

CATECHIST NEWS



Supporting
Parish Catechists



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Dear Catechists,

Welcome to Term 4, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The CCD thanks the catechists that were able to continue teaching SRE in what has been a different and difficult year for all. Thank you for creating a time and space of encounter for God to touch growing hearts and minds.

Whilst some CCD staff continue to work remotely, others are able to work from the city office on a part time basis. However, we are always available to assist either via email or telephone. Staff contact details can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

We wish you every blessing for the remainder of the year.

From your CCD Parish Catechist Support Team

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High School Student Catechist Program 2019- 2020

St Patrick's College, Sutherland
All Saints Catholic College, Casula
De La Salle Catholic College, Cronulla
Freeman Catholic College, Bonnyrigg
Rosebank Catholic College, Five Dock
St Aloysius' College, Milsons Point
Domremy College, Five Dock
Bethlehem College, Ashfield
La Salle Catholic College, Bankstown
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kensington
St Clare's College, Waverley
Marcellin College, Randwick

We are grateful and thankful for the Catholic High Schools,
who had students trained to be catechists.
Some have been able to teach scripture and
unfortunately some were not able to.
We hope that in the future they may consider to become involved
in their respective parishes and become catechists.
CCD wishes students all the very best for Year 12.

Congratulations and God bless



St Patrick's College, Sutherland was one of many Catholic schools who participated in the High School Student Catechist Program in 2019-2020. Sutherland Public and Gymea Bay Public Schools were grateful for the engaging lessons they taught the Year 3 students, each week. Students pictured above with their Certificate of Service issued by the CCD.

Meet the CCD Team

Meet the great people that work at CCD Sydney.
Each month we will feature one of our staff in this newsletter.

This month we meet Vincent Haber - Faith Education Officer for the South Western area and CCD Special Projects Administrator. Vincent originally commenced with CCD in 2017. In 2018 Vincent moved to Perth to coordinate ACYF2019. At the beginning of 2020, Vincent returned to CCD Sydney. As FEO, Vincent looks after the parishes of Georges Hall, Padstow, Panania, Revesby and Revesby Heights. Let's meet Vincent:

In my spare time I enjoy making handmade soaps, baking and going to brunch.

My coffee order is an Almond Latte.

My ideal travel destination at the moment is Boracay Island in the Philippines.

The best gift you could give me is your TIME!
I enjoy catching up over coffee and cake.

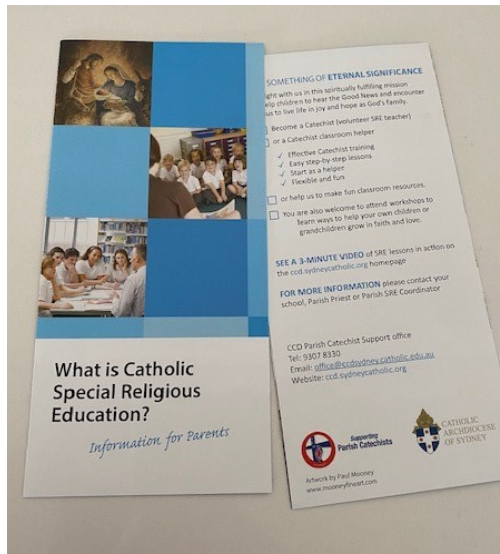
Three saints I would invite to dinner are
St John Paul the Great, San Lorenzo Ruiz (Filipino Saint) and St Michael, the Archangel.

My favourite lesson to teach in COLAL is Year 8,
Parables of Jesus – Lesson 2

My favourite Bible verse is
Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation; He is my God....



Catechist Coordinator Reminders



SRE brochures

At this time of year, many schools are requesting these brochures to include in Kindergarten orientation packs.

Please contact your FEO or the CCD Office should you require more brochures.

Christ Our Light and Life SRE Curriculum - Teachers Manuals and Activity books

2021 book orders are now
being taken via email:
books@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Phone queries to:
Priscilla or Eleanor on 9307 8340
ccd.sydneycatholic.org
www.mustardseed.org.au



Catechist Testimonies



belief

“My year 8 class at Epping Boys always surprises me with their knowledge. Contrary to popular belief, they accept our teaching with open minds and are always keen to learn more. I look forward to teaching SRE for as long as possible.”

MICHAEL FURCCINITI
CATECHIST AT EPPING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

 *inspirations by ccd sydney*



time

“As a parent of four children (6-13 yrs), a company director and corporate chaplain I can always find an excuse for not having the time to share 40 minutes a week in the classroom, but over the past 10 years I can honestly say the Holy Spirit has never left me, giving me the strength to turn up and find the words today.”

RICHARD KORKOR, CATECHIST AND FATHER OF FOUR

 *inspirations by ccd sydney*

CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom

UPCOMING CCD SYDNEY ON-LINE FORMATION

NOVEMBER 6 | FRIDAY | DR PAUL MORRISSEY

**FAKE NEWS: SPEAKING ABOUT TRUTH
IN A POST MODERN AGE**

NOVEMBER 13 | FRIDAY | FATHER GREG MORGAN

**CONTEMPORARY MARTYRDOM:
A LEADERSHIP THAT INSPIRES NEW SAINTS RATHER THAN
HAUNTS OLD GHOSTS**

NOVEMBER 23 | MONDAY | FR KEN BARKER, MGL

TRUSTING GOD IN HARD TIMES

DECEMBER 11 | FRIDAY | ARCHBISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS

WHY CATECHISTS MATTER?



**FAITH FORMATION
SESSIONS**

10.30AM - 11.30AM

**RSVP IS ESSENTIAL
BY EMAILING
ANITA LEE:**

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catholic.edu.au](mailto:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)**

NOW SHOWING
ON CCD YOUTUBE



The Real Presence of
Jesus Christ in the
Eucharist
By Fr Geoff Plant



Everyday Saints
by Fr Dan



The Way of Beauty
by Steve Buhagiar



Disciples Making Disciples
by Daniel Ang

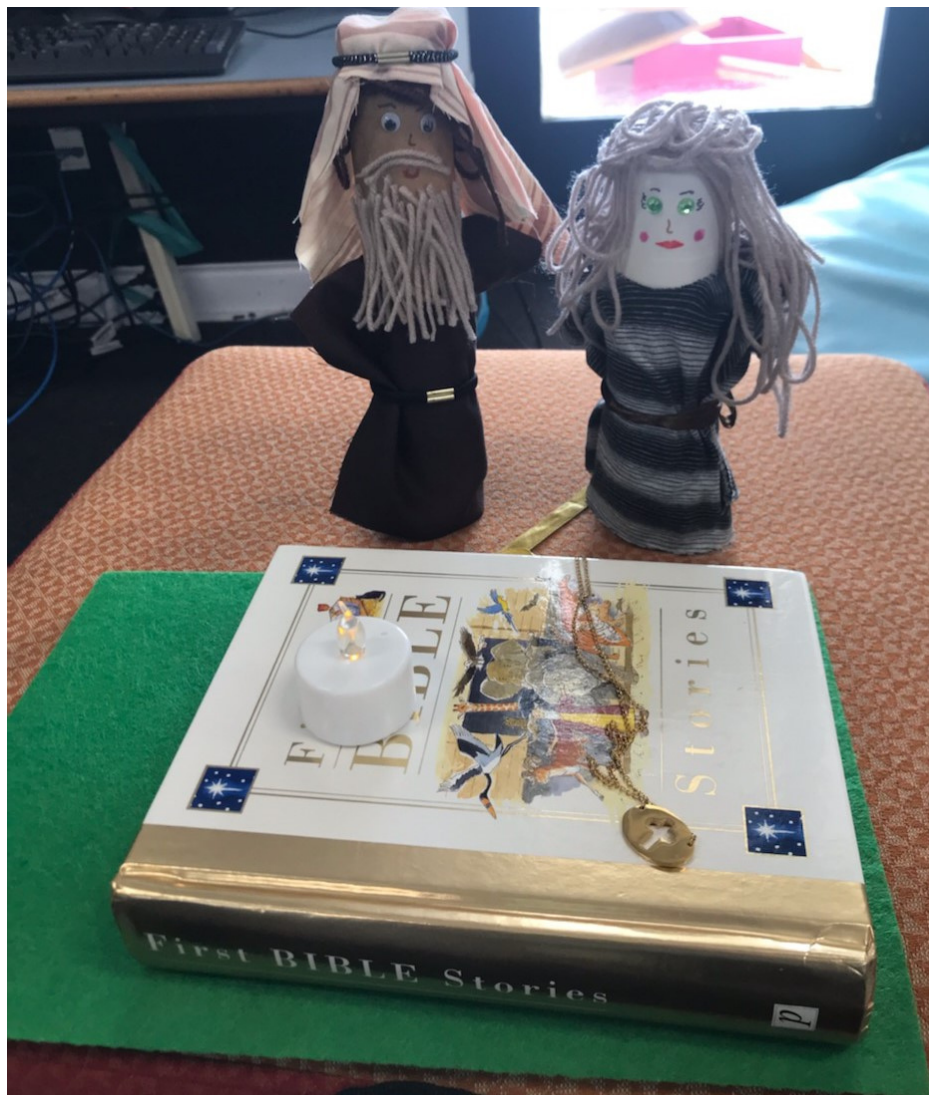


Understanding the
Postures at Mass
by Fr James



SEARCH **CCD SYDNEY** AND SUBSCRIBE

Catechist Resources/Handy Hints



Maria Wainwright is in her first year of SRE teaching at Peakhurst West.
She has made these figures of Abraham and Sarah for her Kindergarten class.
Well done Maria !

PRINT, LAMINATE AND DISPLAY!

For Term 4 when teaching Advent and Christmas, here is a prayer place resource you can print and laminate in A4 or A3 size to display in a prominent place in the classroom. See page 12 for a printable copy.

Please share with us any resourceful ideas and tips that you have found helpful.
Email us at: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au



Catechist Resources

CLASSROOM RESOURCE IDEA FOR CATECHISTS

ADVENT WREATH BY ANNE CARRUTHERS ST THERESE PARISH, PADSTOW

I use this resource to bring the Advent tradition alive for my Years 3 and 4 SRE classes. It is a joy to watch the children's excitement as the candles are switched on each week.

How to make a portable and easy-to-store Advent Wreath:

Suggested Items

1 small, round pot of Christmas greenery

4 small round see-through containers; 1 pink and 3 purple (purchased from Woolworths)

4 battery operated tea-light candles

Purple material/cloth (optional)

Instructions (begin on the fourth last lesson of the year and involve the students each week)

- Place the Christmas greenery on top of the purple material.
- Place the candles in the containers.
- Place the containers around the greenery.
- Switch on the first purple candle (Hope).
- Switch on the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle (Love).
- Switch on the two previously lit purple candles plus the pink candle (Joy).
- Switch on the last purple candle (Peace)
- Switch on all of the candles of the wreath.

I always let the students know the actual date of the 1st Sunday of Advent, and encourage them to make their own Advent Wreath at home. The Advent lessons and information can be found in your Student Activity Book and Teacher's Manual.



Course Training Dates

TRAINING WEBINARS - VIA ZOOM

UNIT 1.1 SRE INDUCTION TRAINING WEBINAR

(The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School and SRE Safeguarding)

All **new** SRE Catechists must complete CCD's SRE Induction Training.

CCD Sydney 'Zoom' induction training opportunities are offered on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 November	9:45am-1pm	Suzanne Miceli
Saturday 21 November	9:45am-1pm	Robert Milan
Monday 7 December	9:45am-1pm	Robert Milan

REFRESHER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WEBINAR

(SRE Safeguarding)

Please contact your FEO if you have any questions about the following training dates or to arrange future training options.

Refresher Training is offered to **existing** Catechists via 'Zoom' on the following dates:

Monday 23 November	9:45am-11:15am	Denise Humphreys
Friday 4 December	9:45am-11:15am	Vincent Haber
Tuesday 15 December	9:45am-11:15am	Teresa Culjak

RSVP is essential for all training sessions.

Limit of 20 catechists per Zoom training.

Email: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

OR Phone: 9307 8330

Remember to include:

your full name, email address, contact phone number (preferably mobile number), home address (to send out booklets), Parish name, date and time of training.



Prayers & Intentions

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

- Your SRE students and their families, especially during the day/time of your SRE 'Scripture' class.
- Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony Fisher and all clergy.
- Godly wisdom for our Prime Minister and State Leaders.
- Protection for all front line staff; doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical receptionists, dentists and teachers.
- A cure to be found quickly for Covid-19.
- Healing of all people suffering with Covid-19 and their loved ones.
- Thanksgiving for all God is doing and will do during this time.



FEAST DAYS

1 November
All Saints

2 November
All Souls

4 November
St Charles Borromeo

*"O God, make us servants of
your Gospel"*
- St Charles Borromeo (Patron
Saint of Catechists)

10 November
St Leo the Great

13 November
St Frances Xavier Cabrini

17 November
St Elizabeth of Hungary

22 November
St Cecilia

25 November
St Catherine of Alexandria

30 November
St Andrew the Apostle

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them.

May the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Contact Us

CCD Staff continue to work through this difficult time by working remotely. For all queries, please contact staff via email. Phone access to staff is still available by leaving a message. A staff member will return your call as soon as practical.

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Love

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Peace