

# CATECHIST NEWS



Dear Catechists,

**Welcome to Term One, 2021.**

As we welcome all new and returning catechists, we pray that God may bless your wonderful work in schools this year.

Your FEOs are a wonderful support and are ready to help.

Please ask for help as we are here to support you and the parish children in public schools.

**From your CCD Parish Catechist Support Team**

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## CATECHIST PRAYER

GOD, OUR CREATOR,  
WE THANK YOU FOR OUR  
PRECIOUS GIFT OF FAITH.

MAY OUR FAITH CONTINUE TO  
GROW THROUGH THE POWER OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US.

LEAD US TO SHARE OUR FAITH  
WITH OTHERS;

LEAD US TO BE OPEN TO  
THE MINISTRY OF SPREADING  
THE GOOD NEWS TO CATHOLIC  
CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WE ASK THIS PRAYER THROUGH  
CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

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*Supporting*  
**Parish Catechists**



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# Meet the CCD Team

Verna Wing - CCD Administration Co-ordinator

**In my spare time I enjoy** laughing with family and friends.

**My coffee order is** a low fat soy demi-tasse latte, no sugar, two shots of Colombian-Kenyan bean blend, otherwise just a flat white is fine!

**My ideal travel destination is** my bed!

**The best gift you could give me is** laughter.

**Three saints I would invite to dinner are** St Monica, St Augustine and St Philip Neri.

**My favourite Bible verse is** Sirach 2:18 "Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, not into any human clutches; for as his majesty is, so too is his mercy."



**The CCD Team**

Standing, left to right: Fr Michael McLean, Vincent, Anita, Denise, Rachael, Teresa, Priscilla, Verna, Doug, Eleanor, Robert  
Front row, left to right: Laura, Suzanne, Josie

**Absent:** Christine Zakaria



# 2021 Coordinator Meetings

Co-ordinator Meetings for 2021 will be held from 10am to 12 noon.

Due to capacity restrictions, kindly RSVP to your FEO of your attendance.

If you are unable to attend please send a representative.

The CCD looks forward to welcoming you.

Southern

Miranda CCD Centre

50 Kiora Rd Miranda

Thursday 21 Jan

Central

Holy Innocents Parish

36 Cheltenham Rd Croydon

Thursday 21 Jan

Western

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

18 Vine St Fairfield

Thursday 28 Jan

Southern

St Thomas More Parish

298 Bay St Brighton

Friday 29 Jan

Eastern & Northern Area

Polding Centre, Level 8

133 Liverpool St Sydney

Monday 1 Feb



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

Curriculum Update for 2021:

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Activity books are now in colour. Both activity books and teachers manuals have been revised to a 4th Edition.



Genuine Olive Wood Timber crosses  
"Made in Italy"  
now available at  
The Mustard Seed Bookshop:

approx. 21cm \$28.95

approx. 10cm \$14.95

Ideal for your prayer place!

For all book orders and merchandise queries contact:  
**[books@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:books@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)**

Phone queries to:  
Priscilla or Eleanor on 9307 8340  
[ccd.sydneycatholic.org](http://ccd.sydneycatholic.org)  
[www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au)



THE MUSTARD SEED  
BOOKSHOP



**"It's more than just teaching, it's a ministry."**

Do you want to learn the art of Youth Ministry and incorporate your new skills in the classroom?

The Sydney Catholic Youth office will be conducting a Youth Ministry workshop for all our High School Catechists and those who have a desire to teach High School students.

Learn the skills of engaging young people in ministry and effectively sharing your personal testimony.

This is a series of FOUR workshops, with the first one being held on Friday 29 January 2021.

Come and join us and equip yourself for the new year.



CCD SYDNEY AND  
SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH (SCY) PRESENTS

# **YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP FOR HS CATECHISTS.**

"It's more than just teaching, it's a ministry."

**Friday, the 29th of January 2021  
9.00am -12pm | St Joachims Parish Hall,  
John Street, Lidcombe**

**WORKSHOP CONDUCTED SCY STAFF  
RSVP: VINCENT.HABER@CCDSYDNEY.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU  
JANUARY 25, 2021**





The Many Faces of Catechists by CCD Sydney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbiBr62PnCEe>

## Catch up on missed Faith Formation talks - just follow the links below:



Why Catechists Matter by Archbishop Julian Porteous (Hobart Archdiocese)

Archbishop Porteous

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=salv6LgnEAW>

Fr Michael McLean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RBvpBMAUrs>



Understanding the Creed by Fr Michael McLean



# CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom

CATECHIST on-line SERIES 2021 by CCD Sydney



**FAITH FORMATION  
SESSIONS**

**10.30AM - 11.30AM**

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

**anita.lee@ccdsydney.  
catholic.edu.au**

CATECHIST on-line SERIES 2021 by CCD Sydney



# Course Training Dates

## SRE TRAINING

### 1.1 - *The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School and SRE Safeguarding*

Monday 1 February		Revesby
Wednesday 3 Feb		Summer Hill
Wednesday 10 Feb		Brighton
Monday 15 Feb		Moorebank
Monday 15 Feb	9.45am-1pm	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Friday 19 Feb	9.45am-1pm	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Saturday 20 Feb		Miranda
Tuesday 23 Feb		Randwick
Monday 1 Mar		Ryde
Saturday 13 Mar	9.45am-1pm	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Monday 19 April		Lidcombe
Tuesday 20 April		City

#### **SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING WEBINAR**

Catechists that completed safeguarding in 2017 are now due for the refresher training. See dates below. Contact your FEO to arrange alternative training options at your parish.

Thursday 18 Mar	9.45am-11am	City
Wednesday 14 April	9.45am-11am	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Friday 27 May	9.45am-11am	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Monday 21 June	9.45am-11am	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>

### 1.2 - Using The Authorised Curriculum

Monday 8 Feb		Revesby
Wednesday 17 Feb		Brighton (Ash Wed)
Wednesday 10 Feb		Summer Hill
Monday 22 Feb		Moorebank
Monday 22 Feb		City
Saturday 27 Feb		Miranda
Tuesday 2 Mar		Randwick
Monday 8 Mar		Ryde
Saturday 20 Mar	9.45am-1pm	<b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>
Monday 26 April		Lidcombe
Tuesday 27 April		City



**All courses  
commence at  
9.45am and  
conclude at  
2.15pm - unless  
specified**

**Bookings essential  
due to capacity  
restrictions**



# Course Training Dates

## 1.3 - Classroom Management

Monday 15 Feb	Revesby
Wednesday 17 Feb	Summer Hill (Ash Wed)
Monday 1 Mar	Moorebank
Monday 1 Mar	City
Wednesday 3 Mar	Brighton
Saturday 6 Mar	Miranda
Tuesday 9 Mar	Randwick
Monday 15 Mar	Ryde
Saturday 27 Mar	<b>9.45am-1pm</b> <b>WEBINAR via Zoom</b>

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

**RSVP is essential** for all training sessions as Covid-19 restrictions apply.

Bookings: [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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.

<b>Brighton:</b>	St Thomas More Parish Hall, 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands
<b>Lidcombe:</b>	St Joachim's Parish Hall, 31-33 John Street, Lidcombe
<b>Miranda:</b>	CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
<b>Moorebank:</b>	St Joseph's Parish Hall, 231 Newbridge Rd, Moorebank
<b>City:</b>	Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
<b>Revesby:</b>	St Luke the Evangelist Parish, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby
<b>Randwick:</b>	The Parish & National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 193 Avoca St, Randwick
<b>Ryde:</b>	St Charles Borromeo Parish, 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde
<b>Summer Hill:</b>	St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill



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# Reminders for 2021

- ***Annual Catechist Mass***

The 2020 Annual Catechist Mass will be held on Sunday, 7 February 2021 commencing at 2.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral.

The main celebrant will be the Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, attendance is restricted to invitees only.

**No more RSVP's can be accepted as maximum numbers have now been reached.**

All catechists are encouraged to view the Mass via the live stream link:

[https://youtu.be/myqi2nC\\_SpQ](https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ)

- ***Catechist Sunday***

Catechist Sunday for 2021 is Sunday 7 February. Certificates for 5, 10 and 15 years service will be presented to catechists at a mass date organised by your parish.

- **Save the Date:**

Southern Area Mass

Friday 7 May 2021

Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst

Due to Covid-19 safety guidelines, further details will be advised.



# Contact Us

For all general enquiries, please contact the CCD office on 9307 8330. If the office is unattended, kindly leave a message and your call will be attended to as soon as practical. Alternatively, your Faith Education Officer can be contacted via email as listed below.

## CCD TEAM AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Christine Zakaria

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CATECHISTS

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**CAN YOU HELP AS A CATECHIST ?**

**MUCH  
ASSISTANCE  
IS NEEDED  
WILL YOU  
PLEASE HELP  
IN THIS  
IMPORTANT  
DUTY**

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