

We are called to serve

FOCUS

1. In Australia, the Catholic Church has parishes and dioceses from many Eastern Catholic Churches as well as the predominant Roman Catholic Church.
2. The celebration of the Eucharist is commonly called the Mass. It is the thanksgiving sacrifice of Jesus offered for the living and the dead.
3. At the end of each Mass the priest exhorts the faithful to "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."
4. All baptised members of the Church community have been given the mission to lead lives of loving service.

In these lessons your child may have:

- become aware of the presence of Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia;
- discussed how the Mass is a sacrifice and listed sacrifices they could make;
- explored how we are nourished by the presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic celebration;
- considered and discussed how they might glorify the Lord by their life;
- listened and responded to the story of Sr Irene McCormack;
- considered ways of following Jesus' teaching in their own lives.

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know I am with you always; yes, even to the end of time."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The tradition I received from the Lord and also handed on to you is that on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and after he had given thanks, he broke it, and he said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way, with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me." Whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 7:17

Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

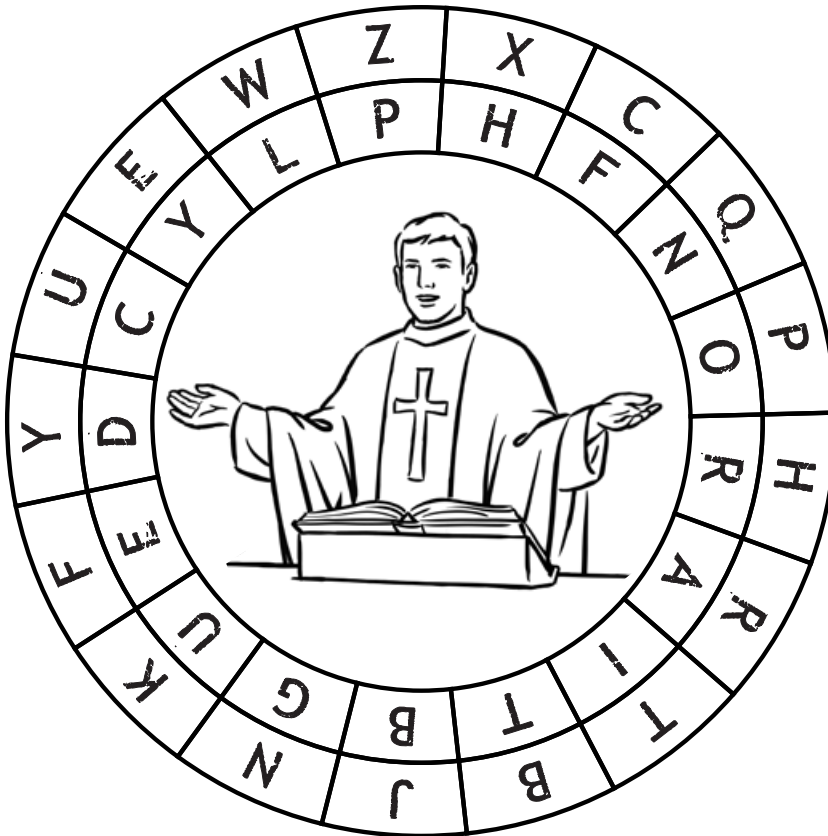
1. Bring your child to the understanding that the word 'church' is not restricted to a place of worship, but more significantly it refers to the baptised members of the Body of Christ.
2. Encourage your child to think about the many different cultural backgrounds of the children in their class. This will reinforce the idea that the Church is made up of people from many different countries.
3. Discuss with your child simple sacrifices that each member of the family could make for the good of others in the family.
4. Assist your child to read and discuss some of the current issues on the Catholic Mission website www.catholicmission.org.au
5. Encourage your child to complete the Extension Activity.
6. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

TO REMEMBER:

At Mass we gather as a community to worship God.

We build up the Church
through community prayer and worship.

- The letters below the lines are found in the outer ring of the circle. Match them with the letter in the inner ring, and write those letters on top of the lines, to find out what the priest tells us at the end of the Mass.



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JE EPKH WTCF



Dear God,
give hope, strength, and courage to all who suffer.
May we use our gifts to help others. Amen.