Catechists Catechists

TERM 2, 2019

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







Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn.

– Benjamin Franklin





Welcome to TERM 2, 2019

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

Thank you to all who spoke at Catechist Sunday celebrations. To those who responded to the call, thank you and welcome.

To our wonderful Parish SRE Coordinators, thank you for your service and attendance at our start-of-year deanery meetings. Your FEOs will advise you when our midyear meetings are scheduled.

My thanks also to our politicians, particularly Paul Green, Rob Stokes, Jihad Dib for their active support of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Department of Education staff whose partnership we value in order to serve parents' choice of Faith Education for their children.

The 2015-2017 NSW Government

SRE Review highlighted the benefits of SRE (see back cover).

SRE and its benefits has such broad and well-founded support and has gained international recognition. (See photo below).

We are now in the "New life and Holy Spirit" Easter-Pentecost term wherein we hand on such Good News! The Holy Spirit, who is the Love of God, is with us and wants to work with us to make us more and more Christ-like, like our Risen Lord, Jesus.

However, children can only take in so many details at one time. That's why in our curriculum we tell the basic story each year and, year after year, add more and more details as the children grow up through the year levels. Therefore, for each year level, an overview of what we are to



hand on to students appears on the facing page.

May you continue to delight with your students in teaching the approved curriculum, Christ our Light and Life, and be blessed as you are sent forth from your Sunday Masses to gather our children in Jesus' name.

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Easter Season and Pentecost Lessons

The Scope and Sequence in your Teacher's Manual gives you some idea of what is taught in each year level in an age appropriate manner. Part of this is reproduced below. Remember the Easter season starts on Easter Sunday and lasts until Pentecost - 50 days later.

Kindergarten

- Easter Sunday: Alleluia! Jesus is alive. Alleluia!
- Resurrection Appearance: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene; Breakfast on the Beach.
- Pentecost: God's Holy Spirit is my helper.

Year 1

- Easter Sunday: Alleluia: Jesus is Alive. Alleluia!
- Resurrection: Road to Emmaus I walk with Jesus every day.
- The Ascension: Prayer keeps us in touch with Jesus.
- Pentecost: We cannot see the Holy Spirit but we know God is with us.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to lead good lives.

Year 2

- Easter Sunday: Every Easter we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.
- Resurrection: Empty tomb, Peter and John run to the tomb.
- Pentecost: The Holy Spirit is alive and active in the good work of people.
- God calls me to be a person of the Holy Spirit.

Year 3

- Easter Sunday: Rejoice Jesus is risen.
- Resurrection: The Road to Emmaus Jesus walks with us as he did the two disciples.
- Pentecost: The Holy Spirit helps us as he helped the Apostles.
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church.

Year 4

- Easter Sunday: Jesus rose from the dead
- The Ascension: The great commissioning Jesus said "Know I am always with you".
- Pentecost: The Apostles were changed by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to live with courage.

Year 5

- Easter Sunday: The Easter Vigil is the most important liturgy of the Church calendar.
- Resurrection Appearance: The Upper Room.
- Pentecost: The Spirit, who Jesus promised, is always with us.
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit: We must never tire of doing good.

Year 6

- Easter Sunday: The Risen Jesus is with us today.
- Resurrection Appearance: All the appearances.
- Ascension: Jesus returned to his Father, now we are empowered to continue his work.
- Pentecost: Like the Apostles, we should courageously proclaim Jesus in word and deed.
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit fills us with the gifts we need to continue Jesus' Mission.



Reflection for Parish Catechist Meetings

We are an Easter People



Set up a prayer place: Parish catechist candle, a Bible, a Cross and white or gold cloth.

Choose people to read the scripture passages.

ALL: Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages to him be glory and power through every age forever. (Easter Vigil Lighting of the Easter Candle)

Matthew 18:5-6:

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised. as he said.'

Luke 24:30-31

When he was at table with the he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.

Philippians 1:1-2

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete; be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.



Reflection: (One person reads aloud)

We are an Easter People! For some reason, at times the memory and the pain of Good Friday seems to be an easier reality to grasp. We are more easily able to name and claim suffering. But we are a people called to hope, a people called to believe in and work for transformation, liberation and resurrection.

In partnership with Christ, we can break open God's saving message, a message of love, and share its joy with the world. Together we can be kingdom builders and we can declare that there is a good reason to proclaim – Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia. Yes, we are Easter people

and Alleluia is indeed our song.

I Wonder what helps and hinders us being an Easter people to our students?

Concluding Prayer.

Christ Jesus you call us to bring your joy to the world. **R:** Alleluia!

You invite us to be your body on earth. **R:** Alleluia!

You mission us to reach out to the students we teach. **R:** Alleluia!

You empower us to reveal your presence to them. **R:** Alleluia!

All: Our Father ...

Adapted from Prayer for Parish Groups, Donal Harrington & Julie Kavanagh, pp. 218-219

TRAINING COURSES Feedback

See page 10

Catechists often comment on how they value the knowledge and skills gained during training courses as well as the opportunity of sharing ideas with other catechists.

Clear space in your calendar to continue your learning.

Catechist Training Courses available this term are listed in this newsletter on pages 10.

Level 1 courses are open to new catechists who

are required to complete it during their first year or for experienced catechists to redo as a refresher.

The Level 2 units cover what children can 'take in' and how to teach (see the training outline on page 9). Level 3 presents how the Holy Spirit is working with us throughout the history of the Church.

NEW CATECHISTS Notre Dame Open Day

Early in Term 1 we attended the Notre Dame University Open Day. The university welcomed its new students with orientation sessions, live music and free food. They were also given the opportunity to explore different groups and charities operating within and outside the university.

We were approached by many students who wished to learn more about the role of Catechists in the Archdiocese. We were

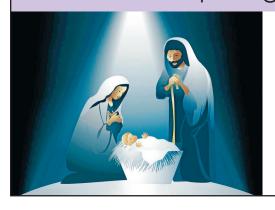
delighted to be greeted by former Student Catechists who excitedly proclaimed, "I did this at high school, can I do it again?" We of course answered in the positive and signed them up!

We were encouraged by the success of the day and the level of interest we encountered. Hopefully, some of these young people will take the next step and become Catechists in their Parishes.



Suzanne Miceli and Anita Lee

CATECHIST GATHERING Preparing for Christmas Lessons



- The Journey to Bethlehem how we tell the Christmas story
 - Harvest Pilgrimages 2020 CCD "Holy Land & Rome" Pilgrimage briefing and invitation
 - Easily using art in the classroom and "The Christmas Story Art Competition & Exhibition"

Friday 3 May 2019

Lidcombe Parish Hall, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe Lunch provided • RSVP for catering needs to office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or 9307 8330

CENTRAL-NORTHERN AREACentral, Concord & Northern Deaneries

We hope you had a prayerful and happy Easter.

Welcome to the many new catechists who have joined us this year. It is wonderful to have so many new and enthusiastic members of the catechist family. I hope you are enjoying your classes and feel rewarded by your new ministry with the children.

As well as training new catechists, we have been running refresher courses in our parishes. This also provides us with a wonderful opportunity to meet many catechists. The number of catechists who are eager to continue their learning in order to provide a more enriching experience for the children in their care is impressive. If you would like to book

a refresher course in your parish, please contact us.

Our Area Mass for our Central and Concord Deaneries: Tuesday 16 July at 11am at Belmore.

St Joseph's Belmore, is celebrating their 100-year anniversary and the parish is eager for catechists to celebrate this milestone with them. Parking will be available on the school playground.

Our Area Mass for our Northern Deanery: Thursday 4 July at 11am at Mosman Parish (15-21 Cardinal Street). Thank you to Fr Phil and Thomas for volunteering to host us at Mosman.

Wishing you all the best for Term 2. We look forward to seeing you at training, when visiting schools or at CCD events.



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SOUTHERN AREASt George & Sutherland Deaneries

Welcome to all our new catechists and those who have returned for 2019.

The 2019 Southern Area Mass will be held on Friday, 17 May at St Catherine Laboure Parish, Gymea. The Mass will start at 11am. Please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch after the Mass. Tea and coffee will be provided. This event offers an excellent opportunity to meet catechists from other parishes, so let's come together to give thanks and

connect.

This year, the Southern Area is also hosting the Annual Catechist Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 29 September 2019. Please save both these dates in your diaries! We would appreciate any help in assistance with the afternoon tea.

Please contact us if you would like any training courses to be brought to your parish.

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EASTERN AREA City & Eastern Deaneries



Pictured is Father Peter Hearn MSC (Parish Priest), Mary Bhalla (Coordinator) and the Parish Catechist Team.

2019 commenced with a number of committed volunteers who have come forward to be part of the Catechist team. On Sunday 3 February, being Catechist Sunday, I was privileged to speak at St Michael's Parish, Stanmore and St Brendan's Parish, Annandale. Through the grace of God, two new Catechists came forward to help build

the team at Annandale/Stanmore Parishes. Thank you to Mary Cain, Catechist Coordinator for your perseverance. A number of Parishes held Catechist Sunday events and (pictured left) are Catechists from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, who were commissioned.

Our Eastern Area Mass will be held on Wednesday 17 July from 10:30am at Holy Family, Maroubra, commencing with Mass and following a shared Thank you to Jenny Mah, lunch. Catechist Coordinator, who has agreed to host for 2019. Please save the date. The school holiday date was chosen as parking is difficult and all may park on the school grounds. Hope to see you all there and please invite all new volunteers as well as existing Catechists.



Robert

A reminder that all Census data is due by the end of Term One. Please email, mail or drop off at the CCD Office as soon as this information is ready.

Last year we had 100% data in prior to the end of Term One.

Thank you for your hard work and God be with you.

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WESTERN AREA South-West & Western Deaneries

Welcome to Term 2. New Catechists across the Western Area have been streaming into our CCD Training Courses. It's always inspiring to hear their testimonies on how the Lord called them to this ministry. The Lord, confident in His choice chose you. Do you remember how He called you?

Western Course Update for Term 2: Level One Training will be on Fridays, St Gertrude's Parish Office, Smithfield. Level Two Training will be on Mondays at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall,

Mt Pritchard - please see page 10 for more details.

Our Western Area Mass will be held at 11am, Friday 12 July, at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park. Let us unite together under the Queenship of Mary and entrust our ministry to her love and protection. Lunch will be served following the Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Wishing you every blessing this Easter: Behold, He makes all things new!



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When and how to renew your WWC

Just like a driver's licence, the Working With Children Check expires after 5 years and your Working with Children (WWC) number stays with you and needs to be renewed before it expires.

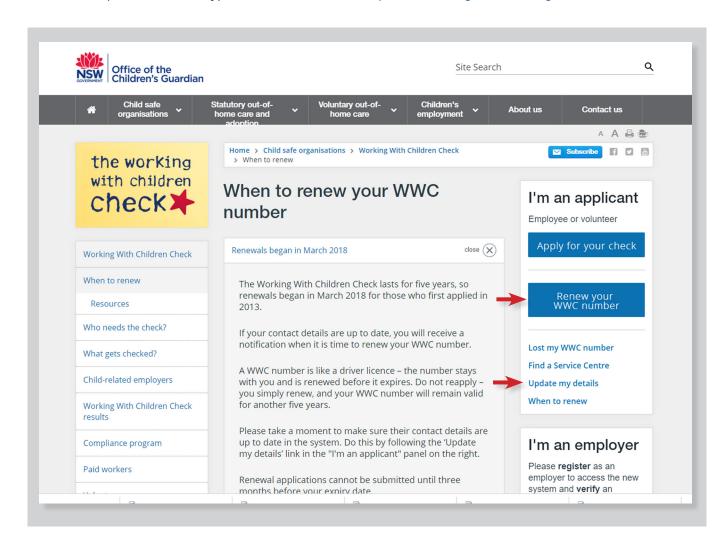
We expect many Catechists will need to renew their WWCC by March 2019. See the 3-step diagram. →

Note: for those who originally applied by post, you or your Parish can update your details via a computer to then complete your renewal online.

Or, if you have changed your email address, you may not receive a reminder email. To update your details do an internet search for



"wwcc nsw update details" or type in to the address bar: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check/renew



TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

1.1 * SRE Safeguarding;	1.1 * + 1.2** SRE Safeguarding; Using the authorised	+ 1.3 Classroom	+ 1.4 The Bible	+	1.5 Classroom skills.	Ш	Completion of Level 1	
The role of the SRE Catechist in the Church	curriculum	management			Awareness of the child in the		*** within your first	
and the Public School.	** Level 1.2 must be	** Level 1.3 must be			classroom.		year of service as a	
(online option available upon request)	completed before teaching class.	completed before teachina class.					SRE Leacher (Catechist).	
*Level 1.1 must be								
completed before								
entering a classroom.								
2 – Understand	ing the learner / How	Level 2 – Understanding the learner / How to get the message across age-appropriately	oss age-appropriately				+	
	+ 2.2	+ 2.3	+ 2.4	+	2.5	II		
How children learn.	The Stage 1 child.	The Stage 2 child.		•	Moral		Completion of Level 2	
The Old Testament:	The New Testament:	The Story of the Faith	The story of the Church		development			
(What we believe and	(What we believe and	Community: (What	community: (What we		The Sacraments			
how to teach about	how to teach about	we believe and how	believe and how to teach		(How we teach			
God, Creation and Old	Jesus)	to teach about the	about the Beatitudes		about sacraments,			
lestament stories)		Commandments and Moses)	and Mary)		especially the			
3 – Holy Spirit g	Level 3 – Holy Spirit gathering a People for God				(VIG55)		+	
	+ 3.2	+ 3.3	+ 3.4	+	3.5	II		
Pentecost to the	Charlemagne to the	The Inquisition to the	From Europe to the		Vatican II; The		Completion of Level 3	
Council of Nicaea; what	Crusades; the Eastern	Reformation;	'ends of the earth' –		Human Person;			
we believe and how we	Church and the	Holiness and	The Catholic Church		Christian Ethics.			
teach about Pentecost	Western Church;	Sainthood.	in Australia.					
and the Early Church	The Liturgical Year.							
community.								



experience as a

Catechist

Two years'

Course Information

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

LEVEL 1 - SRE INDUCTION TRAINING

1.1 - Safeguarding & role of t	1.1 - Safeguarding & role of the SRE Catechist	
Monday 15 April	City, Polding Centre	
Thursday 2 May	Miranda	
Tuesday 7 May	City, Polding Centre	
Friday 10 May	Smithfield	
Friday 7 June	Campsie	
1.2 - Using the authorised curriculum		
Tuesday 16 April	City, Polding Centre	
Thursday 9 May	Miranda	
Tuesday 14 May	City, Polding Centre	
Friday 17 May	Smithfield	
Friday 14 June	Campsie	
1.3 – Classroom management		
Wednesday 17 April	City, Polding Centre	
Thursday 16 May	Miranda	
Tuesday 21 May	City, Polding Centre	
Friday 24 May	Smithfield	
Friday 21 June	Campsie	
1.4 – The Bible		
Tuesday 23 April	City, Polding Centre	
Thursday 23 May	Miranda	
Friday 28 June	Campsie	
1.5 – Classroom skills and resources		
Tuesday 9 April	Campsie	
Wednesday 24 April	City, Polding Centre	
Thursday 30 May	Miranda	
Friday 5 July	Campsie	

LEVEL 3 - HOLY SPIRIT GATHERING A PEOPLE **FOR GOD**

3.1 Pentecost to the Council of Nicea	
Saturday 4 May	Miranda
3.2 - Charlemagne to the Crusades; the Eastern Church and the Western Church; The Liturgical Year	
Saturday 11 May	Miranda
3.3 - The Inquisition to the Reformation; Holiness and Sainthood	
Saturday 18 May	Miranda
3.4 - From Europe to 'the ends of the earth' - the Catholic Church in Australia	
Saturday 25 May	Miranda
3.5 - Vatican II; The Human Person; Christian Ethics	
Saturday 1 June	Miranda

LEVEL 2 - UNDERSTANDING THE LEARNER / HOW TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS AGE-APPROPRIATELY

2.1 - How children learn /	The Old Testament	
Monday 29 April	Mt Pritchard	
Wednesday 8 May	Enfield	
Monday 8 July	City, Polding Centre	
2.2 - The Stage 1 child / The New Testament		
Monday 6 May	Mt Pritchard	
Wednesday 15 May	Enfield	
Wednesday 10 July	City, Polding Centre	
2.3 – The Stage 2 child / The story of the Faith Community		
Monday 13 May	Mt Pritchard	
Wednesday 22 May	Enfield	
Friday 12 July	City, Polding Centre	
2.4 – The Stage 3 child – The story of the Church Community		
Monday 20 May	Mt Pritchard	
Wednesday 29 May	Enfield	
Tuesday 16 July	City, Polding Centre	
2.5 - Moral development / The Sacraments		
Monday 27 May	Mt Pritchard	
Wednesday 5 June	Enfield	
Thursday 18 July	City, Polding Centre	

COURSE LOCATIONS	
Campsie	St Mel's Parish, 16 Duke St, Campsie
City	Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Enfield	St Joseph's, 126 Liverpool St, Enfield (carpark entrance is on Barker St)
Lidcombe	St Joachim's Parish Hall, 31 – 33 John St, Lidcombe
Miranda	CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
Mt Pritchard	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 230 Humphries Rd, Bonnyrigg
Smithfield	St Getrude's Parish, 6 Justin St, Smithfield

Courses are subject to change -**Bookings are essential**

lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

To book, please contact the CCD Office Email: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or phone 9307 8330 or online ccd.sydneycatholic.org Courses run from 9.45am - 2.15pm unless otherwise noted or advised. Please bring your own

CCD CALENDAR - APRIL TO JULY 2019

APRIL	
Friday 12 April	Catechist Retreat, Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April	School Holidays
Thursday 18 April	Maundy Thursday
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Saturday 20 April	Holy Saturday
Sunday 21 April	Easter Sunday
Sunday 28 April	Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday 30 April	Start of Term 2
MAY	
Friday 3 May	Catechist Gathering, St Joachim's Parish Hall, 31 – 33 John St, Lidcombe 10.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 17 May	Southern Area Mass, St Catherine Laroure, Gymea at 11.00am
JUNE	
Sunday 2 June	Ascension
Sunday 9 June	Pentecost
Sunday 16 June	Trinity Sunday
Friday 28 June	Sacred Heart of Jesus
JULY	
Monday 1 July	Western Area Coordinator Meeting. Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield 10am - 12 noon
Thursday 4 July	Northern Area Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 23 Cardinal St Mosman at 11.00am
Friday 5 July	End of Term 2
Monday 8 July – Friday 19 July	School Holidays
Thursday 11 July	Southern Area Coordinator Meeting 10am-12noon. CCD Office, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda
Friday 12 July	Western Area Mass, Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 110 Mimosa Rd, Bossley Park at 11.00am
Tuesday 16 July	Central Area Mass, St Joseph's, 763 Canterbury Rd, Belmore at 11.00am
Wednesday 17 July	Eastern Area Mass, Holy Family Catholic Church, 214 Maroubra Rd, Maroubra at 10.30am

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



We're here to help you with your book orders!

- Eleanor & Priscilla



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Australian School Values

Integrity

Fair Go

Honesty and Trustworthiness

Freedom

Doing your best

Respect

Care and Compassion

Responsbility

Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion

Our relationship with **JESUS** and his **VIRTUES** that Catholic SRE teaches supports the **NSW Student Wellbeing Framework** and the Australian School Values

SRE provides key benefits including:











 An effective values education that empowers student decision making, fosters student action and assigns real student responsibility



 Important psychological benefits to students' health and wellbeing



 Strengthening the multicultural fabric of Australian schools



 Creating safe places for students to explore deeper questions of identity



