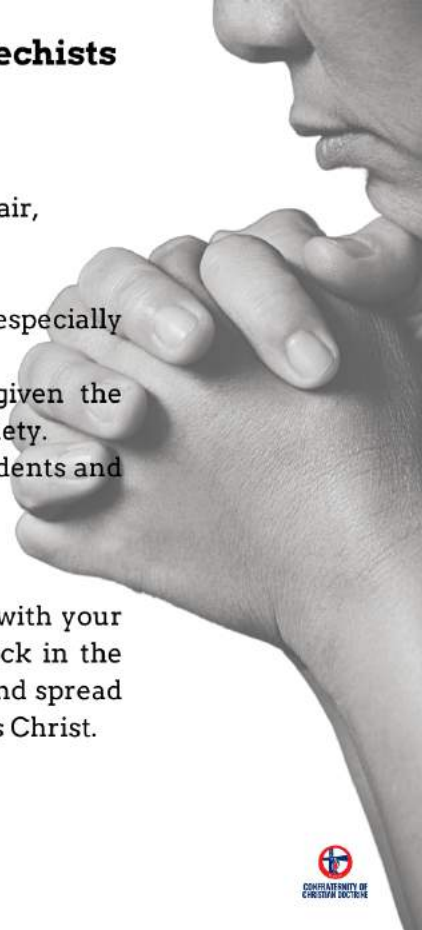


CATECHIST NEWS

A Prayer for Students and Catechists During this Lockdown

Dear God,
During this time of uncertainty and despair,
we ask you Heavenly Father
to be our guide and our strength.
Send your Holy Spirit to all students, especially
those that are out of our reach,
so that they may be comforted and given the
courage to overcome their fears and anxiety.
We ask your Son, Jesus to grant our students and
Catechists hope and patience,
as they eagerly await the return of
Scripture classes.
Continue to fill their hearts and minds with your
grace and spirit, for when they step back in the
classrooms, they are equipped to hear and spread
the joy of the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ.
We make this prayer through Jesus
Christ our Lord and friend.
Amen



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**Stay safe
&
God bless**

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Catechist Reminders

Central Area Catechist Mass

Due to the recent lockdown, the area mass scheduled for Friday 30 July will be rescheduled to a later date

Eastern Area Catechist Mass

11am on Wednesday 22 September 2021
followed by a catered lunch
at St Patrick's Bondi,
Cnr of Wellington Street & Bondi Road, Bondi

RSVP: robert.milan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

RSVP IS ESSENTIAL
FOR ALL
TRAINING
COURSES,
MEETINGS AND
MASSES
IN ORDER TO
COMPLY WITH
NSW GOVT
HEALTH
GUIDELINES

SRE classes postponed until further notice

As you will have heard, on 14 June the Premier announced ongoing restrictions in response to COVID-19, with the lockdown in Greater Sydney and restrictions in the regions continuing until 30 July 2021.

The Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health and continues to keep us well informed with weekly online meetings.

The Department will advise us when SRE is permitted again. The timeframe for this will be subject to NSW Health recommendations.

Currently, Greater Sydney students are learning from home, but schools are open for students and their families who need it.

The Department will advise schools of the availability of the three "SRE Learning from Home" portals (**Christian SRE**, **Better Balanced Futures** and **Primary Ethics**) to allow them to inform their school community.

Our Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials appear on the **Christian SRE portal**.

- If your parish already emails parishioners parish bulletins, here is the direct link to our Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials, should your parish priest wish to inform parish families: <https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>
(Our Chancellor will inform Parish Clergy directly of this link also)

Please note: Schools are under extreme pressure supporting students and staff both on and off school sites.

Therefore, the Department of Education reminds us, please **do not** contact schools about SRE or learning from home materials until further notice. If you have any questions, direct these to your Catechist Coordinator who will contact us at the CCD. We will keep you informed of any updates from the Department and will supply advice about contacting schools following further consultation with the Department.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for our school families, teachers and for one another at this time. God will give us what we need 'to do the one thing necessary' to continue to be present to God who is looking upon us lovingly right now and always.

God bless you,
Doug

Online Retreat Opportunities

10am Saturdays 17, 31 July and 7, 14 August

We would be delighted if you would join us for these reflection mornings! You are also most welcome to circulate this invitation amongst your friendship circles, as all are welcome to attend.

Registration is essential and you can register here: <https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpf-iggT4pHtQl9sm3EqY9tnFLIZiRYXsK>

The sessions have been covered in an article in the Catholic Weekly and was also shared today by CathNews. You can find the article here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/saturday-morning-reflections-a-chance-to-draw-closer-to-god/>. You may also like to share their [Facebook post](#) which could reach others.

A computer screen shot of the registration page with a description of the retreat appears below.

Topic	"Know that I am with you always (Mt 28:20): Nurturing Discipleship in Challenging Times."
Description	<p>Online reflection mornings during lockdown with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia.</p> <p>Discipleship and mission have always taken place in the face of challenges, whether it is the current COVID lockdown, the secular culture in which we undertake mission, our own sense of limitations, or practical difficulties we face in our parishes. Jesus still calls us to follow Him and to share what we have received from Him with others. Better still, He promises to be with us and to help us. On these reflection mornings we will reflect upon how we can take steps to nurture our growth as a disciple in challenging times, so that we can have confidence in God's power to accomplish His mission.</p> <p>Note: These reflection mornings are open for those aged 18 years and above.</p>
Time	<p>Please choose only one meeting to attend.</p> <p>Jul 17, 2021 10:00 AM</p> <p>Jul 17, 2021 10:00 AM</p> <p>Jul 31, 2021 10:00 AM</p> <p>Aug 7, 2021 10:00 AM</p> <p>Aug 14, 2021 10:00 AM</p>
First Name*	
Last Name*	



"Lord, let our simple gifts serve you. Bless those who come to our door."

**- St Martha
Feast day: 29 July**

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the costs; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except to know that we do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

**- St Ignatius Loyola
Feast day 31 July**

CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom

CATECHIST on-line SERIES by CCD Sydney



More than Conquerors:
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN HISTORY
21 JULY | WEDNESDAY | Zoom Time 10.30am - 11.30am
RSVP to Anita Lee e:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

by Fr Moel Custodio

CATECHIST on-line SERIES by CCD Sydney



"Being Reasonable: Science, Faith and Just a Dash of Epistemology"
JULY 30 | FRIDAY | Zoom Time 10.30am - 11.30am
RSVP to Anita Lee e:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Dr Paul Chigwidden

CATECHIST on-line SERIES 2021 by CCD Sydney



St Joseph: Vulnerability and Obedience.
27 AUGUST 2021 | FRIDAY
Zoom Time 10.30am - 11.30am
RSVP to Anita Lee e:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

by Fr Ronnie Maree

CATECHIST on-line SERIES by CCD Sydney



CATECHESIS IS FOR TRANSFORMATION, NOT JUST THE COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION:
Tips for helping kids to catch the faith in 30 minutes a week.
10 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY | Zoom Time 10.30am - 11.30am
RSVP to Anita Lee e:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

by Fr Chris Ryan, MGL

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS
10.30AM - 11.30AM
RSVP IS ESSENTIAL
BY EMAILING ANITA LEE:
anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

If you have missed our latest faith formation sessions, follow links below:

Bishop Greg Homeming: The Path to Holiness
<https://youtu.be/TnYAvAaU0Ec>

Bishop Anthony Randazzo: Creating Pathways for Engagement with Christ and his Church
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6clwGTz8Cro>

Course Training Dates

SRE TRAINING

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

Friday 15 October 9.45am-2.15pm City

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING WEBINAR

Catechists that completed safeguarding in 2017 are now due for the refresher training. See dates below.

Monday 30 August 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom

Tuesday 12 October 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom

Thursday 25 November 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom

1.2 - Using The Authorised Curriculum

Tuesday 20 July 9.45am-1.00pm WEBINAR via Zoom

Friday 22 October 9.45am-2.15pm City

1.3 - Classroom Management

Tuesday 27 July 9.45am-1.00pm WEBINAR via Zoom

Friday 29 October 9.45am-2.15pm City

1.4 - Classroom Management - Insights & Upskilling (new/updated course)

Monday 2 August 9.45am-2.15pm Peakhurst **POSTPONED**

Monday 2 August 9.45am-2.15pm Moorebank **POSTPONED**

Tuesday 3 August 9.45am-1.00pm WEBINAR via Zoom

Monday 23 August 9.45am-2.15pm Bass Hill

Friday 5 November 9.45am-2.15pm City

1.5 - Classroom Skills and Resources (new/updated course)

Monday 9 August 9.45am-2.15pm Peakhurst **POSTPONED**

Monday 9 August 9.45am-2.15pm Moorebank **POSTPONED**

Tuesday 10 August 9.45am-1.00pm WEBINAR via Zoom

Monday 30 August 9.45am-2.15pm Bass Hill

Friday 12 November 9.45am-2.15pm City

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



NOTE:

Face to face training for the month of July is suspended.

August training will be reviewed closer to the time.

For the latest updates follow link to the CCD website:

<https://ccd.sydney.catholic.org/catechist-resources/courses-and-registration/>

Bookings are essential due to capacity restrictions

Course Training Dates

SRE TRAINING

Level 2 - Understanding the Learner/How to Get the Message Across Age-Appropriately

(Open to catechists who have completed Level 1)

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| 2.1 | Monday 12 July | Dulwich Hill |
| 2.2 | Monday 19 July | Dulwich Hill |
| 2.3 | Monday 26 July | Dulwich Hill |
| 2.4 | Monday 2 August | Dulwich Hill |
| 2.5 | Monday 9 August | Dulwich Hill |

**POSTPONED -
new dates to be
advised**

Level 3 - Holy Spirit Gathering a People for God

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| 3.1 | Friday 23 July | 9.45am-1.00pm | WEBINAR via Zoom |
| 3.2 | Friday 30 July | 9.45am-1.00pm | WEBINAR via Zoom |
| 3.3 | Friday 6 August | 9.45am-1.00pm | WEBINAR via Zoom |
| 3.4 | Friday 13 August | 9.45am-1.00pm | WEBINAR via Zoom |
| 3.5 | Friday 20 August | 9.45am-1.00pm | WEBINAR via Zoom |

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

**Bookings: 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 for Webinars via Zoom), Parish name, date and time of training.



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Photo Gallery

Retreat for Bass Hill and Bankstown Catechists


On Wednesday 23 June, the Bass Hill and Bankstown catechists met at The Good Shepherd Seminary for a wonderful retreat day. Organised by the Bass Hill coordinator, Rita Nemer, the retreat was led by Fr Ronnie Maree, Assistant Priest at Bankstown Parish.

Fr Ronnie gave two amazing talks. The first, on St Joseph, led us to reflect on the importance of his role as foster father of our Lord. The second aimed to enhance our understanding of the Eucharist and the importance it has in our lives. This was followed by Mass in the Chapel and a delicious lunch, prepared by the Seminary staff.

I would like to thank Fr Ronnie for his inspiring leadership, Rita Nemer for organising this unique opportunity and the Seminary staff for allowing us to use their premises while the Seminarians were on leave.

Suzanne Miceli



 **CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools**
Yesterday at 7:50 AM · 🌐

Appreciation Post. ❤️ Please share!!

To all Catechists, we appreciate you and all the hard work and efforts you make in bringing Jesus and joy to the Catholic students in Public schools and their families.

Your selflessness, compassion and patience are not unnoticed. Your love for the students is a true manifestation of the love of God. Your ability to engage and be creative has given students an appreciation and love for learning the faith more.

We will be forever grateful for your dedication and commitment to the mission and to the Church.

We want to especially thank those Catechists who do multiple classes in a week, due to the lack of Catechists in the Parishes. Sometimes 3-4 classes, so that students don't miss out. You are our true heroes. 🙏

Dear Catechists, you are always in our prayers and we love you. ❤️

Please SHARE so this message gets to all our CATECHISTS!!

#catechists #specialreligiouseducation #ccdsydney #heroes #appreciationpost #blessed #grateful



CCD is always looking for stories/photos to add in our newsletter - if you have something special to share contact us at CCD Sydney or email laura.argiro@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

The Christmas Story Art Competition



In the hope that SRE classes will commence in August...

Catechists teaching Years 5 & 6 SRE are encouraged to explore Christmas Gospel passages from St Luke or St Matthew with their students. These are found in Lessons 30-32 of the curriculum. This is an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas without all the commercialism.

Any of these texts can be used:

YEAR 5 'Journey to Bethlehem' (Luke 2: 1-5) 'Prepare the Way' (Isaiah 40: 3-5) 'The Birth of Jesus and the Visit of the Shepherds' (Luke 2: 9-14) 'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' (Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2: 9-12)

YEAR 6 'Journey to Bethlehem' (Luke 2: 1-5) 'The Annunciation' (Luke 1: 26-36) 'The Flight to Egypt' (Matthew 2: 13-15) 'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' (Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2: 9-12)

We need to help the students see how the Christmas Story is relevant and personal to their lives. We need to help them encounter Christ in some way or at least recognise that Christ has something he wants to say to us through this text.

Students write a short reflection on the chosen passage. They are then encouraged to use art as a medium to express this reflection. This helps the students see how the Christmas Story is relevant and personal to their lives.

You could use a Think Chart over four lessons to help your students produce a reflection and artwork.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fJi-z9CJ0xp_x5BUrO2xzQ-tVQRZyj14VXpiYblvHX0/edit

The artwork is prepared on A3 cartridge paper 110gsm in landscape or portrait mode. There is no need to frame or laminate these artworks.

Artworks will be judged based on their artistic merit and on the artist's original personal self-reflection of the chosen Scripture.

Each artwork must have the student's reflection of the Scripture passage attached to the back of the artwork with the following information:

- Artwork Title
- Student's full name and age
- School's full name and suburb
- Student's year

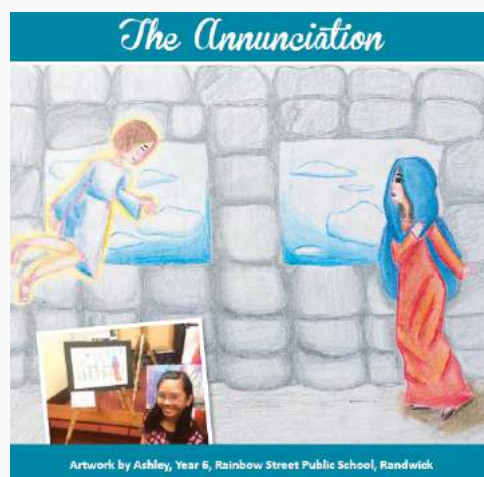
The artworks should be sent or hand-delivered by Friday 17 September to:

- Your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO), or
- CCD City Office, 6th Floor, Polding Centre or
- Miranda CCD Office, 50 Kiora Road Miranda

These artworks will be judged in Week 1 Term 4.

Please contact your FEO should you require any further information or assistance with the Christmas Art lessons.

For inspiration, there is a Christmas Story reflection guide resource by Jodie Micallef.
[Christmas Story Written Reflection with Jodie Micallef.pdf - Google Drive](#)



2021 Award Recipients

55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Merryl Foster	Ryde
Dianne Mary McGrath	Padstow

SAINT JOHN PAUL II AWARD - 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elisabeth Roth	Mascot
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CARDINAL GILROY AWARD - 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Bowler	Smithfield
Beryl Dinos	Greenacre
Barbara Joan Sherry	Revesby Heights
Maureen Sullivan	Kogarah

LIFE MEMBER AWARD - 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Louise Brady	Denistone
Patricia Byron	Caringbah
John Camilleri	Austral
Margaret Joan Edwards	North Ryde
Christopher Phang Yeok Lim	Clovelly
Neda Lozina	Bossley Park
Robert John Mayor	Mortlake
Marguerite Martin	Ashfield
Victoria Micalizzi	Croydon
Mary Pankiw	Cabramatta
Tony Sakr	Hurstville

*CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2021 AWARDEE RECIPIENTS*

**PLEASE NOTE:
19 SEPTEMBER 2021
ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS HAS
BEEN POSTPONED**

CARDINAL FREEMAN AWARD - 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Norina Fincato	Riverwood
Julia Goff	Peakhurst
Josefina Gonzaga	Rockdale City
Nahla Margaret Lawler	Bass Hill
Teresa Levi	Mascot
Rita Machaalani	Marrickville
Barbara Martin	Earlwood
Yvonne McDonnell	Sutherland
Margaret Nohra	Bass Hill
Nadia Pospischil	Bonnyrigg
Janelle Shad	Oatley
Trudi Simpson	Bonnyrigg
Yvonne Vitagliani	Bossley Park
Carol Wood	Sefton
Sandra Mary Youssef	Eastwood

APOSTOLIC BLESSING - 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Anne Brotherton	Penshurst
Mary Cail	Marrickville
Peter Collins	Gymea
Roslyn Driscole	Cronulla
Matilda Indrapradja	Mascot
Celeste Link	Croydon
Mona Massoud	Mascot
Dawn Petersen	Rockdale City
Josephine Quinn	Clemton Park
Mary Catherine Reidy	Carlton
Vittoria Scutella	Bonnyrigg
Karen Thom	Panania
Penny Virgona	Mosman
Catherine Wing Yi Chan	Haymarket

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