art as "Avenues of Grace"

In Term 3, our Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to contemplate Christmas by entering the "Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition" with thanks to our Catholic Schools network and, particularly, John Charadia, the organiser.

Catechists say how much their students enjoy this activity. They really get to do something. Last year, for example, Archbishop Anthony awarded one of our students for his pencil sketch of the Holy Family journeying on a donkey. Sacred art. So simple. So elegant. His catechist gave him the chance to encounter God through drawing salvation history. See pages 8-9 for details.



Action Songs and Prayers

The May Catechist Gathering "Simple Action Songs" session at Lidcombe "brought the hall down". It was wonderful to behold 150 of you doing these easy-to-use action songs and prayers. I am no singer but you saw how even I can get up and lead an action song. It's delightful to hear students leaving a Scripture class still singing a catchy tune. We are here to show you how; please ask us.

Bishop Tony Randazzo presented a session on the inspiring life of Eileen O'Connor, our "local-girl-saint-in-waiting". It was uplifting to hear of Eileen's witness to the love of God, others and herself, in living life to the full. Many Catechists have shared what a joy-filled day it was. For those who could not attend Bishop Tony's session, you can do an internet search using the following titles:

"Video - Eileen O'Connor - Bishop Tony Randazzo" or the direct link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0rJuFwFGq>

"Podcast - Eileen O'Connor - Bishop Tony Randazzo" or the direct link:

<http://www.xt3.com/library/view.php?id=3158&categoryId=24&episodId=2728>

So ... how did that lesson go?

The Department of Education wants you to note after each class what went well and what you would do differently next time. I'm sure most of us already do this in some manner or form. It is one of the requirements issuing from the recent NSW Review of SRE-SEE. This technique obviously helps in planning ahead for next year as written notes serve as a reminder, e.g. "Must take in a Big Book next time [or] I will try the action song or prayer we learnt at the Catechist Gathering."

Cover: "The CCD front row" - Eleanor, Archbishop Anthony and Priscilla

Archdiocesan Catechist Mass - 23rd September - all welcome

The annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd September at St Mary's Cathedral. We also confer awards for completion of training and 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service as well as acknowledging our Student Catechists. Please arrive by 1.30pm. Mass will begin at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral College Hall.

Welcome back Teresa!

We welcome back Teresa Culjak to the Western Region after 18 months leave. We look forward to hearing about the Church in California from Teresa in our next issue.

Vincent Haber is now in Perth for 18 months to organise the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival; however, he is still updating our Facebook page thankfully. More from Vincent on page 4.

Farewell, Eddie!

After 18 years' service, Eddie Kropkowski is retiring as our CCD Business Manager.

Eddie is a pillar of this CCD parish support agency. He arrives by 7am and leaves after 5.

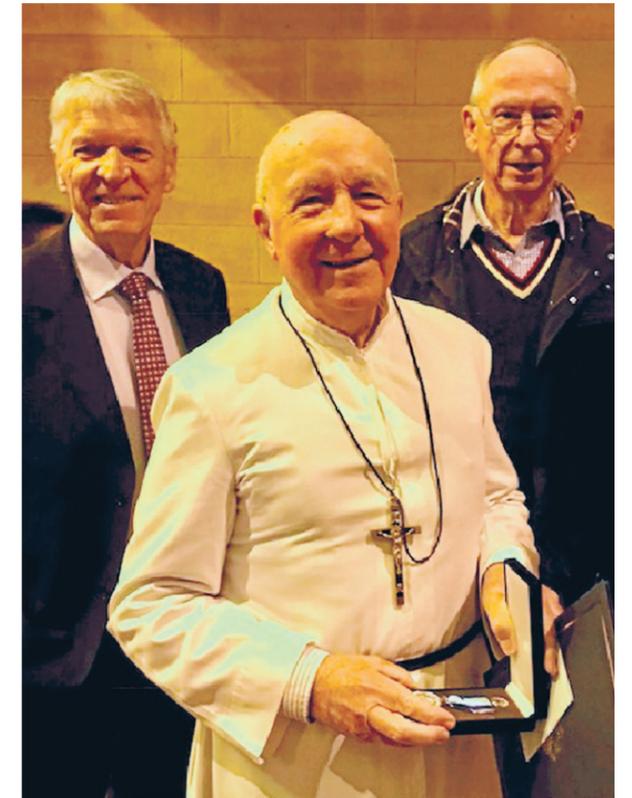
With a constant focus upon supporting Parishes, Eddie has managed staff and funding to ensure quality service and savings are passed on to parishes.

Eddie's dedication, which includes two years as the Acting Director, has helped me immensely. His wisdom, practical help and management skills have saved me from being overwhelmed by the workload.

Personalised service is also a hallmark of Eddie - there are a number of co-ordinators and catechists who have needed urgent deliveries that were sorted by Eddie having gone home 'the long way round'.

Eddie, we will miss you and wish you happy times with your family. May you pilot your glider up even more good thermals to enjoy the view from retirement having put in a job well done.

On behalf of all of your CCD Sydney and NSW colleagues, the catechists and ultimately the hundreds-of-thousands of children who have benefitted from



Eddie with Br Julian and Paul Worthington

your work over 18 years, a most sincere and heartfelt, "Thank you"!

For our journey together ...

If you need help, please contact us. We are here to help.

As you are sent forth from Sunday Mass, out to your parish's children in public schools nearby, may you know that our loving God - who is closer to you than your very breathing - is with you always.

May God continue to bless you and keep you,

- Doug

Vincent's 2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival Update

Hey everybody! I have arrived here in Perth and am missing you all!

I am leading the Catholic Youth ministry staff who will help "prepare the way" to make the Australian Catholic Youth Festival happen in Perth in December 2019.

I look forward to keeping you up-to-date with the Youth Festival BECAUSE – even if our SRE students aren't able to make it to Perth in December 2019 – it's great to let our Catholic kids in public schools know that there is life beyond SRE classes. There are so many vibrant, life-giving things happening for young people in the Church. Jesus wants them to live and enjoy life well and to the full!!!



Vincent Haber at ACYF Sydney 2017

God bless you all from the Western seashore

Vincent Haber

Renewing your Working with Children Check

We expect many catechists will need to renew their WWCCs around March 2019. It's easy ...

For those who originally applied by post, your parish will help you to update your details via a computer and renew your WWCC.

If you have changed your email address since your first application, you may not receive a reminder email. Please check your WWCC expiry date. Your parish will also have your expiry date noted and can help.

- 1** The Children's Guardian sends you a reminder 3-months before expiry.
- 2** You renew by going to the Children's Guardian website
- 3** Send your WWCC & new expiry to your Parish Coordinator

A final word from Eddie ...

After working for nearly 50 years the time has come to say farewell to my working life and I will officially retire in August 2018. I intend to travel, enjoy my children and grandchildren and indulge more in my hobby, gliding.

My time with the Confraternity of Christine Doctrine (CCD) initially began in March 2000 with a three-month contract. That was the year of the Y2K bug crisis, the successful Sydney Olympics, and the introduction of GST. After 18 years of full-time service with CCD, it's time to make way for younger, energetic individuals to bring new and inventive ideas to the organisation.

A very big thank you to all the wonderful people throughout the Church whom I have had the privilege of meeting and/or working with, especially all the dedicated volunteer catechists.

I would also like to mention and thank a few (as the list would be too long to name everyone) of the talented individuals I have had the pleasure of working with; Peter Ivers and Carmel Duffy from back in 2000; and present staff, Doug Mawhinney (keep up the great work), Robert Milan, Laura Argiro, Julia Goff, Priscilla Donovan, Jim Weeks, Anita Lee, Suzanne Miceli and, last but not least, the two longest-serving staff members who have been with me from start to finish, Eleanor Emmerson and Denise Humphreys. As the saying goes, "You are only as good as the staff around you." I certainly had my fair share of great staff over the years.

During the past decade I have witnessed many changes with new ideas emerging on how SRE is shaping our children in the new



Eleanor and Eddie at the CCD Warehouse, Burwood c.2005

world. On average across Australia, some 50 per cent of Catholic children are enrolled in government schools. Assisting our 2,000 Sydney catechists wherever possible has been a pleasure. SRE is strength in public schools in our multicultural, multi faith society. CCD is a vitally important agency of the Church that supports parishes to carry out this mission.

CCD Sydney is the biggest provider of SRE resources (books) in Australia. No other (Arch)diocese provides the scale and numbers that we do nationally. I am proud to have been involved in fostering

and maintaining this success, and in ensuring that premium SRE resources are provided to our parishes at an affordable price.

Being involved on a state-wide basis with other associated SRE entities, mainly CCRESS and ICCOREIS, by managing their financial affairs to ensure their viability, has been very gratifying. It gladdens me to see these organisations continuing to thrive today.

I wish everyone at the CCD a very happy and successful future.

**Eddie Kropkowski,
Business Manager**

Good news about Scripture classes

With election time approaching, a hand-written note to your local MP about how much you value SRE 'Scripture' classes will help the truth about SRE be represented.

Whilst we continue to work with the Department of Education and politicians at a State-level, it is important to note – as a former Federal Minister once said to me – a single handwritten letter is counted as representing 1000 constituents. Therefore, being proactive at your local, electoral-level is significant.

A one-page handwritten letter can work wonders. You may also like to use a pair of scissors to cut out the mango-coloured "Values, Education and Faith" survey to sticky-tape to your letter – it speaks volumes!

With thanks – Doug



Australians want faith values taught in schools The service of catechists supported by new report

By Jude Hennessy

If you listen to some reports in the media, you'd be forgiven for thinking that Australians were a completely secular bunch that have turned their backs on religion and Christian values. The opposite is true according to new independent research released in May 2018.

The McCrindle Research Survey of values, education and faith in Australia – conducted using best practice methods – found that almost 99% of people believe it is important to teach values to Australian school students. Importantly, even though a large percentage of those surveyed did not identify with any religion or spiritual belief, 84% believe that Christian heritage has been influential in shaping the values that we teach children, with almost 60% believing this was "very" or "somewhat" influential.

The research also showed that parents overwhelmingly want the choice of faith-based values education, with only 16% of those surveyed opposed to giving parents a choice.

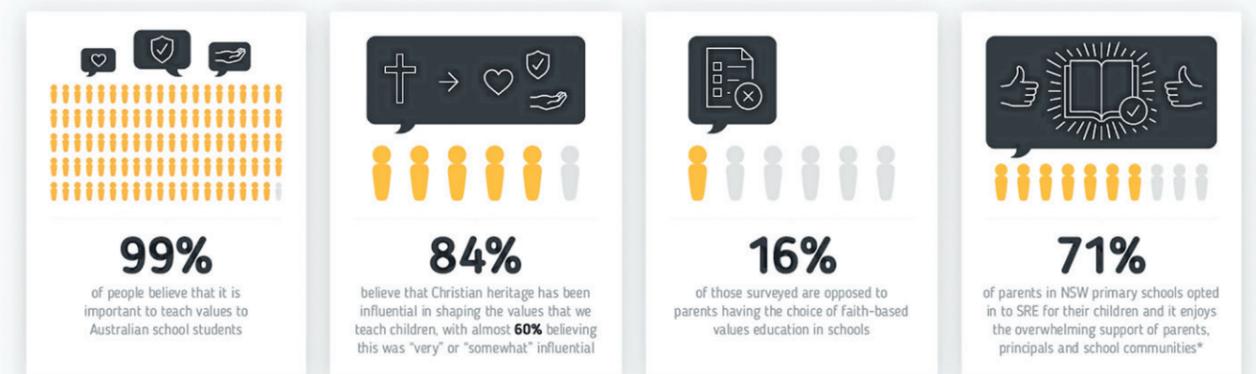
This is very validating for the wonderful work done by almost 5000 catechists in public schools throughout NSW and the ACT. It highlights the important and valid place of Special Religious Education as a choice for parents in public schools.

All Catholic dioceses across NSW are members of the Catholic Conference for Religious Education in State School (CCRESS), and Wollongong's Bishop Brian Mascord has been given oversight of this group – given his strong background and experience in education.

The directors of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in NSW and ACT work together and alongside the NSW Department of Education, schools and other major religious traditions to ensure that SRE in public schools is something that parents can choose with confidence in the knowledge of sound curriculums, training and teaching practices.

Survey of Values, Education and Faith in Australia

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A national survey of Australians n=1013. The nationally representative survey was conducted by McCrindle in April 2018. *The 2015 Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW Government Schools, by Department of Education & ARTD Consultants, 2016 found that 71% of primary school students attend SRE.

In co-operation with the Inter-Church Commission for Religious Education in Schools (ICCOREIS) and the All Faiths Special Religious Education (AFSRE) group, best practice support frameworks, networks and resources have been developed to ensure that SRE is celebrated as an essential strength of public schooling.

Spokesperson for Christian SRE in New South Wales, Murray Norman, says the survey figures represent what a majority of Australians are thinking and they "endorse the importance of spirituality and programs like SRE within education".

"The overwhelming majority of parents want the choice of faith-based values to be taught to children, which is exactly what SRE does," Murray said. Importantly, he revealed that when given the choice, most parents choose SRE, with current figures showing 71% of parents of primary school children in NSW opting-in to the program.

"We are aware of a minority voice that seeks to remove any form of spirituality and faith from schools and

remove the choice parents currently have. But, that's out of step with the values and wishes of Australian parents," he said.

Murray explained that SRE supports the Australian Government's values for Australian schooling, and said, "it is clear that Australians recognise the Christian and faith foundation of these values."

Around 430,000 students attend SRE classes across NSW. The NSW Department of Education framework says, "Spiritual wellbeing relates to our sense of meaning and purpose."

In each of our parishes, catechists serve to make Jesus known and loved each and every week in public schools. Take the time to stop and thank them for the vibrant, practical way they are witnesses to the Gospel message and its inherent values for living life well.

Jude Hennessy is the Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

“The Christmas Story” 2018 – Art Competition and Exhibition

This competition is open to all Catholic students in Year 5 and Year 6. Artworks are judged both on their artistic merit and on the artist's own reflection on the chosen Scripture. Each year we receive over 100 entries for this competition from students in our public schools. Ten of these entries are then chosen to be part of the Art Exhibition in the Crypt of the Cathedral during Advent and Christmas.

During Term 3 catechists are encouraged to explore the selected Christmas Gospel passages through art. Our students, in previous years, have used a variety of media: water paints, oils, chalk, coloured pencils, crayons and charcoal. We find “dry materials” are easiest to manage in the time we have.

Catechists, please plan your Christmas lessons and gather materials for this exciting competition to meet the September deadline. Artwork can be prepared on A3 cartridge paper 110 gsm or up, to the maximum size of 80cm x 120cm. Artworks can be in landscape or portrait orientation. Do not frame or laminate these artworks. This will be done by the judges.

Each artwork entry must have the following information attached:

- Child's full name
- School's full name and suburb
- Child's age and class
- Artwork title
- Child's handwritten reflection attached to the back of the artwork

The artworks should be sent or hand delivered by Friday 28 September 2018 to:

- Your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO), or
- CCD City Office, 6th Floor, Polding Centre or
- Miranda CCD Office, 50 Kiara Road Miranda (phone to arrange drop-off)

The subject matter is drawn from the Sydney Religious Education Curriculum. Students should select one passage for their artwork and reflection

Year 5:
 'Prepare the Way' Isaiah 40: 3-5
 'The Birth of Jesus and the Visit of the Shepherds Luke 2:9-14
 'The Journey to Bethlehem' Luke 2:1-7

Year 6:
 'The Annunciation' Luke 1:26-36
 'The Angel's Message to Joseph' Matt 18-25
 'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' Matt 1:18-2:12

All exhibitors will receive a Certificate of Artistic Achievement.

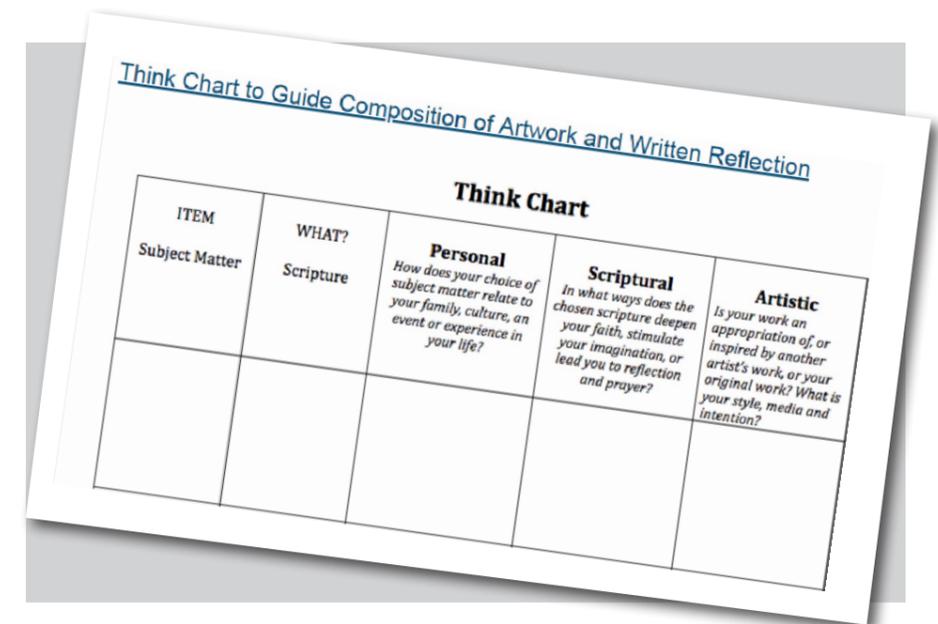


All successful exhibitors eligible for prizes will be notified through their school. Their invitations to the official opening of the exhibition, on Sunday 2 December 2018 at St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, will include family members and class catechist.

For inspiration, there is a “Christmas Story” resources webpage with photos.

There you will also find the “Think Chart” to help with the written reflection and drawing.

Simply do an internet search for “The Christmas Story art competition” to find this page or contact us for more information



A team building story from Judy Catechist, St Mary's Parish, North Sydney

How do you survive being a teacher? Let's be honest, it is a lot of hard work. Sometimes, after spending a lot of hours preparing for your lesson you get very disappointed. You walk out of the class stressed and questioning yourself whether you have done enough.

To reassure all the catechists out there, may I boldly say that you are not alone. We all have our good days and bad days. But what encourages us to go back and do it again? For us here at North Sydney, we believe that we belong to a family; a beautiful family of catechists who support and encourage one another. There is a sense of belonging to a community which is focussed and passionate about spreading God's love, most especially to young children; a faith-filled service.

We are a very social group as well who are passionate about our coffee or tea with muffin or sweets on the side. It provides opportunities to have many conversations about our lessons, families, friends and a lot more. We find time to get to know one another. Recently, we had a Food Safari to Cabramatta where we enjoyed a scrumptious meal of a crispy Peking duck and a whole variety of dumplings – sharing a meal as Jesus did with his disciples with an Asian twist!



Catechists are God's disciples to spread His good news! Let us rejoice at the opportunity that's given to us. Let us respond with great joy.

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CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
April 5 Sydney

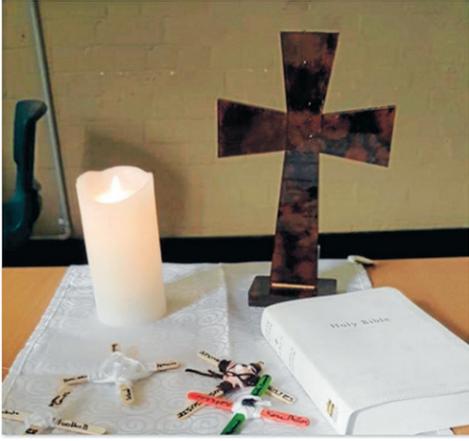
Yesterday, FEO's Vincent Haber and Suzanne Micelli conducted two seminars for the year 9 and 10 students of Dulwich High.

The theme was on the Joy of Easter, highlighting the Resurrection and reflecting on following Jesus.

The students were then asked to make a cross made of sticks, and on their cross to write that what makes it difficult for them to follow Jesus. They then brought it up to the bigger cross one by one during a reflective video clip about Jesus' death and resurrection, accompanied by the song You Raise Me Up.

It was a moving experience to witness. Students were really receptive, some even in tears. The Holy Spirit was really at work at Dulwich High. GOD IS TRULY GOOD!

Check out the image below: 😊



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
April 24 Sydney

Getting our Catechists ready for Pentecost. 😊 The Holy Spirit was truly present at our Level 1.5 training in the City yesterday. 😊

Can you read the words/phrases written on their head bands?? 😊

CCD Training courses are a lot of fun. 😊



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
May 1

Over 140 Catechists attended yesterday's CCD event at Lidcombe to hear Bishop Tony Randazzo speak about Australia's future Saint, Eileen O'Connor. Plus, we heard from Sydney Catholic Youth Team leader, Chris Lee speak on how Eileen inspired him in his ministry.

What a great role model she is to all, both young and old. Despite of her suffering, she still managed to smile always and loved the poor. 😊 This is one of many reasons why she is a great example to young people, especially in this Year of Youth.

To end the gathering, CCD staff showcased their talents by teaching and demonstrating how to use songs with actions in the classroom that kids will love.

Videos to come in the following days. 😊 Watch this space.



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
June 20 at 12:05 PM

A beautiful celebration was held at Randwick Parish for the Eastern Region Mass.

Thank you to all the Catechists of the Eastern Region.

Which region is celebrating their mass next?
Is it the Western Region this July at Cabramatta Parish?
Watch this space.



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
April 11 Sydney

Gymea Parish Catechists evaluating the first term and planning for term 2. What a great idea!!! 😊

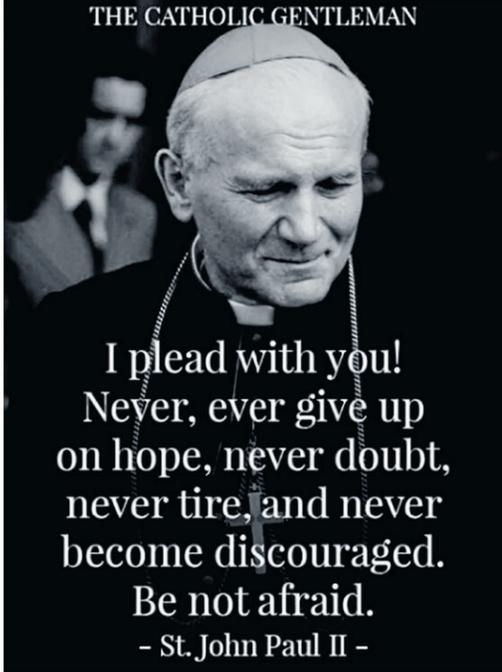


CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
June 12 at 8:17 AM

A wonderful inspiration to get us going on this day.
Enjoy your day. 😊

THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN

I plead with you!
Never, ever give up
on hope, never doubt,
never tire, and never
become discouraged.
Be not afraid.
- St. John Paul II -



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
May 12

CCD Retreat, Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa

What an incredible day, as close to 100 Catechists gathered for a day with Our Lady at the beautiful Schoenstatt Shrine.

Sr Julie Brar gave an inspirational session on embracing Mary as our mother and encouraged everyone to have a personal relationship with her too. ... See More



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools
May 9

Thanks Sacred Heart Parish for the wonderful reminder. ❤️

We're looking forward to you hosting the next Western Region Mass this July 13.



Central Area Faith Education Officer



To all the wonderful catechists in the Central Area.

As I write this article, it is fifteen degrees outside! Winter is certainly upon us. I hope you are all staying warm and well.

The Central Area again hosted a Level One training course during Term Two. Both new and experienced catechists learnt or refreshed their knowledge and skills. As seen in the photo below, the catechists put themselves into the shoes of the children, enjoying a hands-on craft session based on the curriculum. I would like to thank Steven Jreige, Dr Buddy Maroun (and Mrs Maroun) for providing a delicious morning tea and lunch for the catechists on the last day.

I was fortunate this last term to work with the members of the Sydney Catholic Youth team. Elizabeth Pasion and Abbel Gaspi accompanied me on a visit to Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design. Each term the school has a seminar morning

in which the students can learn about their faith. Elizabeth and Abbel led the students in prayer and discussion. They encouraged them to reflect upon their lives and their relationship with God. Abbel's heart-filled testimony about his own life was most inspiring. It was wonderful to see two young Christian adults engaging so beautifully with the youth of our Church. I am most grateful to Chris Lee, the Team Leader of Sydney Catholic Youth, for sparing Elizabeth and Abbel for the morning and to both of them for taking time out from their busy schedule to help me.

The Central Area Mass will be held during Term Three on August 8th at 11am. The Mass, in honour of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, will be held at St Mel's Campsie. Catechists are asked to bring a plate to contribute to the luncheon which will be held in the hall. Please note there is no onsite parking at St Mel's. Parking is only available in the adjacent streets. St Mel's is a short walk from Campsie station.

The next Co-ordinator's meeting will also be held at St Mel's on Tuesday 24th July. It will be held in the upstairs hall from 10am-12noon. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch.

Please continue to keep David Kelson-Mickelburgh and Maryanne Weir in your prayers. Please also pray for two more of our co-ordinators, Marguerite Martin (Ashfield) and Antonella Pagano (Ashbury), who have recently had surgery.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Area Mass.

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Catechists at 1.5 training at Campsie



SCY team at Dulwich Hill High School

Eastern Area Faith Education Officer



Greetings to all in the Eastern Area.

Praying, acknowledging and celebrating the work of catechists at Area Masses is vital to the spiritual and temporal sustenance of the Catechetical Apostolate.

Our latest Area Mass, held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick on Wednesday 20 June, was no exception. I understand that a weekday Mass does not always suit everyone, but thank you to all who attended.

I would like to thank Father Peter Hearn, Parish Priest, and Mary Bhal-la, Catechist Co-ordinator, and the team of Randwick Parish catechists for hosting the Eastern Area Mass for 2018. As always, it was a beautiful gathering. To all who were able to attend and those who weren't, may God bless your work and may the Holy Spirit lead you to fruitful outcomes.

Often during training I encounter new and long-serving catechists who express their challenges. As a catechist myself for the past 13 years, and having taught in many schools

across the Archdiocese of Sydney, I can confirm that the challenges you and many encounter are experienced by myself. I want to remind you that everyday life, whether in our marriages, work, social situations and just everyday living, presents many challenges. It is so important to NOT WALK AWAY but to seek assistance, advice and HELP whilst staying focused on the task at hand.

The words of St Pope John Paul II come to mind:

"I plead with you - never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

A reminder of the **mid-year Co-ordinator Meeting which will be on Monday 23rd July from 10am-12pm in Polding Centre**. This meeting will be a joint Northern and Eastern Co-ordinator Meeting. I hope to see as many Co-ordinators as possible; remember, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to send a representative

I want to leave you with some

quotes from GIANTS in Catholic faith. I hope these quotes will assist us on our journey with others to sanctity.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." St. Catherine of Siena.

"If God sends you many sufferings it is a sign that He has great plans for you, and certainly wants to make you a saint." St. Ignatius of Loyola.

God be with you. As always, please remember that you are welcome to email me your comments or questions or concerns to **robert.milan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au** or any matter that is pressing on your heart as a Catechist.

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Eastern Area Catechists shared a meal



Father Peter Hearn Principle Celebrant at Eastern Area Mass OLSH Randwick

Northern Area Faith Education Officer



Dear Catechists,

Term 2 was a busy one as we had a new school open in the area and praise God that we have wonderful volunteers who are welcoming this new opportunity. Please read the story from Caroline, one of our new catechists, who said "YES" to this call, below.

Two special events were held during the past term. I was pleased to see so many familiar faces. The Catechist Gathering at Lidcombe was very well received. We had over 140 attendees listening to Bishop Randazzo's great insights about our next Australian saint-in-waiting - Eileen O'Connor. Another wonderful event was a retreat held at the beautiful Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Sr. Julie led us to a deep and meaningful appreciation of our Mother Mary as Mother Thrice-Admirable: Mother of God, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all the Redeemed. We are all called to be a loving and faithful disciple like Mary.

Caroline - a new catechist teaching in a new school

Wentworth Point Public School, Homebush

I was asked if I could share my experience of being a volunteer catechist in a new school. It is a first for me in a number of ways. Apart from the school being new (so new in fact that it only opened its doors to students on the very first day of Term 1 this year), the other first would be that, in spite of attending Mass every Sunday, I had never volunteered for anything in Church, except may be to happily offer my presence at morning coffee on the first Sunday of every month. So it was by chance one Sunday at the start of Lent that I felt a nudge when someone from the CCD came to speak at our parish calling for much-needed catechists in our public schools. It was also a first because teaching Scripture was a completely new experience for me.



My impression of being a catechist was based on the memory of Sunday school teachers growing up as a child, and so I was prepared for lessons where lots of colouring-in and storytelling took place. However I have found that the eagerness and inquisitive nature of my group of Years 2-6 students have at times challenged me, and so together, we end up with a deeper knowledge of God. The curriculum provided is extremely helpful, but I have found that a little extra research and preparation goes a long way to further engage the children. In spite of the extra time and effort, I am finding being a catechist very rewarding and I am grateful to have found another way of being a disciple to Jesus.

I hope that Caroline's story above, and Judy's on page 9, inspire you in your own teaching. May God bless you in your wonderful work in sharing your faith.

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Southern Area Faith Education Officer



Wonderful catechists!

Welcome to Term 3. The Southern Area Mass was held at Oatley this year. Thank you to the many, many people who attended from both sides of the river. Mike and his team were fantastic hosts. Fr Paul Hilder sang most of the Mass and the talented choir provided music that further enhanced the liturgy.

During Terms 1 and 2, catechist courses were held at Miranda on Saturdays; Level One in Term 1 and Level Two in Term 2. Catechists explored storytelling and prayer using Br Julian's puppets. I have been most impressed with the catechists who have attended these courses, some travelling from Bundeena, Rockdale, North Ryde and even Miranda!

During each school holiday we run a selection of "catch-up" classes in the City. During the Easter break we covered Level One with 15 to 20 people attending each day. In July we will be running Level Two - hopefully we will

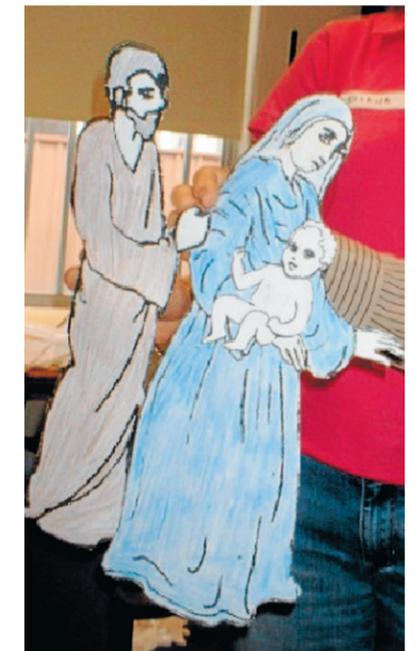
get a good crowd at this course.

Term 3 is the time for the upper primary Christmas Story art and reflection competition- this is an opportunity to reflect on the Christmas Story without all the commercialism. I usually try to visit Year 5 and Year 6 classes during this time to see the art work/reflections and offer support to the class catechists. I must receive all entries by the end of Term 3 because all artworks are judged during Week 1 of Term 4.

Contact me if you would like further support or advice about this.

Thank you for all your work with the students.

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DIARY DATES FOR TERM 3:

- Our Area Co-ordinators Meeting will be held at Miranda CCD Centre on Tuesday 10th July, 10am -12.30pm, finishing with a light lunch.
- All catechists are encouraged to attend the Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23rd September at 2pm.



Southern Area Mass at St Joseph's Oatley

Western Area Faith Education Officer



Warm wishes from Doug at CCD HQ...

We look forward to welcoming Teresa back on 2nd July 2018.

Teresa returns from 18 months co-ordinating faith formation in a parish in California. From emails, Teresa's USA mission has been fruitful both for those she has served and in honing her skills and talents.

We gratefully acknowledge Vincent Haber who, for the past year, has been serving you in the West.

There is an ACYF update from Vincent, who continues to do our CCD Facebook page from Perth, where he is based for the next 18 months. Therefore, we also look forward to welcoming Vincent back ... in January 2020!

Teresa Culjak

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"To Remember" dates:

Western Area Mass and light lunch
 Friday 13 July, 11am-1pm
 Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta

Western Co-ordinators' Meeting
 Friday 27 July, 10am-12pm
 Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Mt Pritchard
 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg

Vincent – sorry to be leaving for a while – but HAPPY to be having cake to mark the occasion!



TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

Level 1 – SRE induction training ***

1.1 *
 SRE Safeguarding; The role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School. (online option available upon request)
**Level 1.1 must be completed before entering a classroom.*

1.2**
 Using the authorised curriculum
*** Level 1.2 must be completed before teaching class.*

1.3
 Classroom management

1.4
 The Bible

1.5
 Classroom skills. Awareness of the child in the classroom.

Completion of Level 1
 *** within your first year of service as a SRE Teacher (Catechist).

Level 2 – Understanding the learner / How to get the message across age-appropriately

2.1
 How children learn. The Old Testament: (What we believe and how to teach about God, Creation and Old Testament stories)

2.2
 The Stage 1 child. The New Testament: (What we believe and how to teach about Jesus)

2.3
 The Stage 2 child. The Story of the Faith Community: (What we believe and how to teach about the Commandments and Moses)

2.4
 The Stage 3 child. The story of the Church community: (What we believe and how to teach about the Beatitudes and Mary)

2.5
 Moral development The Sacraments (How we teach about sacraments, especially the Mass)

Completion of Level 2

Level 3 – Holy Spirit gathering a People for God

3.1
 Pentecost to the Council of Nicaea; what we believe and how we teach about Pentecost and the Early Church community.

3.2
 Charlemagne to the Crusades; the Eastern Church and the Western Church; The Liturgical Year.

3.3
 The Inquisition to the Reformation; Holiness and Sainthood.

3.4
 From Europe to the 'ends of the earth' – The Catholic Church in Australia.

3.5
 Vatican II; The Human Person; Christian Ethics.

Completion of Level 3

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

Two years' experience as a Catechist



Course Information

Courses are subject to change - Bookings are essential

Please contact Laura or Julia:

EMAIL: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or

TEL: 02 9307 8330 or ONLINE: bookings now open at

ccd.sydneycatholic.org

**ALL COURSES RUN FROM
9.45AM TO 2.15PM**

Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided

COURSE LOCATIONS

Campsie	St Mel's Parish, 16 Duke St, Campsie
City	Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Hoxton Park	Meeting Room, 21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park
Maroubra Bay	St Mary & Joseph, 246 Malabar Rd, Maroubra Bay
Miranda	CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda
Smithfield	St Benedict's, Montefano Hall, Cnr Neville & Justin St, Smithfield

The Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass

will be held on:

Sunday 23 September 2018

at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Commencing at 2.00pm,

followed by afternoon tea

All catechists family & friends are invited to attend

2018 - TERMS 3 AND 4

NSW Special Religious Education Teacher training
for Catholic SRE Parish Catechists and Helpers

Level 1 – SRE induction training

1.1 – Safeguarding & Role of the SRE Catechist

Friday 3 August	Hoxton Park
Tuesday 7 August	City
Friday 17 August	Campsie
Friday 26 October	City
Tuesday 30 October	Miranda
Wednesday 7 November	Maroubra Bay

1.2 – Using the authorised curriculum

Friday 10 August	Hoxton Park
Tuesday 14 August	City
Friday 24 August	Campsie
Friday 2 November	City
Tuesday 6 November	Miranda
Wednesday 14 November	Maroubra Bay

1.3 – Classroom management

Tuesday 21 August	City
Friday 31 August	Campsie
Friday 9 November	City
Tuesday 13 November	Miranda

1.4 – The Bible

Tuesday 28 August	City
Friday 7 September	Campsie
Friday 16 November	City
Tuesday 20 November	Miranda

1.5 – Classroom skills and resources

Tuesday 4 September	City
Friday 14 September	Campsie
Friday 23 November	City
Tuesday 27 November	Miranda

Level 2 – understanding the learner / how to get the message across age-appropriately

2.1 – How children learn/The Old Testament

Monday 9 July	City
Monday 30 July	Smithfield
Friday 19 October	Campsie

2.2 – The Stage 1 child/The New Testament

Wednesday 11 July	City
Monday 6 August	Smithfield
Friday 26 October	Campsie

2.3 – Stage 2 child/Story of the Faith Community

Thursday 12 July	City
Monday 13 August	Smithfield
Friday 2 November	Campsie

**2.4 – The Stage 3 child;
The story of the Church community**

Monday 16 July	City
Monday 20 August	Smithfield
Friday 9 November	Campsie

2.5 – Moral development/The Sacraments

Tuesday 17 July	City
Monday 27 August	Smithfield
Friday 16 November	Campsie

**Bookings essential
for each session of each course**
Locations and further information available
online at ccd.sydneycatholic.org
or phone us on 9307 8330

Level 3 – Holy Spirit gathering a People for God

3.1 – Pentecost to the Council of Nicaea

Friday 31 August	City
Monday 22 October	Miranda

3.2 – Charlemagne to the Crusades; Eastern Church and Western Church; The Liturgical Year

Friday 7 September	City
Monday 29 October	Miranda

3.3 – The Inquisition to the Reformation; Holiness and Sainthood

Friday 14 September	City
Monday 5 November	Miranda

3.4 – From Europe to 'the ends of the earth' – the Catholic Church in Australia

Friday 21 September	City
Monday 12 November	Miranda

3.5 – Vatican II; The Human Person; Christian Ethics

Friday 28 September	City
Monday 19 November	Miranda





CCD CALENDAR

2018

JULY

- Tuesday 10 Southern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting. 10.00am-12 noon, 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
- Friday 13 Western Area Mass, 11.00am Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta
- Friday 20 Northern Area Mass, 11.00am St Kevin's Parish, Eastwood
- Monday 23 Eastern & Northern Co-ordinators' Meeting Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
- Tuesday 24 Start of Term 3
- Tuesday 24 Central Area Co-ordinators' Meeting. 10.00am-12 noon 4 Duke St, Campsie
- Friday 27 Western Area Co-ordinators' Meeting. 10.00am-12 noon Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt Pritchard Parish

AUGUST

- Wednesday 8 Central Area Mass, 11.00am St Mel's Parish, Campsie

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 23 Annual Catechist Mass; awards; afternoon tea, 2pm-4pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
- Friday 28 **End of Term 3**

OCTOBER

- Monday 15 **Start of Term 4**

NOVEMBER

- Friday 30 – Life Members' Function (30 years' service)
- End of SRE classes – check with your school

DECEMBER

- Friday 19 **End of Term 4**

Visit your CCD Team on Level 6 for all Parish catechist enquiries & support



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– Eleanor & Priscilla

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