Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world...for she alone can save it.” (Our Lady—July 13, 1917)
FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The first term has been a rather hectic one with many challenges to face and overcome. I firstly would like to sincerely apologise for all the delays that have occurred during the finalisation and distribution of the Christ Our Light And Life curriculum series. CCD is not about making excuses and I was just as frustrated as many of the catechists. I thank you all for your patience and as we come out of this difficult period, I can assure you that next year will be a much smoother operation with all year groups, including the Year 2 program, to be made available as early as possible.

During Term 2 CCD will continue to provide students in our public schools with the opportunity to hear, learn and have clarified for themselves all they need to know about World Youth Day 2008. A great spectacle for all Catholics and non-Catholics to look forward to. Teresa Culjak has been heading some of the World Youth Day presentations. All high school principals have received a letter stating our intention to visit schools. Included in the letter sent to principals was a letter to send to parents requesting permission to attend the presentations. We hope that schools will cooperate with the WYD CCD committee and provide us with an opportunity to visit and give to students some of the WYD promotion materials we have prepared. The package includes some popular devotions e.g. Rosary beads and pamphlet; an information pamphlet on WYD; a pamphlet on following Christ’s journey to Calvary and stationery items including a postcard and bookmark prepared and designed by our graphic artist Omar Abighosn.

World Youth Day promises to be an exciting and fruitful time for the Church in Australia and I encourage all catechists to continue to heighten the awareness of all children of any age. As the host nation is Australia, there is no age limit for our children. Age limits between 15-35 years of age apply to incoming nations. This is a great means of evangelisation and catechists are encouraged to use this time as an opportunity for further evangelisation.

In spiritual preparation for World Youth Day I highly recommend participation in the Eucharist Procession to be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 10 June. It will begin at St Patrick’s Church Hill and process to St Mary’s Cathedral for Benediction.

CD is happy to bring to all coordinators the monthly CCD newsletter titled Light And Life. This monthly publication is distributed to all catechist coordinators and is meant to be a tool of communication for catechist meetings, giving updates on any course changes, trivia, faith education matters, World Youth Day 2008 and any other necessary information. Coordinators who wish to receive an electronic version of the monthly newsletter can forward requests to mary.carolan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or myself at robert@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Feedback on the first newsletter has been positive to date. The monthly newsletter is not a replacement to the quarterly newsletter.

On behalf of CCD I would like to extend very best wishes to Josephine Elias, FEO Bankstown Area and to her husband, George Elias, as they prepare for parenthood. Josephine will be on maternity leave from 16 April to give birth to her firstborn and we pray God’s blessing and assistance in this very exciting time for both Josephine and George. In the interim, Josephine’s role will be shared by myself, Ruth Sheridan, FEO Concord and Teresa Culjak, FEO Western Area. Any enquiries or concerns may be forwarded to anyone of those listed.

During Term 2 the CCD will continue its Catechist Gatherings. John Burland, musician and song writer, and teacher at the CEO, will present sing-a-long tunes that will be useful in the catechist classroom. Brother Julian Quinlan will continue to mesmerise catechists through his energetic and creative teaching style. Lastly Teresa Culjak, FEO Western Area and Mary Carolan, FEO City Area will present a World Youth Day 2008 Update and Information presentation. I hope you are able to attend on the 4 May 2007 at the Lidcombe Catholic Club from 10:30am – 1:30pm. I look forward to seeing some fresh faces at this event.

CD uses the Catholic Weekly Notice-board section to communicate and inform the rest of the community of our activities across the Archdiocese of Sydney. I welcome any catechists who wish to share an interesting story or an event that has occurred or is going to occur at their parish. Catechists are encouraged to send their event or story to the CCD via their FEO as well as photos.

Term 2 is also when we gather for the Area Masses. I hope to catch up with all catechists, parish priests and coordinators at these Masses. (See p. 15 for Area Mass dates.)
In this newsletter edition we have included an article on Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day falls on 13 May as well as a major article on World Youth Day written by Teresa Culjack, FEO Western Area. Teresa has attended two World Youth Days herself.

During the month of April we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and we ponder on the words of St Paul, “if Christ did not rise from the dead then our faith would be in vain”. How relevant are St Paul’s words for us today when we hear accounts of hoax discoveries; Jesus’ burial place; his supposed bones and his family. How coincidental is this leading up to Easter. Last year we had the release of the Da Vinci Code and now this. We do know one thing the Church continues to teach and reinforce the Resurrection of Jesus as it has done for over 2000 years. These so called modern scholars spend all their energy trying to prove the Catholic faith is some sort of fraud and make-believe. Surely over the past 2000 years someone out there would have heard or discovered what our modern day people or scholars say to be true. Sadly many are prepared to believe testimonies and writings of people regarding less significant events as true and factual, but when it comes to the testimony of the Gospel writers and early Church Fathers, they seek some sort of scientific proof or discovery. If we are to believe the written Word of God in all its entirety we need to place our faith in His Church and those who lead us to its true meaning. St Paul’s words are a revelation to our world and reflect the unbelievers in our society today.

Easter is the time of our redemption. This single event is the call of God for us to follow his Son towards eternal salvation. Our first parents’ fall from grace is rectified through Jesus’ death and Resurrection.

To all catechists keep up the excellent work and example in being a beam of Christ’s light to the world. I Wish you all a spiritual renewal during the Easter Season and may our lives be a resurrection example to all those around us. Once again thank you for your patience during this early part of 2007.

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

Yours in Christ,
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Welcome to term 2.

It has been over three years since I first began as your Faith Education Officer in the Bankstown Area. In that time I have been engaged, married and am now on maternity leave and am expecting my first child. It has been a fantastic journey for both my personal and professional life!

I thank you for your support and encouragement during my time with the CCD; it has been blessed with many joyful moments and so many amiable acquaintances and friends. The Catholic Church in Sydney has the highest quality of dedicated and faithful laity in the catechist ministry. You are truly the treasure and strong hold of the faith. I hope and pray that I may be able to impart that same passion you have for the faith to my own child as you do to the thousands of God’s children in the public schools.

This term there will be a Basic Accreditation Course for new and interested catechists at Bass Hill, Christ The King Parish that will commence on Monday 7 May at 10:30am (check p.17 for details). The Bankstown Area Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Earlwood, at 12:00 noon on Friday 8 June. Please come early with a plate of food. This is an important occasion where the catechists of the Bankstown Area are able to come together to celebrate and pray for their ministry.

A replacement FEO for the Bankstown Area has not yet been appointed, but in the meantime contact the General Manager, Robert Milan, with any of your needs.

May our Lord Bless you and our Blessed Lady guide you. Always remember the generosity of our Lord; He gave His life for us so that we may have life in Him and He reminds us in the Gospel of St Luke that we need not concern ourselves with the food we eat and the clothes we wear.

“Life is a greater gift than food, the body than clothing; see how the ravens never sow or reap, have neither storehouse or barn, and yet God feeds them; have you not an excellence far beyond theirs? Can any of you, for all his fretting, add a cubit’s growth to his height? ... You should not be asking, then, what you are to eat or drink, and living in suspense of mind… your Father knows well that you need them. No, make it your first care to find the kingdom of God, and these things shall be yours without the asking.” (Luke 12:22-31)

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Dear Catechists,

Term 1 saw a successful Basic Accreditation Course held at Daceyville. Further courses will be run in Terms 2 and 3. I would like to encourage all catechists and catechist helpers to take the opportunity to attend an accreditation course. All are most welcome to attend either the Basic, Intermediate or Advanced Course, even if you have completed them in the past or are considering becoming a catechist. Each course provides an opportunity for brushing up on the latest in classroom management, teaching techniques and content for lessons. Most are run over six weeks, however, we can also run intensives or short courses at a time and location that suits you. I am also very happy to come and give a short presentation on the new course “Christ Our Light and Life.”

With activities now beginning, in preparation for World Youth Day, it is important to keep your students informed about what is happening and how they can get involved. Check out the official website www.wyd2008.org and register to receive their regular newsletter.

The CCD is also organising various initiatives and to make communication easier, if you would like to receive messages electronically, please forward an email address to me at mary.carolan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au. This will enable us to send you the monthly newsletter which at present is being sent to catechist coordinators. The aim of this short newsletter is to provide a vehicle for you to communicate ideas, queries and comments, on a regular basis. It is very much an opportunity for you to share your stories and ideas and be kept informed as to what is happening across the Diocese. I encourage people to contribute anything they think may be of interest.

Term 2 will see the commencement of writing the Year 2 “Christ Our Light and Life” Student Book and Teachers Manual. If anyone has any feedback, comments and opinions on the texts so far, please forward them to the CCD. This may be done via email, letter or through your FEO. Our Area Mass will be held on Friday 11 May at 11am at St Therese’ Parish Mascot. City Area Intermediate and Advanced courses will be run during Term 2, details p.16, 17. Please note it is very important to register for courses before the start date. To do so please phone the CCD on 9390 5122.

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Concord Area

Welcome to all catechists and coordinators in the Concord Area. Term 1 is behind us and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of Term 2!

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to all the new catechists who participated in the Basic Accreditation Course at Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde in March. The course went very well and we covered quite a lot of ground on both the Theology and Teaching Strategies strands. I would also like to take the chance to extend an invitation to any other catechists who have completed the Basic Course but not gone further in their Accreditation training to come along to our Intermediate Accreditation Course to be held in June-July at North Ryde (see p.17). Please note that this course will run across every Friday in June except Friday 22 June. This is because our Concord Area Mass is organised for 22 June. The Concord Area Mass will be held at All Hallows Catholic Church, Fivedock on Friday 22 June at 12pm. All catechists in the Concord Area are welcome to come along.

Term 2 will also see the CCD beginning work on the Year 2 (Stage 1B) Christ Our Light and Life curriculum. With regard to the Years 1, 4 and 6 (Stages 1A, 2B and 3B) curricula just completed, if you find any grammatical or typographical errors, please feel free to call the CCD and alert us to them. We can then make the corrections for the next printing.

Finally, I would like to thank the few catechists who attended the Catechist Ministry Certificate Course I ran on Scripture in Term 1 at the Polding Centre. It was a very enriching and rewarding experience for all of us and I hope more catechists are able to come along to our next unit in Term 3.

God bless.

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A special welcome to our new catechists—those who responded last term when classes were much larger than expected; when catechists had accidents and illness in their families; when an appeal was made through the local school newsletter; when one of the catechists tapped them on the shoulder and asked them. I am particularly encouraged by the increasing number of mothers with children in the local schools who are volunteering as catechists and attending the accreditation courses.

Our Area Mass will be held at Miranda this term on Friday May 18.

All catechists and prayer partners are invited to attend. Mass will start at 11.30 am. After Mass there will be an opportunity to gather for a BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Term 2 allows ten weeks of lessons for most catechists. This can be a very busy period. Remember to change the prayer cloth to white as we are now celebrating the great feast of Easter. As Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday (May 27) you have five weeks in which to tell those Easter stories. Hopefully each catechist has access to Br Julian’s A3 Easter lesson materials. These make great additions to the telling of the Easter story.

Most of the parishes in the Sutherland -St George area have purchased some of the Big Books for their catechists to use. These books should be in heavy demand over this Easter season. Please only use the books suitable for the level you are teaching and return them promptly so other catechists can use them. Light blue for Kindergarten and above; Red for Year 1 and above; Yellow for Year 2 and above.

Last term over 60 senior students (Yr 10 and 11) from Cronulla parish attended Catholic SRE classes in Wooloware and Cronulla High Schools. The term ended with a presentation about World Youth Day 2008 events by the Shire WYD team. This was well received by the students - many expressed an interest in being involved in World Youth Day next year.

This term there will be two accreditation courses held at the Miranda CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road Miranda. I would encourage catechists to attend these courses. The Advanced Accreditation Course (AAC) commences on Monday April 30, and the Basic Accreditation Course (BAC), commences on Wednesday May 2. Both of these courses will run from 10am to 1pm. During Term 3 the Intermediate Accreditation Course (IAC) commences on Friday July 27 and the Catechist Ministry Course (CMC) commences on Monday July 30. Further details about these courses can be found on p. 16, 17 of this newsletter.

As you can see from the following quote instructing the young has never been considered an easy task. Youth today now love luxury; they show disrespect for elders. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company.....and tyrannise their teachers. (Socrates 400 BC)

Please ring if you need help and I will get back to you.

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Greetings to all in the Western Area,

Welcome to Term 2! By now most of you should be smooth sailing. I’m sure you now have the correct students in your classes, letters have been handed out, calling students by their correct names, and have all your Teacher Manuals….aah the complications of Term 1!

I myself have been busy learning the ropes in this new position of Faith Education Officer. The transition has been made easier by the friendliness and warmth of Parish Priests, Coordinators, and Catechists. A big thank you to all. Your support has been a great encouragement.

Last term we commenced our first Basic Accreditation Course for the year with over 15 catechists attending. We learnt the foundations of our Catholic faith, practical classroom skills, also stopping for a few laughs along the way. I had a great time presenting this course and a big hello to all those who participated. I’m sure we’ll see each other again at the Intermediate Course and all those interested in completing this course, at St John the Baptist in Bonnyrigg on Mondays commencing 7 May (see page 17 for further details).

For all those who have yet to complete the Basic Accreditation Course, I would like to encourage you in this. I’m sure it will strengthen you in your faith and improve your effectiveness in the classroom. This course will be given on Wednesdays at Mary Immaculate in Bossley Park commencing 2 May (see page 17 for further details).

Thank you to Fr Albert Wasniowski, Mimi Romeo and all the catechists at Smithfield who will be hosting our Annual Western Area Mass on Friday 25 May at 11am. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate, pray for our mission and to meet other catechists in our Western Area. Please bring a plate so that we may be able to have a shared lunch afterwards. I will also be taking plenty of pictures on the day for our newsletter…."say cheese!"

Let us go forth in this Season of Easter witnessing to all the resurrection of Our Lord. Excitedly we await and pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit for us, our families and friends at Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit….

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Lots of fun and interesting questions with the catechists in my first Basic Accreditation course in the Western Area
On the 13th of May, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. Lucia dos Santos was ten years old; her cousins - Francisco and Jacinta Marto - were nine and seven years old respectively. Francisco could see, but not hear Our Lady. Both Lucia and Jacinta could see and hear Our Lady, but it was Lucia alone to whom Our Lady spoke, and she asked them to return to the Cova each month, and to offer sacrifices for sinners.

The children did return each month, except for August, when they were kidnapped by the district administrator, Artur de Oliveira Santos. Santos was a prominent Freemason, and he threatened and interrogated the children for two days, who were told they would be boiled in oil if they did not reveal Our Lady’s words or admit that they were lying. The children did not give way, and were finally released.

Our Lady’s messages to the children were brief and simple. She asked that they learn to read. She told the children that Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to heaven soon, but that Lucia would remain to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

She requested six times the daily recitation of the Rosary. She requested devotion to her Immaculate Heart twice, as well as the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady also asked three times for prayer and sacrifice on behalf of sinners, for Holy Communion to be received on the first Saturday of the month in reparation for sin, and for a chapel to be built in the Cova da Iria.

The July apparition was the most dramatic. During this apparition, the children were shown a vision of Hell. Lucia later testified that if they had not first been told they would go to heaven, they would have died of terror and fear. Following this vision, Our Lady requested prayer and sacrifice for sinners, and warned, “The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI.... If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

The children immediately adapted their lives to Our Lady’s messages. They began fasting from food and water, and wearing, day and night, a rope wrapped tightly around their waists. During the September apparition, Our Lady instructed the children to moderate their penances, saying “God is satisfied with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to sleep with the rope. Wear it only during the day.”

The final apparition came in October, and was marked by the miracle of the sun, in which the 70,000 witnesses at the Cova da Iria observed the sun changing colour, ‘skipping’ in the sky, plummeting to earth.
Many of the messages applied only to the seers who received them, and to their local community. However, the messages also applied to the world – the requests for prayer, penance, and Holy Communion were universal.

The most important message of Fatima that prayer and penance will save souls from Hell and the world from war, famine, and persecution. The message is that the simplest, the youngest, the poorest and those who are officially the least powerful amongst us can, by their spiritual lives, be more influential than all the world’s public leaders and decision-makers.

The Meaning of Fatima

In 1928 she became a Sister of St Dorothy, and in 1946 she joined the Carmelite Sisters of Coimbra. She died on February 13, 2005, aged 97.
The Joy of World Youth Day

I remember the first time I heard about WYD. It was early 2002 and I was sitting at Mass. There was a young girl speaking about a big youth event with the Pope in Canada. Before I had time to think, my mum sitting next to me, nudged me with her elbow and said, “I think you should go to that.” Mum always tells me that mothers know everything. I guess this time she was right, I was very interested in going and I wanted to go too.

I was surprised to have this desire because I had never really been one for church events outside the Mass. None of my friends went to church and there was no way I was going by myself. God in his goodness knowing this showed me that I was working in a building with young practicing Catholics. (The building was called Polding House.)

I befriended these young people, all of whom had a desire to go to WYD too. So I got my money together, paid the deposit and then one by one, each had an excuse for why they could no longer go. I was stuck. I was now left to go to Canada by myself.

I was scared and kept thinking why I shouldn’t be going but there wasn’t anything I could do to get out of it.

The whole flight I was complaining to myself that nothing seemed to be going the way I wanted. I was tired and uncomfortable. Just like the Israelites coming out of Egypt. Being conscious of my complaining I made a decision. I was just going to accept everything that came my way. This was a pivotal decision. Little did I know that there were going to be a lot of things that were not going to go my way, eg. seven hour flight delays; tornados; sleeping at shopping centres.

The beginning of WYD was amazing. I was on the train to the city, and at each stop there just seemed to be more and more people getting on the train. At each stop there would be Italians, Croatians, Africans, Mexicans, Americans – it seemed the whole world had come to Toronto, Canada. But what amazed me was the joy of these young people. Weren’t these the people who had been stuck at the airport the night before because of the Tornado?

They must have made the same decision I had made. I had never seen anything like it before. They were laughing, singing and even dancing to their drums and guitars. Regardless of what country you were from everybody joined in. Each country was proud of where they were from and even more excited to meet people from other countries.

As we exited, I realised that my train trip was only a small foretaste compared to the joy that was out on the street. There were swarms of young people, flags, signs, music. Everybody had huge smiles and were having a great time. It was like heaven on earth.

During the mornings of WYD we had Catechesis. A Bishop or Cardinal would give an inspiring talk on the theme of WYD. The theme for that WYD2002 was, “You are the Salt of the Earth, Light of the World.” The Bishop spoke of some of the problems in this world and he said, “if you cannot smile it is because you have not met Jesus Christ.” The room burst with applause. It was like being at a huge concert and Jesus was the Superstar that everybody wanted to meet and be like. He asked us would we bring Jesus to those who are lonely, sad, depressed ….. Would we be salt and light for those who live in a dark world? Would we bring the light of Christ? Everybody jumped up, screaming and applauding. Each of us there longed for a better world.

Catechesis was followed by Mass. Each young person received each action and word of the Mass, hungry for Him.
They were hungry to be loved and give Him their love. Lunchtimes were also fun. Lunch packs were given in groups of six. So it wasn’t uncommon to be sharing a meal with Emmanuel and Jean Carlos from Puerto Rico who were lost from their groups.

The afternoons and evenings were filled with concerts, dramas, sharings, charity missions – the works. Famous Catholics such as Jean Vanier, John Michael Talbot, Jim Caviezel were all in town to inspire and celebrate their faith with the youth.

Thursday afternoon we had a welcoming ceremony with the Pope. There were people everywhere. Somehow all the Aussies found each other through the crowds of people. We were united in seeing our Pope. There were tears and smiles as JPII drove by and the crowd echoed, “JPII we love you.” His response, “JPII loves you too!”

On Friday evening we all gathered for a live Stations of the Cross through the streets of Toronto. It seemed so real. Everybody was moved.

Very early that Saturday morning we arose and started the very long pilgrimage to the overnight vigil at the park. Again, no complaints in the 40 degree heat. The atmosphere was fun as we all walked along the streets. We arrived marking our territory for the overnight sleepout. We waited all day for Pope JP II to arrive for the prayer vigil. As he walked on stage he looked so frail yet he was so determined and happy to be with us. He asked us to be the voice of the young people of the world and said only prayer will be the salt that gives flavour in your lives.

We slept under the stars that night and also under the rain! It poured early that morning. Nobody needed an alarm. It rained and rained. All my things were saturated. My shoes were soaked, I had mud up to my knees and as I remember looking around I saw huddles of people not complaining but praying. I think Our Lady was very happy. There were lots of rosaries said that day. There was also lots of laughing and singing.

The storm continued as did the strong winds. They didn’t know if the Mass with Pope John Paul II would happen if the wind got any stronger. They thought the stage would collapse. You could see the bishops holding onto their hats, priests holding onto their vestments, the stage crew holding the stage together.

With the weather as bad as it was the Mass started anyway. We sang the Kyrie and the Pope spoke about how we were the light of the world. It was phenomenal! Everybody saw it! The clouds disappeared, the rain stopped and the sun shone so brightly. The Lord enforcing the words of JPII – You are the light of the world!

At the end of WYD I knew that I was different, I knew that I had been touched. I had a strong desire to serve the Church, and to bring hope and joy to the many young people of the world who had never smiled. I desired to be the Light of the World, Salt of the Earth.

At the heart of every WYD, it’s not the “what”, it’s the “who.” The young people want to meet Jesus. They come from every part of the world to join their brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate and share their faith. They are united in solidarity.

This personal encounter they have with Christ gives them a new joy and love for life. A joy that is shared with each person they come into contact with. I was touched by their joy and love, so too were the lives of the citizens in Toronto. They were touched on the trains, the buses, on the streets, in the shops. Just as it will touch the lives of all who are here in Sydney in 2008.

Events have started already with a local WYD held on Palm Sunday at St Mary’s Cathedral. Thousands of young people gathered creating a vibrant positive atmosphere. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was available in Hyde Park, dancers, bands, 2 testimonies (I spoke about my experience at WYD2005 in Cologne, Germany) and special guest star, Fr Stan Fortuna from the Bronx in the United States, who rapped, sang, and preached. The day concluded with Mass in the Cathedral.

Over the next year, CCD sees it as imperative that we visit every high school and tell all young people about WYD. CCD has developed a special presentation on WYD and prepared WYD Packs to be given to each student.

Teresa Culjak
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Find the words from the word bank on marriage in the puzzle. The remaining letters will form a message about marriage.

Marriage, Bride, Groom, Wedding, Priest, Vows, Rings, Witness.

Marriage is a …

C _______ ________

______ ________

From:
Stage 3B Christ Our Light And Life Student Activity Book
The Psalms, which are in the Old Testament, were originally written to be sung. Use the musical notes to discover the mystery message.

From Stage 3B *Christ Our Light And Life* Student Activity Book
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FAITH?

CROSSWORD NUMBER 2

Across

1. Mary was born free of this (8, 3).
3. Mary carried this number of sorrows throughout her life, known as the _______ sorrows of Mary.
5. A popular Marian devotion worn around the neck, made of cloth material.
6. Mary appeared to three children at this place in the early 20th Century.
11. A Greek word meaning ‘Mother of God.’
15. On what metallic item do we see Mary standing on the globe and an ‘M’ symbolising the name of Mary,________________________ (10, 5)
16. Mary declared this to Saint Bernadette, ‘I am the ________________________________ Conception.’
17. A Feast day that marks the Angel Gabriel’s message to Mary, held on March 25.
18. A Feast day celebrated on the 24 May.

Down

1. An adjective describing Mary’s response at the Annunciation.
2. A Feast Day marking Mary’s entrance into heaven.
4. When Adam and Eve sinned, Jesus became the new Adam and Mary the _______ _______ (3, 4).
7. Mary’s mother.
8. October marks this special devotion to Mary.
9. 2008 marks the 150th Anniversary of this place of prayer and pilgrimage.
10. The father of Mary.
12. A place where Mary appeared, located in Mexico.
13. Mary’s song of praise.
14. A Latin hymn to Mary, Salve __________.
DIARY DATES

Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering
Friday May 4 2007

- Music by John Burland
- Stories by Br Julian
- WYD08 Update by Teresa Culjak

Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
24 John Street, Lidcombe
From 10:30am to 1:30pm

Annual Catechist Mass
Sunday September 16
St Mary’s Cathedral
2pm

Bankstown Area Catechist Mass
12 noon Friday 8 June
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Homer Street
Earlwood

City Area Catechist Mass
11:00am Friday 11 May
St Therese’ Parish
Sutherland Street
Mascot

Concord Area Catechist Mass
12 noon Friday 22 June
All Hallows Parish
Halley Street
Five Dock

Sutherland—St George Area Catechist Mass
and shared luncheon
11:30am Friday 18 May
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
50 Kiora Road
Miranda

Western Area Catechist Mass
11:00am Friday 25 May
St Benedict’s Catholic Church
Justin Street
Smithfield

Life Members’ Mass & Luncheon
Friday November 23 2007
Mass 10:30am
St Joachim’s Lidcombe
Luncheon 12 noon
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
24 John Street, Lidcombe

Further details will be sent to all Life Member Award recipients and Parish Catechist Coordinators early in Term 4.
## SCHEDULE OF OFFERINGS 2007

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**NB:** Catechist Ministry Courses require a minimum of 10 students to run.  
Bookings two weeks in advance essential.
## Basic Accreditation
### Term Two

**Bankstown Area**  
Christ the King Parish Parish Centre  
3 Cantrell St, Yagoona  
**Mondays 10:30am to 1:30pm**  
May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25  

**Sutherland–St George Area**  
CCD Centre  
50 Kiara Rd, Miranda  
**Wednesdays 10:00am to 1:00pm**  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20, 27  

**Western Area**  
Mary Immaculate Catholic Church  
110 Mimosa Road, Bossley Park  
**Wednesdays 10:00am to 1:00pm**  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20  

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## Intermediate Accreditation
### Term Two

**City Area**  
Polding Centre  
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney  
**Tuesdays 10:30am to 2:30pm**  
May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12  

**Concord Area**  
Holy Spirit Parish  
Cox’s Road, North Ryde  
**Fridays 9:30am to 1:30pm**  
June 1, 8, 15, 29, July 6  

**Western Area**  
St John the Baptist Parish  
Mount Street, Bonnyrigg  
**Daytime:**  
**Mondays 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 4, 18  

**Evening:**  
**Mondays 6:00pm to 9:30pm**  
May 14, 21, 28 June 4, 18, 25 July 2

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## Term One Crossword Solution

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You may find the following information useful if you are teaching Kindergarten and Stage 1A (Year 1 and 2 this year)

**Light Blue Books — Kindergarten and above**

**The Last Supper**
1. Washing the Feet  
   Kindergarten Lesson 35
2. Take and Eat  
   Kindergarten Lesson 12

**The Easter Story**
1. From Death to New Life  
   Kindergarten Lesson 8
2. Jesus is Alive  
   Kindergarten Lessons 9 and 11

**The Good Shepherd**
1. The Good Shepherd  
   Kindergarten Lesson 22
2. Lost and Found  
   Kindergarten Lesson 23

**Old Testament Stories**
1. Noah and the Ark  
   Kindergarten Lesson 34; Year 1 lesson 18
2. Abraham and Sarah

**Jonah**
1. Jonah  
   Kindergarten Lesson 33; Year 1 lesson 18

**Red Books - Stage 1a (Year 1) and above**

**Holy Week And Easter**
1. Remember Me  
   Year 1 lesson 17
2. From Death to New Life  
   Year 1 lessons 8 and 9
3. Alleluia! Jesus is Alive  
   Year 1 lessons 9 and 10

**Ascension and Pentecost**
1. Jesus returns to his Father  
   Year 1 lesson 11 and Year 4 Lesson 10
2. The Spirit Comes  
   Year 1 lesson 12 and Year 4 Lesson 11

**Joseph The Dreamer**
1. Joseph and His Coat  
   Year 1 lesson 19
2. Joseph and His Brothers  
   Year 1 lesson 20

**Parables for the Kingdom**
1. The Mustard Seed  
   Year 1 Lesson 35
2. The Treasure and the Pearl  
   Year 1 Lesson 25 and 34

**Jesus Cares for People**
1. The Ten Lepers  
   Year 1 Lesson 26
2. Feeding the Five Thousand  
   Kindergarten Lesson 21

**The Dark Blue Book**

**Moses**
1. Baby Moses  
   Year 1 lesson 21
2. The Burning Bush  
   Year 1 Lesson 22
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The Night of Resurrection

I soon after beheld the tomb of Our Lord. All was calm and silent around it. There were six soldiers on guard, who were either seated or standing before the door...The sacred body of our Blessed Redeemer was wrapped in the winding-sheet, and surrounded with light, while two angels sat in an attitude of adoration, the one at the head, and the other at the feet.

My next vision was so mysterious that I cannot explain or even relate it in a clear manner. It appeared to me that the soul and body of Jesus were taken together out of the sepulchre, without however, the former being completely reunited to the latter, which still remained inanimate. I thought I saw two angels... raise it – keeping it in the exact position in which it was lying in the tomb – and carry it uncovered and disfigured with wounds across the rock, which trembled as they passed. It then appeared to me that Jesus presented his body, marked with the stigmas of the Passion, to his Heavenly Father, who, seated on a throne, was surrounded by innumerable choirs of angels, blissfully occupied in pouring forth hymns of adoration and jubilee.

At this moment the rock was so violently shaken, from the very summit to the base, that three of the guards fell down and became almost insensible... I again beheld the holy women: they had finished preparing the spices, and were resting in their private cells...

It was towards eleven o'clock at night when the Blessed Virgin, incited by irrepressible feelings of love, arose, wrapped a grey cloak around her, and left the house quite alone... I watched her through the whole of her solitary journey along that part which had been trodden by her Son...God granted her at this time particular lights and graces, and she was able without the slightest degree of difficulty to distinguish every place sanctified by his sufferings...

Mary then went to Calvary; but when she had almost reached it, she stopped suddenly, and I saw the sacred body of our Saviour standing before her. An angel walked in front; the two angels whom I had seen in the tomb were by his side, and the souls whom he had redeemed followed him by hundreds. The body of Jesus was brilliant and beautiful,... and I heard him describe to the Blessed Virgin all he had done in Limbo, and then assure her that he should rise again with his glorified body; that he would show himself to her, and that she must wait near the rock of Mount Calvary, until he appeared...

Excerpts from “The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ” by Anna Catherine Emmerich
(Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich was born 8 September 1774 and died 9 February 1824. An Augustinian nun, she received the stigmata, was a mystic and visionary and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 3 October 2004)