

Our Parish Catechists

TERM 4, 2019

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



Merry Christmas

2020 CCD Jubilee Pilgrimage . . .

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CATECHIST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to TERM 4, 2019

Thank you for your faithful service to our Parish children in public schools this year. I hope you have a happy "Advent and Christmas" Term 4 helping your students to wait well and prepare to keep Christ in Christmas by celebrating Jesus' birthday really well.

Cover photo: The catechists from Regina Coeli, Beverly Hills, were delighted to have Archbishop Anthony visit their parish. Fr. Peter is also pictured together with some of the wonderful catechists, including Elizabeth Gooley, 20 Year Service Catechist awardee and Coordinator (in Holy Spirit colours), ending the Archbishop's 3-day pastoral visitation with lunch. The Beverly Hills Parish Bulletin for Catechist Sunday (first weekend of February) was, again, exemplary in raising the profile and awareness of Catechists, and "the other half" of Catholic religious education that takes place in public schools, given parents' free choice of SRE for their children. Thank you, Fr Peter!

Thank you also to Jim Weeks, who is a Beverly Hills parishioner, who served CCD for 7 years. Given the restructure of the CCD and Mustard Seed with Chancery admin support, we farewell Jim in the hope that his accountancy skills may perhaps benefit parishes other than Beverly Hills.

We congratulate our Parish Catechists who celebrated long-service milestones – totaling 1270 years – and full training course completion at the annual Catechist Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th September. Our great appreciation to Bishop Tony Randazzo, Very Rev Michael McLean, Episcopal Vicar for Education, our parish clergy, families, friends and special guests for celebrating this outreach of the Word of God, Jesus.

In 2020, the CCD celebrates 60 years of running training courses. Prior to CCD be effectively established in 1960, Catechists did go in to Government schools; for instance, there were Motor Missioners (Catechists with cars) and Teresians, who were founded in 1918, for the purpose of instructing children in the faith. To celebrate this Diamond Jubilee of CCD effectively starting in Australia, the combined CCD agencies from around our NSW Dioceses that make up the Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools NSW (CCRESS), are arranging to celebrate Mass in May 2020 with our NSW-ACT Bishop Conference liaison Bishop for Special



Doug with Fr Michael McLean, Episcopal Vicar for Education (Schools)

Religious Education, Most Rev Brian Mascord. Also to celebrate, some Catechists have requested that CCD holds a Jubilee Year Holy Land pilgrimage. See pages 11-15 for details.

For 2020, the Kindy student activity books have been printed in colour. We are trying to use colour to help focus students on the point of the lesson rather than the whole page being used simply as a colouring exercise. We will be seeking feedback from Kindy Catechists and Coordinators next year to further refine this trial use of colour. We will also be undertaking a review of the Year 1 to Year 6 lessons. We will be asking which lessons you find hard to teach or would like to suggest amendments. We already have a number of suggestions to consider yet will arrange a consultation time via your Coordinators.

Please pray for Vincent Haber (Western Area FEO) who is "on loan" to direct the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth (8-10 Dec). Let your students know that 6000 young Catholics are going to celebrate Jesus through prayer, music and workshops to build them up as friends of God to be lights to the world!

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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An appreciation of Special Religious Education

Sometimes it may feel like your efforts go unnoticed. Here is a parent's appreciation of the impact that Parish Catechists, who are trained and authorised as Catholic SRE teachers in public schools, are having in the lives of students:

To St Joseph's Catholic Parish,

I am a local mother of two and our family is Catholic. My youngest child (2) suffers from chronic health issues which make it near impossible for me to attend Mass with my children on a regular basis.

My eldest child started school at Jannali East Public School this year. We chose a public education due to the proximity of the school to our house and also the much smaller class sizes (only 18) which suit my son's needs much better.

The main reason I am writing to you is to thank you for the scripture classes you provide at my son's school on a weekly basis. My son LOVES his scripture lessons with Mrs Duffy and comes home every week to tell me about the things he has learned. He enjoys learning about God and Jesus and the special days we celebrate as Catholics. After his scripture class we often discuss what he learned at home and he asks many questions which is fantastic and shows he really listens and enjoys scripture. We look forward to him receiving the sacraments through the parish.

Thank you so much for delivering this program at Jannali East Public School. With the situation my family is in at the moment having a very sick child, I truly appreciate the fact that my son can attend Catholic scripture as part of his regular school week. It means so much to me that he is able to learn this in his school environment.

Thank you again, K



Vincent Haber, ACYF Perth director, returning from the far West to our West in early-March 2020.



Farewell for Jim Weeks



Dr Bill Rogers Behaviour Management Session

During Term 3, the CCDs of Broken Bay, Parramatta and Sydney invited Dr Bill Rogers to address us on classroom management for "Scripture" teaching. Jenny and Yvonne from Denistone Parish took some helpful notes that we reprint here with thanks.

There are 4 cornerstones of behaviour management:

1. Establish/clarify class rules at beginning of the year.
2. When you correct a student, repair the relationship during the lesson.
3. Encouraging words aimed at the student's work and efforts, affirm the student and give them courage to believe in their learning. Don't praise the student personally; praise their work.
4. Stay calm to maintain order and command respect. Be clear about expectations and be fair.

These 4 cornerstones work together to enable -

- A good teaching learning relationship
- Desirable classroom behaviour

STATS RE STUDENTS

Possibly 60-70% of students will cooperate from day one.

Possibly 30% haven't learned to belong (from a highly indulgent or destructive family); attention-seeking or pose power struggle being highly disrespectful and difficult.

However better behaved students from the outset can start to collude with less cooperative ones over time.

A child may have an inferiority complex that is the cause of attention-seeking through maladaptive behaviour.

First Lesson Term 1

Get to class in plenty of time for you to be settled, relaxed and prepared.

Establish Classroom Rules. Class may require 'Rule Reminder Lessons' during the year.

Hands up to speak. Fair go for all.

Include "A student has the right to learn. A Teacher has the right to teach"

Monitor noise levels in classroom. If too loud, give brief *Descriptive Cue* **"students there is too much noise in the room"**. *Directional cue*: **"Lower your voices and settle down"**

Conditional Directive: **"When you raise your hand then I will come to help you" or ".....I will answer your question"** during activity phase.



Brief Tactical Points

You initiate and sustain whole class attention by **DELIBERATIVELY SCANNING** all THE **FACES** of children in the room. This is **CUE** for whole class attention. Your voice and manner are important for commanding attention.

When disruptions occur in class while you are speaking.....

As **calmly and slowly** as possible, say **"A number of you are still chatting"**. This is called *DESCRIPTIVE CUE* to inform those students.

Then say **"Face this way and listen"** *DIRECTIVE CUE*. Then to raise Behaviour Awareness, look at offending students and then avert gaze back to the whole group.

(some students interrupting or not putting up their hand before speaking) You say, **"Some of you are still calling out"**

If occurring whilst you present your lesson, you say, **"I will be answering some questions later"**

Then say, **"For the time being you need to be looking this way and settling down, thanks"**



Correcting a student

Be calm and assertive. Use positive language **"Do this....!"** Avoid using **"Don't do....!"**

If a teacher is being verbally attacked, it is right to say, "Do not say things like that to me as I do not say things like that to you." Assert the standard of mutual respect and refer to fairness in the class rules.

Begin correction in least intrusive (to the class) way. Move to more intrusive only if necessary.

Deal with the issue with brief *Descriptive Cue* followed by *Directive cue*, focussing on the bad behaviour, e.g. **"Playing with your pencil case is disrupting the class"** - **"Leave it alone and settle down"**

DO NOT USE 'PLEASE' It is not a request. It is direction. You are directing, not pleading.

Avoid confrontation. Tactically ignore secondary behaviour e.g. pouting, sulking, loud sighing, mumbling, noisily placing object on desk. Resume lesson.

Do not make remarks about a student's character. Use verbal and non-verbal cues.



Young children: use verbal and non-verbal cues. Using your hands to invite them to look at you, say
"Eyes and ears this way,"

Maintain balance of encouragement and correction.

Inspecting student's work: **DON'T say "awesome", "excellent", "fantastic"**. Give gentle encouragement, e.g. "well done" or "good work" or "good remembering". This keeps praise proportional and 'real'. The creation of the universe is an awesome work: colouring inside the lines is good work!

Avoid using the concept of reward – this can be conceived as bargaining by students

If a student comes to class with a cuddly toy or other 'comfort' object, don't remove it because you don't know if there are changed circumstances in child's life. Give a Descriptive Cue, 'Playing with your toy is disrupting the class' – 'Leave your toy alone or put it on the teacher's desk'.

Other positive descriptive cues:

"Hands up, thanks."

"Facing this way and listening."

"What's our rule for...?"

"How can I help?"

"What do you need to be doing now?"



Our gratitude to Yvonne and Jenny from Denistone Parish for sharing their time and feedback on the Dr Bill Rogers Conference. Submitted by Louise Brady, Parish SRE Coordinator.

Calling all Life Members & Parish Catechist Co-ordinators to a

Thank You Luncheon

Friday 6th December 2019

We invite our new and existing Life Members, family, friends, clergy and their Catechist teams along with ALL our wonderful Parish Catechist Co-ordinators to a Luncheon (12noon-2pm). CCD will send our Life Members and Co-ordinators a formal invitation to provide further details. **Thank you!**

NOTE to Parish SRE Coordinators and delegate School Coordinators

Early in Term 4 is the right time to discuss SRE arrangements for 2020 as NSW Public Schools look towards the next school year.

NEW ENROLMENT PROCESS

There are concerns surrounding the streamlining of the SRE "Scripture" and SEE "Ethics" enrolment process that, on the whole, is a welcomed development.

Of note:

- school enrolment forms must now include an SRE-SEE Participation Letter that lists what SRE-SEE options are locally available

NB: this new Participation Letter is for newly enrolling students only.

Returning students simply continue in whatever Scripture option their parents chose upon first enrolling them in the school unless the parent/carer has since requested a change of option in writing to the school.

- the enrolment process for new student enrolments cannot be completed until SRE-SEE Participation Letters have been returned to the school office.

We recommend that Parish SRE Coordinators continue to follow the SRE Procedures by meeting with your School SRE Coordinator/s early in Term 4, as per SRE Procedures Section 3.4, to discuss:

- 1) student numbers for the following year based upon the current numbers and predicted new enrolments
- 2) confirmation of sufficient SRE teachers (Catechists) for Catholic SRE
- 3) a list of student names and learning needs to be provided to SRE teachers
- 4) the Term 1 SRE commencement date
- 5) school site and rules induction for new SRE teachers
- 6) the new enrolment process, i.e.

a) confirm that the school is providing the SRE-SEE Preference Letter at enrolment time, as per the Implementation Flowchart referred to in the SRE Procedures Section 3.1 (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics/advice-for-schools>), and

b) that SRE students "are to continue in the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change" (DoE SRE Procedures 3.1).

This new enrolment process is designed to avoid unnecessary school administrative work – a key aim of the past and present Minister for Education given workload concerns for school principals and staff.

Why Do Catholic and Orthodox Christians Make the Sign of the Cross?

The Sign of the Cross is probably the most often used prayer of Christians and most likely the first prayer we learned as children. Despite its simplicity, the Sign of the Cross is an ancient prayer rich in meaning. References to it appear in writings dating back to 240 AD, and it is believed that it was in use during the earliest days of Christianity.

Initially the Sign of the Cross was made with thumb, usually on the forehead but sometimes on the lips and chest. This small Sign of the Cross was in common use by the end of the 4th Century and is still used today at every Mass, with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. It also is used for marking the forehead with ashes on Ash Wednesday.

By the 6th Century, people were using the first two fingers, held together to make a large Sign of the Cross, touching the forehead, chest, and shoulders. The two fingers symbolized the divine and human natures of Christ.

The use of three fingers became popular in the 9th Century. The thumb and first two fingers were held outstretched together to symbolize the Trinity, while the remaining two fingers were bent to signify Christ's two natures (divine and human). This form of the large Sign of the Cross is still used in Eastern (Orthodox) Christian churches, where the right shoulder is touched before the left. By the end of the Middle Ages, the Western (Latin) Christian Church had adopted the practice of making the large Sign of the Cross with an open hand and touching the left shoulder before the right. This is the form that Latin/Roman Catholics continue to use today.

The Sign of the Cross is primarily a blessing. We use it to call God's blessing upon us. We also use it, in both large and small versions, to bless others or things, such as a rosary. When used in this way, the large Sign of the Cross is made in the air. Laypersons as well as clergy can use it to bless others. Parents, for example, may use the Sign of the Cross to bless their children.

When we make the Sign of the Cross upon ourselves, we are also expressing our belief in God who is revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: the Trinity – One God (One Divine Nature) who is three Divine Persons.

Through the Sign of the Cross, we remind ourselves of



God's love for us: our loving Heavenly Father, the font and source of all life, who sent the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit to be born of Mary to be named "Yeshua" (Jesus) "God's salvation"; we remind ourselves of the sacrifice the Son, Jesus, made to give us eternal life, and of the presence of the Holy Spirit who is the Love of God.

The Sign of the Cross also gives us a way to express our belief in Jesus' death and our hope in his resurrection. We embrace the cross of Jesus and express our willingness to take up our own cross, all the while bursting with joyful hope in his resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit who is with us.

The routine at Mass of making the small Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and chest before the reading of the Gospel also has meaning. In doing this, we acknowledge our belief in the Word of God, our commitment to spread God's Word in our daily lives, and our awareness of God's presence in our hearts.

So while making the Sign of the Cross may sometimes seem like a routine action, it is not. It marks us as Christians and is a visible expression of our belief and hope in God.

Most of the above is taken from the May/June 2003 issue of the Oblates magazine by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Words with meaning

Looking closer at The Sign of the Cross and The Hail Mary prayers; there are ways to give age-appropriate explanations to use in your class for Year 3 and 4 students to help them to understand and relate what we pray to their everyday lives, for example:

The Sign of the Cross



In the name of the **Father**



and of the **Son**



and of the **Holy**



Spirit. Amen.

As I touch my forehead I remember to thank God for the things I can see and hear / know and love.

In the name of the Father,

As I touch my heart I remember to ask God to bless the people I love.

and of the Son,

As I touch my left and right shoulders I remember to ask God to bless all people who need someone to care for them.

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hail Mary



God chose Mary to be the mother of his son, Jesus. He sent his messenger to tell her, and the angel said:

Hail Mary,

The angel told Mary that God loved her very much. She was:

full of grace,

God was always with Mary. The angel told her:

the Lord is with thee.

Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth who knew Mary was a very special person and so she said:

Blessed art thou among women

Elizabeth knew Mary was going to be the mother of Jesus and so she said:

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

We ask Mary to pray for us because she is alive with God and the mother of Jesus, who is God.

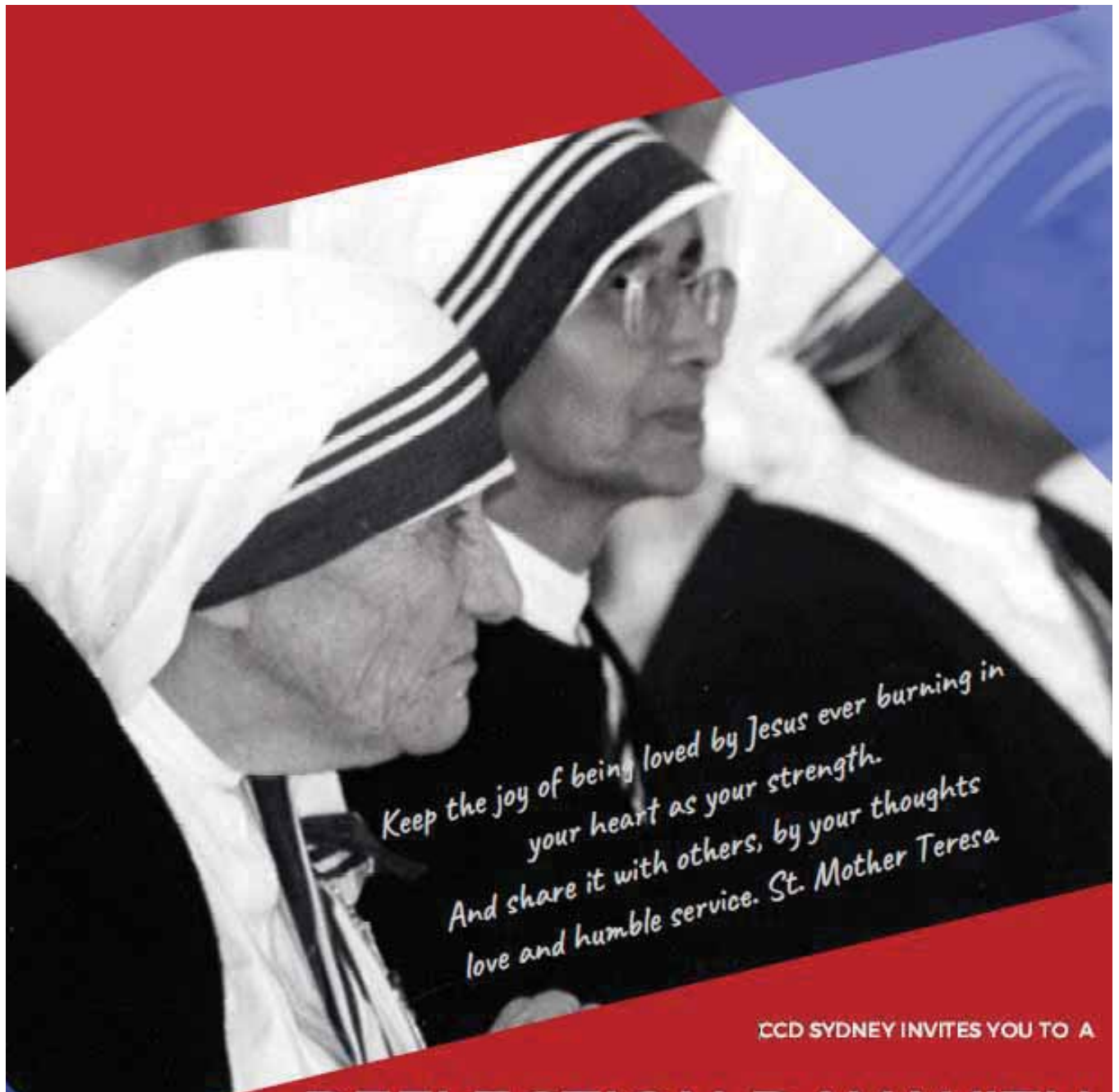
So we ask:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Mary is our heavenly mother. She listens to us now and in every moment of our lives and will listen to us in the last moments of our lives. So we say:

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



*Keep the joy of being loved by Jesus ever burning in
your heart as your strength.
And share it with others, by your thoughts
love and humble service. St. Mother Teresa*

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Sea of Galilee (3) • Caesarea Philippi • Cana • Mt Carmel •
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Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Judean Desert

MEAL CODES:

(B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

DAY 1: SAT 16TH MAY 2020 – DEPART FOR JORDAN

DAY 2: SUN 17TH MAY – ARRIVE AMMAN - MT NEBO - DEAD SEA

Theme: Glimpsing the Promised Land

Arrive today into Jordan's capital Amman. Travel west by coach to ascend Biblical Mt Nebo for a spectacular opening Mass. Here, at the site where the Old Testament opened its door to the land of the New, Moses looked over into the Promised Land and blessed Joshua who was to lead the Israelites under God's protection (Joshua 1:6-9). Also see the stunning collection of Byzantine mosaics preserved within the shrine.

His Holiness Benedict XVI, on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2009, said this while here on Mt Nebo: *"Here, on the heights of Mount Nebo, the memory of Moses invites us to 'lift up our eyes' to embrace with gratitude not only God's mighty works in the past, but also to look with faith and hope to the future which he holds out to us and to our world."* We too can seize this opportunity to thank God for our journey as we anticipate the blessings to come in the days that follow.

We continue to our hotel on the shores of the **Dead Sea**. Here we will unwind and take the ideal opportunity to float in the salty waters said to have healing qualities.

Dead Sea overnight (D)

DAY 3: MON 18TH MAY – DEAD SEA TO BETHLEHEM

We make a visit to **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**, one of the most recent archaeological and religious discoveries. The five springs here form a tributary of the Jordan River, believed to be the **Baptismal site of Jesus** by John the Baptist.

We then cross the border into the Holy Land of Israel known as the land of the "fifth Gospel". Continue to **Bethlehem**, the City of David.

Bethlehem overnight (BD)

DAY 4: TUE 19TH MAY – BETHLEHEM

Theme: The Birth of Jesus

We firstly travel out to **Ein Karem**, the birthplace of St John the Baptist and **Church of the Visitation** of Mary to Elizabeth "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" (Lk 1:43). Pilgrims may choose to pray a mystery of the Rosary here as we walk up to this church dedicated to 'The Magnificat' – 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord' (Lk 1:46). From here we come to the **Church of St John the Baptist**, built over a natural grotto

identified as the saint's actual birthplace.

Continue to **Shepherd's Field** to celebrate Mass in a local cave to commemorate the appearance of the angels to the shepherds on that first Christmas night (Lk 2:8–16).

Our day will culminate at the **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest complete church in the Christian world (6th century) and birthplace of Jesus. Bow low and enter the grotto through the Door of Humility as we descend to the **Holy Manger** where a silver star in the floor marks the actual spot where Jesus was born. The star's inscription reads in Latin: *Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus Est* (Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born).

We will then visit the **Milk Grotto**, under the custody of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The legend recalls how Mary spilt some milk while breast feeding baby Jesus in the cave and this is the reason for the "white" stone of the cave. Tradition also tells us that this site is the burial place of the innocent victims killed by Herod the Great after the birth of Jesus.

Bethlehem overnight (BD)

DAY 5: WED 20TH MAY – VIA NAZARETH TO GALILEE

Theme: The Formative Years of Jesus

We depart Bethlehem and journey north to **Nazareth**, the town of Jesus' childhood. Explore nearby **Nazareth Village**, an authentic non-profit re-creation of the village life of Nazareth as in the days of Jesus. Here we will take a parable-rich walk back in time along the path which brings to life the environment and atmosphere which shaped Jesus' early years and ministry. Complete our memorable visit with a fascinating **first-century meal** in a stone-dining area typical of the days of Christ.

Back in Nazareth township we enter inside the **Basilica of the Annunciation** where a traditional cave becomes the focal point as we ponder Mary's response *"Let it be done to me according to thy word"* (Luke 1:38). After celebrating Mass, we will visit the nearby **Church of St Joseph**.

Travel on to our hotel on the shores of **Lake Galilee** ... *"Go to Galilee and you will find him there"* (Mt 28:7).

Sea of Galilee overnight (BLD)

DAY 6: THU 21ST MAY – CAESAREA PHILIPPI, CANA & MT TABOR

Theme: The Transfiguration

Travel north this morning to **Caesarea Philippi** near the base of **Mt Hermon**, where the springs of Banias form the source of the Jordan River. In

this tranquil place Jesus spent some quiet time with his disciples and later commissioned Peter *"And I tell you, you are Peter and on this Rock I will build my church"* (Mt 16:13).

We then come to the village of **Cana** where Jesus, at the request of His Mother, performed his first miracle transforming the water into wine at the wedding feast (Jn 2:1-11). Here, married couples may take the opportunity to renew their wedding vows, and single and widowed pilgrims will receive a special blessing.

Proceed to the foot of **Mt Tabor** before ascending by taxis up the narrow winding road leading to the majestic summit. Here Our Lord's divinity shone forth in the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-2). After Mass in this breathtaking setting we will better understand Peter's words *'Lord it is good for us to be here'*.

We then return to our hotel before dinner.

Sea of Galilee overnight (BD)

DAY 7: FRI 22ND MAY – SEA OF GALILEE

Theme: The Public Ministry of Jesus

Our spectacular day of pilgrimage begins at **Capernaum**, the once fishing village of the first apostles Peter, Andrew, James & John which also became the home town of Jesus and the scene of many of his miracles. Here he worshipped and taught in the synagogue where he promised the Eucharist by saying: *'I am the bread of life ... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you'* (John 6:48-53).

Continue to Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, within which is preserved the 1st century **'Jesus boat'** painstakingly raised and restored from the muddy lakebed in 1986.

Set off from here on a traditional sailing vessel for a spectacular Harvest highlight – a private Mass floating in the centre of **Lake Galilee**. Here we will recall the miracles of Jesus calming the storm and appearing to the apostles walking on this very water.

Continue back to the shore to enjoy a traditional **'St Peter's fish'** lunch to commemorate our Galilee experience.

By the shores of the lake we come to **Tabgha** - site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mt 14:20), and Church of Primacy of Peter. Here Jesus challenged Peter and each one of us *'Do you really love me, feed my sheep'*.

Sea of Galilee overnight (BLD)

DAY 8: SAT 23RD MAY – VIA MT CARMEL & CAESAREA MARITIMA TO JERUSALEM

Theme: The Beatitudes

Ascend the **Mount of Beatitudes** for Mass as



Garden of Gethsemane



Lake Galilee

we take time in this special place to ponder Jesus' message of happiness – the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-12). Surrounded by prayerful gardens overlooking the north western shore of Lake Galilee, the eight sides of the church represent the eight beatitudes given by Jesus.

We then farewell Lake Galilee as we travel west to the Stella Maris Monastery at **Mount Carmel**. In the lower cave, Elijah was said to have meditated on his victory over the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:1-40).

Journey south to the crusader port of **Caesarea Maritima**, built by Herod the Great. The centurion Cornelius was baptized here by Peter, becoming the first gentile convert to Christianity (Acts 10). Also see the harbour from which St Paul was taken to Rome.

Finally, we journey on and up to **Jerusalem** – the City of our God.

Jerusalem overnight (BD)

DAY 9: SUN 24TH MAY – JERUSALEM

Theme: The Agony in the Garden

Begin our Jerusalem pilgrimage as we proceed up to the **Mt of Olives** to visit the '**Pater Noster Church**' where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:7-15). Enjoy a panoramic view and photographic opportunity over the city. View also the **Ascension Dome** believed to mark the place where Our Lord ascended into heaven. The small round building contains a stone imprinted with what is said to be the footprint of Jesus.

Walk down the Palm Sunday Road as pilgrims to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where we will enter the **Church of the Agony** containing the rock upon which Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. Here we will celebrate our group Mass. Prepare then for a memorable pilgrim highlight as we move to the **private garden** for a secluded time of prayer and reflection surrounded by ancient olive trees.

Visit the **Israel Museum** for a fascinating outdoor orientation viewing of the **Second Temple Scale Model of Jerusalem** as it was in the time of Jesus. In the adjacent **Shrine of the Book Museum** we view the Dead Sea Scrolls with our own eyes.

Jerusalem overnight (BD)

DAY 10: MON 25TH MAY – JERUSALEM

Theme: The Passion of Jesus

Today we come to Mt Zion to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and into the **Church of St Peter in Gallicantu** commemorating Peter's triple denial of Jesus. On its roof rises a golden rooster atop a black cross recalling Christ's

prophecy that Peter would deny him three times 'before the cock crows'.

Enter the **Cenacle room of the Last Supper** (Upper Room) where we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the later descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After Mass and time here to sit and reflect we will continue to the **Church of the Dormition** identified as the place where the Virgin Mary died or 'fell asleep' as the name suggests.

Return to the Mount of Olives to visit the **Dominus Flevit Church**, built on the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Lk 19:41-44).

Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Jerusalem overnight (BD)

DAY 11: TUE 26TH MAY – JERUSALEM

Theme: The Death & Resurrection of Jesus

Arise very early this morning as we return to the Old City of Jerusalem to commence our **Stations of the Cross**, beginning from the **Antonia Fortress** where Jesus was condemned to death. We pray and follow in Our Lord's footsteps along the actual **Via Dolorosa** to culminate at the site of **Calvary** where we will celebrate Mass here in the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Walk the stairway climbing to the actual site where the Cross of Jesus once stood. The glass panels reveal the natural rock below which we may come to touch with our pilgrim hands. Also enter the **Tomb of Christ**, the site believed to be where Our Lord lay buried for three days before rising from the dead.

After breakfast back at our hotel we re-enter the Old City precinct to the **Church of St Anne**, said to be built over the birthplace of the Virgin Mary. Continue to the adjacent **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralysed man (Jn 5:2-9). See the **Lithostrotos (pavement)** in the Ecce Homo convent and the **Flagellation and Condemnation Chapels** which so vividly commemorate the last hours of Jesus' life. We then come to the vicinity of the **Temple Mount** to view the **Dome of the Rock**, **El Aqsa Mosque** and the **Western Wall** (once known as the Wailing Wall).

Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

After dinner we will gather for a Group Reflection, reflecting upon the past special days of pilgrimage.

Jerusalem overnight (BD)

DAY 12: WED 27TH MAY – DEPART HOLY LAND

We farewell Jerusalem this morning as we are transferred back to Amman airport for our flight connections home. (B).

DAY 13: THU 28TH MAY – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

ROME EXTENSION 5-NIGHT POST TOUR OPTION

DAY 12: WED 27TH MAY – FLY TO ITALY

We farewell Jerusalem this morning as we are transferred to Tel Aviv airport for our flight connections to Italy. On arrival at **Rome** airport we will be met and transferred to our centrally located accommodation.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 13: THU 28TH MAY – ROME PILGRIMAGE - THE MAJOR BASILICAS

Celebrate this morning a spectacular Mass at **St Peter's Basilica** before coming to the nearby **Vatican Museums**. Wander the spectacular chambers leading to the **Sistine Chapel** to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring **St Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning **Pieta**, the **tomb of Pope St John Paul II**, the great **Confessional** and the **Crypt** containing the tombs of several Popes.

In the afternoon, visit the impressive **St Mary Major Basilica**. Onwards to the **Basilica of St John in Lateran** (First Papal residence) and the adjacent **Holy Stairs** brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Visit also the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 14: FRI 29TH MAY – ROME PILGRIMAGE

We begin our day at the **Church of the Gesu** for Mass, frequented by our own St Mary of the Cross during her time in Rome. This Church remains the Mother Church of the Jesuit Order (1568) and it is here where **St Ignatius of Loyola** lies in repose. Adjacent to the church we will visit the **Ignatian Rooms**. Visit the **Church of St Ignatius** with its amazing ceiling painted to look like a dome.

We then enter the **Chiesa Nuova** on the Corso Vittorio Emanuele which houses the body of **St Philip Neri**. Here we can seek his powerful intercession at the conclusion of our pilgrimage.

In the afternoon we make a special visit to the **Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith**, **Congregation for the Causes of Saints** and the **Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments**, where we will meet with either the Prefect or a staff member and have a brief presentation on what their congregation does



and have a short time of Q & A's. (Subject to availability and confirmation.)

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 15: SAT 30TH MAY – ROME PILGRIMAGE - SAINTS & MARTYRS

This morning we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the **Colosseum**. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the **Circus Maximus** and the **Roman Forum** en route.

Journey this afternoon out to the majestic **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. We will celebrate a wonderful Mass here as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist.

Continue then to the ancient **Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. Return to our hotel for some free time before dinner.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 16: SUN 31ST MAY – ROME PILGRIMAGE (FEAST OF PENTECOST)

Papal Events (Subject to the Pope's presence in Rome)

We will proceed to St Peter's Square where the Holy Father is expected to celebrate **Holy Mass for the Feast of Pentecost**. He will then pray the Regina Coeli in celebration with pilgrims from around the world.

Some free time will be afforded this afternoon to discover the sights of Rome. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Marvel at the Pantheon; toss a coin into the Trevi fountain.

This evening we will set out early to the lively **Trastevere** district and visit the lovely **Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere**. Stroll on to enjoy a wonderful Italian evening of food and traditional at a traditional Italian restaurant as a fitting celebration on the birthday of the Church and our final night of pilgrimage!

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 17: MON 1ST JUNE – DEPART ITALY

OR Continue with Oberammergau extension. (B)

DAY 18: TUE 2ND JUNE – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

OBERAMMERGAU POST TOUR OPTION

DAY 17: MON 1ST JUNE – FLY ITALY TO MUNICH

We farewell the Rome today as we fly to Germany. Upon arrival our coach takes us south to the vicinity of the village of **Oberammergau**, home to the world-renowned **Passion Play**.

*Every ten years affords pilgrims the great privilege of witnessing the world-renowned Passion Play of Oberammergau. For over 300 years this picturesque village in the Bavarian Alps has re-enacted the **passion of Jesus**, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.*

Oberammergau overnight (BD)

DAY 18: TUE 2ND JUNE – OBERAMMERGAU - THE PASSION PLAY

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. During the Thirty Years' War, after much suffering and also many deaths caused by the plague, the surviving population of Oberammergau vowed that they would perform the "play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared from extinction. At Whitsun in 1634 they kept their promise for the first time. As early as the middle of the 18th Century spectators came to Oberammergau from all parts of Germany, attracted by the great power and mystique of the play. In 2020 the village will perform the play for the 42nd time, maintaining the continuity of this unique world-famous event.

Over 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the ears and eyes of the audience in a five-hour presentation on the imposing open-air stage. Almost half of the inhabitants of Oberammergau enact with great devotion the story of Jesus, whose message gives billions of people hope and strength. The play covers the period of Jesus entering Jerusalem and continues up to his death on the Cross and his resurrection. Today is the highlight of our pilgrimage when we attend the **Passion Play**.

Oberammergau overnight (BD)

DAY 19: WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE – DEPART GERMANY (B)

DAY 20: THURSDAY 4TH JUNE – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

PRICING TABLE

TOUR CODE	PV3120
DATES	Sat 16 May - Thu 28 May
AIR & TOUR	\$6,490* Twin Share per person
SINGLE ROOM	\$1,690 Supplement
TIPPING	\$220 per person

* Prices are based on a minimum group size of 40 paying pilgrims, calculated as at June 2019. Prices remain subject to possible changes in the unlikely event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare increases or minimum group size contingencies.

ROME EXTENSION (5 NIGHTS)

DATES	Wed 27 May - Mon 1 Jun
AIR & TOUR	\$2,590* Twin Share per person
SINGLE ROOM	\$1,090 Supplement
TIPPING	\$90 per person

* Prices are based on a minimum group size of 30 paying pilgrims, calculated as at June 2019

ROME & OBERAMMERGAU (7 NIGHTS)

DATES	Wed 27 May - Thu 4 Jun
AIR & TOUR	\$4,590* Twin Share per person
SINGLE ROOM	price upon application
TIPPING	\$135 per person

* Prices are based on a minimum group size of 30 paying pilgrims, calculated as at June 2019

INCLUSIONS

AIRFARES: International return Economy Class airfare from Sydney • Flight(s) Tel Aviv to Rome and Rome to Munich for extensions (N.B. Airlines taxes are included on standard itinerary and subject to fluctuations).

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Moderate standard hotel and religious house accommodation with breakfast and dinner daily • 2 lunches in the Holy Land.

MISCELLANEOUS INCLUSIONS: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Pilgrimage Escort / Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees • Fully Escorted by Pilgrimage Chaplain • Porterage at hotels • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrims Journal and Tour Wallet.

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EASTERN AREA City & Eastern Deaneries

Serving Our Lord in the catechist Apostolate is a response to our Baptismal calling and the Lord will reward each accordingly, however it would be remiss of me to not mention some of the milestones in the Eastern Area for 2019 as awarded at the Annual Catechist Mass on Sunday 29 September.

Whether it is 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 or more years of service, every milestone should be celebrated and a tremendous thank you is extended to the following recipients: our new Life Members for 30 years of service, Catherine Duggan from Edgecliff and Lee Leo from Malabar; for 25 years of service, the Cardinal Freeman Medal is awarded to Therese Chaina from Marrickville Parish; the Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing for 20 years of service to Rose Bonifacio from Malabar, Jillian Christie from Neutral Bay, Shun Beatrice Hai from Haymarket, Kathy Liew from Maroubra, Laudie Nakhl from Marrickville, Helen Torok from Edgecliff and Sandra Truong from

Waterloo.

Training and development is always encouraged and necessary in our changing world, I would like to congratulate our newest catechist volunteers, John Ernest Lee from Malabar and Sr. Qiuying Yu from Annandale, in completing the Archdiocesan Accreditation for the successful completion of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 training. Well done to you all and we hope and pray for your work as you have and continue to inspire those around you.

The Eastern Area catechist Mass was held at Holy Family, Maroubra, during the July School Holidays. Thank you to Christine Jennifer Mah, Coordinator, and her team for hosting a successful event. To Father John Hayes, Parish Priest, many thanks for offering the Mass on behalf of the catechists of the area. We were also blessed to have Father Laurie Cauchi from Malabar, Fr Dominic Samamba from Marrickville, Father Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, and Father Phil Hicks from Coogee.



Robert

Thank you to all who brought food and for your presence. Great to be in the midst of wonderful and inspiring people.

I am looking for a Parish to host the Eastern Area Mass for 2020, if you are interested, please contact me on the details below.

Wishing you a most joyous, blessed and peaceful Christmas. May the birth of Our Saviour bring gentleness and love to every situation.

God be with you.

Robert Milan

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2020 CCD JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

An invitation from FR MICHAEL MCLEAN, pilgrimage leader Episcopal Vicar for Education (Schools) Former Kinder-Year 12 Scripture SRE student

Pilgrimage - the Journey of Life

I have been a priest for over thirty-seven years and since I was ordained, I used to say, "Next year Jerusalem!" I had always wanted to go to the Holy Land - to the places where Jesus taught and lived, where he suffered and died and where he Rose to new life. Eventually I had the opportunity to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and had the wonderful opportunity to pray and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. When we reached the Dome of the Rock, the place where these momentous things happened, the guide said to me, "Do you want to say something, Father?" and, for the first time in thirty-seven years, I was struck dumb (or dumber than usual) and was speechless! To be there!! To experience the Garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee - scriptures come alive and you will never be the same again. You are invited to 'come and see' and experience the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Next year Jerusalem!



SOUTHERN AREA St George & Sutherland Deaneries

Denise Humphreys and Josie D'acchio
- Southern Area Faith Education Officers



Denise



Josie

Term 3 has been very busy. We have endeavoured to get around and meet new catechists and visit schools. The experience has been worthwhile seeing new and experienced catechists at work. Thank you to all who have welcomed us into their classrooms. These visits have provided the perfect opportunity to give support, advice, provide constructive feedback, and to also learn from each other. An example of this is from Michelle Marshall, who teaches Year 5 and Year 6. She has shown her students the Lord's Prayer using sign language. What a beautiful example of learning from an experienced catechist in action. A comment received from Sandra, a catechist after visiting her in the classroom, stated, "...I am so glad you have given me some ideas and tips to use in future lessons. You have been very helpful and I really appreciate it." We look forward to deepening these

working relationships and helping each other to develop further skills. Please contact us if assistance is required with in-servicing parishes on any relevant topic to help in the classroom. We are happy to attend parish meetings and visit catechists in the classroom.

It was rewarding to visit some of the Year 5 and Year 6 classes who participated in the Archdiocesan Christmas Story Art Competition. The true meaning of Christmas was certainly displayed in the amazing artworks and reflections. A big thank you to the catechists and to all who helped facilitate this creative and reflective process.

The Annual Catechist Mass is always a highlight of the year. Congratulations to the catechists in the Southern Area who received awards for their years of service, the high school student catechists, and

our newly commissioned catechists. Thank you to everyone who assisted in hosting the Annual Catechist Mass. The Deacon, Acolyte, choir, readers, ushers and afternoon tea servers all came from parishes in the south.

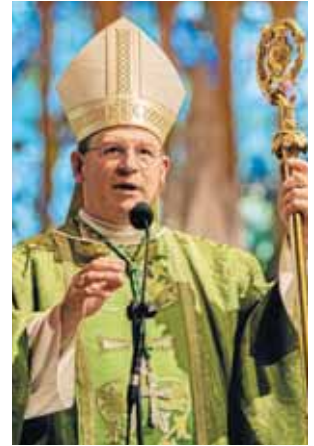
As we near the end of another year, we would like to thank our wonderful coordinators and catechists for their generous commitment and devotion to sharing our Faith with the Catholic students in public schools. We ask you to please check when SRE classes finish at your school to allow time for you to tell the Christmas story. Your SRE class may be the only place some students will hear the true meaning of Christmas.

Wishing you and your families the best for the Festive Season and we look forward to continuing together in 2020.



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Congratulations to our 2019 Awardees



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your regional CCD Faith
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WESTERN AREA South-West & Western Deaneries

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

- Psalm 103

'Gratitude' was the theme of our second 'Faith Time' held at Crossroads Hotel in September 2019. Let us always live with a heart of thanksgiving for every gift He bestows.

Faith time is a new CCD initiative to receive quality faith formation talks, to share, to pray and be inspired. A big thank you to all those who assisted and attended the morning. Future Faith Time dates will be advertised through our CCD

Newsletter.

The Level 3 Accreditation Course will be held in Term 4 on Fridays at St Gertrude's Parish Hall, Smithfield. Please note that RSVP's are essential for courses. By contacting our CCD offices via phone or email, it ensures correct room setup, catering numbers, course supplies etc. (See pages 21-22 for course dates).

Congratulations to all 17 Western Area catechists receiving their 20, 25, and 30 year service awards at this year's Annual Mass. A special thank you to Carmen Caruana from Mt Pritchard parish for her extraordinary 40 years of service. May the Lord bless each catechist for their generosity.



Teresa

As the year comes to a close and with Christmas approaching, may our hearts become like Mary's - ready and docile to the Holy Spirit, open to every good gift that comes from the Father's hands.

Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas,

Teresa Culjak

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Top left: Sr Cecilia giving talk. Top middle: Faith time organisers, Teresa, Giovanna, Rose and Pina. Top right: Sr Cecilia and Giovanna
Bottom left: Myrna with Parish candles at Central Area Mass. Bottom right: Catechists at Northern Area Mass.

CENTRAL-NORTHERN AREA

Central, Concord & Northern Deaneries



Suzanne



Anita



Dear Catechists,

Another term has quickly flown by and we find ourselves almost at the end of the year.

Last term was a busy one in the Northern and Central areas. Beautiful area Masses were celebrated at St Josephs' Belmore, where we celebrated their 100 year anniversary and at Sacred Heart, Mosman. Each of the Masses was followed by a delicious lunch. We thank the priests and catechists of each of these parishes for their hospitality and hard work.

On 3rd August, we both attended the ordination of seven new priests. We would like to congratulate all of these young men who have given their lives to the service of God. Many of them have been catechists during their formation years. We are especially blessed to have

Rev Ronnie Maree staying on to serve at St Felix Bankstown (Central) and Rev Joseph Murphy goes to All Saints Liverpool.

During the term, Anita spoke at three successful recruitment Masses were held at Ryde, Nth Ryde and Strathfield. New volunteers were inspired to join catechist teams at each of these Parishes. We pray to our Lord that many others will be inspired to join this rewarding ministry.

On the 19th August, we were joined by catechists of both regions for a seminar conducted by Bill Rogers, "the guru" of classroom management. This was an engaging and enlightening day. Bill provided us with many techniques for dealing with variety of situations that may arise in our classrooms. Bill said that he was inspired by catechists who work in

classrooms as volunteers. On meeting Merry Foster from the Ryde Parish, he said he was in awe of her 52 years of service.

Finally, we would like to Congratulate Judith Orrock from Meadowbank parish who was awarded the Dempsey medal for her services as a catechist. Judith started as a catechist in 2003 and is the current coordinator. Please be aware that you can ask your Parish Priest to nominate parishioners for the Dempsey Award. We also enjoyed celebrating David Kelson-Mickelburgh's birthday at his parish's Catechist meeting.

As this will be our last article for the year, we would like to thank you for your dedication and support. May you and your families experience the joy of the coming Christmas season. We look forward to working with you all again next year.



Top left: Central Area Mass group
Top right: David's birthday at Punchbowl Catechist meeting
Above: Dempsey Medal awardee Judith Orrock

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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
*** Level 1.3 must be
completed before
teaching class.*

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



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TERM 4 - 2019 & TERM 1 - 2020

LEVEL 1 - SRE INDUCTION TRAINING

1.1 - SAFEGUARDING & ROLE OF THE SRE CATECHIST	
Wednesday 16 October 2019	City, Polding Centre
Monday 2 December 2019	City, Polding Centre
Wednesday 5 February 2020	Brighton Le Sands
Friday 7 February 2020	Campsie
Monday 10 February 2020	Smithfield
Monday 10 February 2020 (6.30pm-9.30pm)	Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 11 February 2020	City, Polding Centre
Saturday 7 March 2020	Miranda
1.2 - USING THE AUTHORISED CURRICULUM	
Wednesday 23 October 2019	City, Polding Centre
Monday 9 December 2019	City, Polding Centre
Wednesday 12 February 2020	Brighton Le Sands
Friday 14 February 2020	Campsie
Monday 17 February 2020	Smithfield
Monday 17 February 2020 (6.30pm-9.30pm)	Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 18 February 2020	City, Polding Centre
Saturday 14 March 2020	Miranda
1.3 - CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	
Wednesday 30 October 2019	City, Polding Centre
Monday 16 December 2019	City, Polding Centre
Wednesday 19 February 2020	Brighton Le Sands
Friday 21 February 2020	Campsie
Monday 24 February 2020	Smithfield
Tuesday 25 February 2020	City, Polding Centre
Saturday 21 March 2020	Miranda
1.4 - THE BIBLE	
Wednesday 6 November 2019	City, Polding Centre
Wednesday 4 March 2020	Brighton Le Sands
Friday 28 February 2020	Campsie
Monday 2 March 2020	Smithfield
Tuesday 3 March 2020	City, Polding Centre
Saturday 28 March 2020	Miranda
1.5 - CLASSROOM SKILLS AND RESOURCES	
Wednesday 13 November 2019	City, Polding Centre
Friday 6 March 2020	Campsie
Monday 9 March 2020	Smithfield
Tuesday 10 March 2020	City, Polding Centre
Wednesday 11 March 2020	Brighton-Le-Sands
Saturday 4 April 2020	Miranda

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

2.1 - HOW CHILDREN LEARN / THE OLD TESTAMENT	
Monday 21 October 2019	Campsie
Tuesday 3 March 2020	Miranda
Monday 16 March 2020	Ryde
2.2 - THE STAGE 1 CHILD / THE NEW TESTAMENT	
Monday 28 October 2019	Campsie
Tuesday 10 March 2020	Miranda
Monday 23 March 2020	Ryde
2.3 - THE STAGE 2 CHILD / THE STORY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY	
Monday 4 November 2019	Campsie
Tuesday 17 March 2020	Miranda
Monday 30 March 2020	Ryde
2.4 - THE STAGE 3 CHILD - THE STORY OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY	
Monday 11 November 2019	Campsie
Tuesday 24 March 2020	Miranda
Monday 6 April 2020	Ryde
2.5 - MORAL DEVELOPMENT / THE SACRAMENTS	
Monday 18 November 2019	Campsie
Tuesday 31 March 2020	Miranda
Monday 13 April 2020	Ryde

LEVEL 3 - HOLY SPIRIT GATHERING A PEOPLE FOR GOD

3.1 - PENTECOST TO THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA	
Friday 18 October 2019	Smithfield
Monday 28 October 2019	Miranda
3.2 - CHARLEMAGNE TO THE CRUSADES, EASTERN CHURCH AND WESTERN CHURCH; THE LITURGICAL YEAR	
Friday 25 October 2019	Smithfield
Monday 4 November 2019	Miranda
3.3 - THE INQUISITION TO THE REFORMATION; HOLINESS AND SAINTHOOD	
Friday 1 November 2019	Smithfield
Monday 11 November 2019	Miranda
3.4 - FROM EUROPE TO THE 'ENDS OF THE EARTH' - THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA	
Friday 8 November 2019	Smithfield
Monday 18 November 2019	Miranda
3.5 - VATICAN II; THE HUMAN PERSON; CHRISTIAN ETHICS	
Friday 15 November 2019	Smithfield
Monday 25 November 2019	Miranda

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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Courses run from 9.45am - 2.15pm unless otherwise noted or advised. 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
Earlwood	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 280 Homer St, Earlwood
Miranda	CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
Moorebank	St Joseph's, 231 Newbridge Rd, Moorebank
Smithfield	St Benedict's, Montefano Hall, cnr Neville & Justin St, Smithfield

CCD CALENDAR

Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
Monday 14 October	Catechist Gathering 10.00am - 2.00pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 2 Weston St, Fairfield. *If needed, additional parking is available at Fairfield RSL (Across road from the Church)
Friday 22 November	Catechist Retreat - See page 10
Friday 6 December	Life Members & Co-ordinators Function, 12.00pm - 2.30pm (Venue TBA)
Friday 20 December	End of Term 4
Monday 23 December - Friday 3 February 2020	School Holidays



**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year**

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From left: Atef, Priscilla and Rachael helping Catechists after the Annual Mass - Eleanor 'on tea'!

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