

# Our Parish Catechists

*Handing on what we have received  
the hope and joy that Jesus brings*

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## Welcome to Term 3 ... and to being on mission at every turn...

One dark night an earnest call from our eldest child, almost seven, cut to my heart ...

### **"Daddy, I don't want to die."**

The next day, walking from the train station to one of our Area Catechist Masses, I was wondering what to say in thanking you, our Parish Catechists. This cry in the night came back to me: *this* is why we go to classes week in and week out – to help this cry of the heart meet the Light of the World, Jesus Christ – we point to his cross and beyond, to the Way, Jesus, who will carry us through death to new life; to the one who gives us his gift of peace now: "peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27).

At the wonderful fraternal lunches shared after our Area Masses, a number of you recounted similar stories regarding your students and how you answer their questions. Please write or email us these profound moments and also any lesson tips that other catechists may find useful. You are a God-send to our children in listening deeply to their wonderings and raw concerns. Here the importance of providing SRE catechesis in state schools stands out.

### **SRE Review**

To have your say in the current Scripture and Ethics Review, your Catechist Coordinators are being sent information to hand on regarding answering an online survey. Your positive comments and any constructive criticisms will help the reviewers to see SRE as a strength in public education and show how to make offering SRE even better for our young people.

### **Praying the Angelus**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has introduced praying the Angelus to Catholic Schools that have taken up this midday prayer as has the Archbishop's "HQ" - the Chancery and other support agencies. Even though as Catechists you begin and end every lesson with prayer, please find a beautiful Angelus prayer card enclosed that you may wish to pray as "a wonderful act of solidarity and communion" with our Archbishop, his staff and together with those who are also learning and leading in our Catholic schools. Please continue to keep our



Archbishop in your daily prayers.

### **World Youth Day – July 2016**

Catechesis is the great discovery of the international World Youth Days as young people gather around the Pope and our Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. Archbishop Anthony is leading the Sydney Archdiocese and Catholic Education Office pilgrimage groups to Krakow in 2016. CCD will be promoting WYD to Years 10-11 state school students along with offering financial support, preparation and follow up in prayer and mission for them to encounter Christ.

We know that by being Catechists our faith is enlivened – we have this mission to show to our young people, especially our WYD pilgrims, that they too may pray and do, to be planted in and built up in Christ. Please let all students know that World Youth Day exists – that Christ and his Church Universal are forever young and alive as the Spirit continually renews us.

### **Annual Catechist Mass**

We look forward to warmly welcoming you all to the Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 21 September followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral Hall.

### **Episcopal Vicar for Education**

We have also welcomed Archbishop Anthony appointing Very Rev Michael McLean as our Episcopal Vicar for Education. Fr Michael McLean, who was taught by Catechists as a state school student, has already been a great support to us at CCD and has attended a number of Catechist events, such as Area Masses and the NSW-ACT CCD Directors' CCRESS conference, and looks forward to meeting more of you in his new role.



**May the Holy Spirit go before you** to answer the yearnings of young hearts. Thank you for being Catechists. Upon reflecting on our mission, may I offer the following prayer of St Paul in praying that God continues to bless you and your students:

**"Daddy, I don't want to die"** opened up the very heart of our Father, pouring forth Love who raised Jesus from death to new life, and continues to cry out, "Abba, Father" ...

*This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; so that, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.*

Amen.

**Doug Mawhinney**  
Director - CCD Sydney

## Did you know?

The Vocations Office and CCD work collaboratively to enable the Vocations Team to talk with high school students in state schools.

The Vocations Team focuses upon sharing their testimonies, discernment and prayer that always proves very popular with students. The team have been incredible witnesses to the students as they share how God gives each one of us a particular mission in life – as we grow and life progresses, God makes it known to us, usually in indirect ways, as an invitation. Discovering and ultimately following your vocation gives the greatest glory and praise to our Creator. It is what we were made to do and we become more fully alive. The students are shown a “Careers Expo” of a different kind and are always intrigued asking endless questions.

Please contact your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO) if you wish to invite the Vocations Team as guest speakers to your high school class or seminar day.

**Fr. Michael de Stoop**, who has been directing the Vocations Office, is a huge supporter of CCD having always made visiting and ministering to students in state schools a top priority. Fr. Michael is about to start further studies and so we say farewell and thank you, Fr. Michael, for everything you have done to promote vocational discernment across the Archdiocese of Sydney.



CCD would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Fr. Epeli Qimaqima** who takes up the Vocations Director role having served at Bonnyrigg Parish with its eighty Parish Catechists!

*By Chris Cox, FEO Northern Area*

## A handy website for Catechists.....[www.21stcenturycatholicsevanglization.org](http://www.21stcenturycatholicsevanglization.org)

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### Sample articles.....

#### Witnessing and Listening: Core Skills for the New Evangelization

Pope Paul VI said, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses”. We are to share with others the Joy of the Gospel. Joy is a feeling, an experience. To learn, we must listen. I think witnessing and listening are skills that Pope Francis wants us to have as evangelizers. ...

#### Teaching Authentic, Real-Life Faith

We’ve all seen it. “Susie, will you read the first paragraph on page 45?” Next, the catechist asks questions. One or two students respond. The rest look bored. ...

... Every catechist, every parish has a story. Make sure that young people know yours. That’s the authenticity they crave, part of the “glue” that will help them stick with the Catholic faith.

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# A reflection on Mary

Whatever is said of Mary is said for the sake of her Son so wholly united is she with Jesus.

## Preparation

On a prayer table place a lighted candle, a bible, an image of Mary & Jesus.

(You may wish to use a CD player to play suitable background music)

Mary is known by many names. Each time we hear one of these names let us say 'Pray for us'.

Tradition tells us that Anne and Joachim were Mary's parents. As Catholics we believe that Mary was born without sin.

We celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. (Catechism 491)

**Immaculate Mother**

*Pray for us*

We read in Scripture that when Mary was of age she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph was a descendant of David. Shortly after they were engaged, an angel appeared to Mary and gave her a special message from God. The angel said, 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you' (Luke 1:26-28.)

**Mary, handmaiden of the Lord**

*Pray for us*

Not long after this Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth greeted her with the words 'blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' (Luke 1:39-42)

**Mary, Mother of God**

*Pray for us*

Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, ordered everyone to be counted. Every man was to return to his home town to be counted. Mary would soon give birth to Jesus in Bethlehem. (Luke 2: 1-7)

**Mary, Mother of Jesus**

*Pray for us*

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be presented in the temple. There they met Simeon. Simeon told Mary that Jesus was to be destined for the falling and rising of many and that a sword would pierce her soul too. (Luke 2: 25-33)

**Mary, Mother of Sorrows**

*Pray for us*

At Cana, Mary interceded for the wedding family; She showed Jesus that they had run out of wine. Catholic tradition teaches us that likewise Mary intercedes for us when we need help. (John 2: 1-5; Catechism 968)

**Mary, Help of Christians**

*Pray for us*

Mary stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died. At this time Jesus asked his favourite disciple to 'behold his mother'. Tradition tells us that Jesus was giving Mary as mother to all of us. (John 19: 25-27; Catechism 969)

**Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church**

*Pray for us*

Tradition tells us that when her life on earth was completed, Mary was taken to be with God forever sharing in her Son's resurrection and waiting for the resurrection of all members of his body. We celebrate the feast of Mary's Assumption on 15th August.

**Mary, Queen of Heaven**

(Catechism 974)

*Pray for us*

**Conclude by saying or singing  
The Hail Mary**







## Praying the Angelus

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life. It opens us to the presence and activity of God in our lives and helps us to discern and follow the will of God.

A prayer of particular significance within the Christian Tradition is the *Angelus*. The *Angelus* is an ancient prayer recalling the events of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit and become the mother of God. The prayer honours Mary's great 'yes' to God; offered humbly, faithfully and obediently. Through this prayer we reflect upon and celebrate the great mystery of God sharing in our humanity, becoming one of us in the person of Jesus.

The *Angelus* is usually said at noon each day. Bells are customarily rung to encourage people to stop work, if only for a few moments, and reflect upon God's gifts to us and our own 'yes' to God.

I wish to invite all those in our Sydney Catholic school and office communities to join with me in pausing each day to pray the *Angelus*. With 100,000 of us praying together each day it will be a wonderful act of solidarity and communion.

*+ Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*

### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.  
(Hail Mary ...)

V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.  
(Hail Mary ...)

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

### Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom  
the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross,  
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Painted by St. Bernard's Armada, 2012 Christmas Story Competition

**Dear Catechists, please join us - with your Archbishop, his staff, including your CCD agency, and Catholic schools - in praying the Angelus. God bless you.**



Annunciation by Fra Angelico, Convent of San Marco, Florence

Throughout the centuries artists have depicted the sacred encounter between Mary and the Angel Gabriel, the event which is recalled in the *Angelus*. Several of these paintings of the

Annunciation were by the Dominican painter, and patron saint of artists, Fra Angelico. These paintings draw us to reflect on the Word of God and to experience its truth and beauty.



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## Central Area

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*Greetings to all in the Central Area*

As we begin another term, I invite you to reflect in gratitude on our opportunity to go out and share Christ with our students. So many times we feel the frustration that comes with our work, whether it's a difficult day in the classroom or a misconception about SRE in the wider community, but as religious liberty is threatened around the world it's imperative to stop and appreciate our freedoms.

I saw this first hand at Wiley Park Public School when catechists from St Jerome's Punchbowl had a mini celebration for the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. I was thrilled to join them in prayer, thanksgiving, and the Australian national anthem as we asked our Patroness to bless and protect our Land. Well done to catechists Mr Kelson-Mickelburgh, Sr Christina and Mr Fernandes – even the class teacher stayed on to join in.

The **Area Mass** at Our Lady of Lourdes Earlwood was a great opportunity to catch up with many of you. Fr John and Fr Patrick – as well as all the concelebrating priests including our Episcopel Vicar for Education, Very Rev Michael McLean, representing the Archbishop commented on the lovely Mass and the catechists of Earlwood, led by coordinator Barbara Martin, who put on an event that did not disappoint in their new parish hall. Thanks to all of them for their efforts, and all you who attended.

I recently did a Charitable Works Fund Appeal at Georges Hall parish and my husband was quite taken by the sense of community in the parish, with parishioners gathering after Mass for a drink and some snacks. A great place for catechists to recruit! The school gate is another – some stay-at-home mums of Catholic school students will welcome some volunteer work as a catechist. My newest recruits often come on another's recommendation, so don't be afraid to reach out to community members and ask if they're interested.

In Christ,

**Sarah Christie**



► Punchbowl Catechists celebrating the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians





## Lorraine Impala

St Mary Queen of Heaven (Georges Hall)

I became a Scripture Teacher at 17 seventeen when I left High School and began boarding with a Methodist Minister in Singleton because my parents lived too far inland. I helped him teach Sunday School, and he was very into his faith.

My family wasn't Catholic, but my father had told me to enrol my kids in a Catholic School, so after I married in my late 20s, I put them in at St Mary Queen of Heaven.

The Parish Priest, Father Kevin Fitzpatrick, would have young people coming in droves on Saturday night. It was because of him that I decided to become Catholic. There was a lot to learn, but when I finished, I knew that this was the place I needed to be.

I became a catechist when [fellow catechist] Lorna Basha recruited me. I was a little weary as I had a lot of commitments already, but she convinced me by encouraging me to sit in on her classes and watch her work until I was comfortable enough to do it on my own.

When I finally started taking classes alone, it reminded me of my childhood. My mother used to laugh at me because I would sit the chooks down on the farm where we lived and pretend they were pupils. I would walk around with a stick like a teacher, give them names, and tell them to go stand in the corner if they were misbehaving.

I loved it immediately. The kids would soak up everything you said, so I loved sharing the simple lessons I had learnt with them. I hope that the love and the faith I display imbeds in them. I think it does because I see them change over the course of the year – I teach from the heart and it is very authentic, so it pays off. I love it when the kids ask me questions in class. Even if it means missing out on a colouring activity, I find it great to interact with them and my priority is to address their queries.

I find that planning my lesson the night before in my own handwriting helps me to really get the essentials across to the students, but I like to vary the content. I have used finger puppets and music CDs to keep them excited, and I love using the big books because the pictures are so engaging for the children.

I have been very lucky to have a parish priest like Father Joseph who buys us resources if we need them. He is very supportive of the catechist team.

The CCD has been a great support. I love the Brother Julian programs. He has the best tools to keep kids captivated – I don't have that sort of creativity. I try to go to as many CCD events as possible. I enjoy the catechist gatherings because I get to hear different speakers. One of my highlights was seeing Samuel Clear at Lunch and Learn – I will never forget his story (of how he walked around the world for Christian Unity).

I'm looking forward to celebrating my twenty year anniversary next year. I'm inspired by people like my Catechist Coordinator, Monica, who is in her eighties and is still going, so I'd like to continue in this ministry for as long as I can.



# FAITH EDUCATION OFFICER Eastern Area

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### Greetings to all in the Eastern Area

The Eastern Area Mass hosted by St Anne's Bondi Beach was bathed with beautiful sunshine yet not warm enough for a stroll down to the beach. Thank you to Raymond Ramanous, Catechist Coordinator and his team for treating and warmly welcoming the Eastern Area catechists to their parish.

**Thank you** to Monsignor Neil Brown, Parish Priest, for celebrating the Mass and to Father Jerzy (Daceyville), Father Andrew (Bondi); Father Laurie (Malabar), Father Greg (Rosebery) and Father George (Matrville) for concelebrating. Catechists always feel a sense of spiritual and moral support at these important occasions. In 2016 the host will be St Michael's Daceyville.



#### Eastern Area Catechist Mass - St Annes Bondi Beach

In witnessing to all nations, our message of the Risen Lord can often be drowned in the noise of a world that has lost all sense and meaning. Instead the prime focus is the message and promotion of a 'culture of death', which was and still is, the focus of Pope St John Paul II and his successors. What we think and say and how we behave is often shaped by the society we live in, the social media, government legislation and the daily news. As bearers of the light of hope through our Catholic teaching in public schools, we aim to develop, shape, inspire, nurture and edify the future generation of Jesus Christ's "warriors", not as fundamentalists, but as speakers of truth, doers of charity, movers of justice and makers of peace – our future nuns, brothers, priests and lay servers.

Pope Francis has reminded us time and time again of the duty and responsibility we hold to bring to Jesus these beautiful souls that are hungry for the Word of God. St Matthew says, "Then people brought little children to him, for him to lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples scolded them, but Jesus said, 'Let the little children alone, and do not stop them from coming to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of Heaven belongs.'" (Mt 19:13-14)

As faith nurturers and educators, we should continually strive to improve in our catechetical mission, our learning, understanding, knowledge of truth and our classroom management. I encourage you to continue to learn, age should never be a barrier. My last Masters degree was completed two years ago and I continue to listen to and study mini-courses. There is a word of wisdom to be found around every corner. Our consciences should be constantly informed as the Catechism reminds us:

*Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings ... the education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 1783-4).*

I look forward to seeing our Coordinators at the next **Eastern Area Coordinator Meeting on Monday 27 July, 10am-12pm, at the Polding Centre in town.** Please make these Coordinator meetings a priority.

May you have a blessed and successful Term 3,

**Robert Milan**

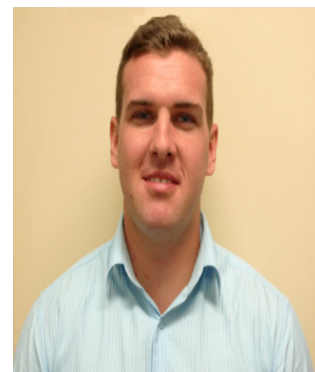
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## Greetings to all in the Northern Area

We are happy to hear that catechists are enjoying the initial and ongoing training courses. The CCD offers these courses to meet the Department of Education requirements for all catechists to receive training. Please ensure that you are "in training"!

It is now mandatory for new Catechists to receive induction training to ensure the Code of Conduct is followed and the approved curriculum is taught. We encourage those who have not yet completed a training course many outstanding catechists who have.

The Basic One 'Induction' course provides essential training on classroom skills, such as, training in behaviour management, planning a lesson for SRE and covers the curriculum Christ our Light and Life and importantly child protection. It is also a great opportunity for catechists to come together and learn from one another about teaching Scripture. All new and existing catechists please get in touch with CCD as soon as possible to book training in your parish. Many thanks must go to all the coordinators who assisted with recruiting and organising training.

We have had a great feedback from the two guest speakers at the Catechist Gathering held recently. Frances Tilly, newly appointed as the assistant Director to the National First Spiritual Exercise program, gave our catechists a set of prayerful spiritual exercises to use as meditation, such as, the awareness examine that is a structured meditation program by St Ignatius Loyola. These prayers can be used for meditation and personal prayer in the classroom and is a practical example to apply at home. Please let me know if you would like a copy of this program.

Jesuit ministries have great resources available for teaching and formation. To download on to your smart phone or home computer, simply visit Pray as you Go – [www.pray-as-you-go.org/home](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home). This is an inspirational free app aimed to help you to pray along the way.



**Thank you** to everyone that attended the Northern Area Mass at Holy Spirit North Ryde! Big thanks to Fr Stan, Barbara Burns, and Nadia Carvello for all their help on the day. Thank you to call catechists for your service to the Church. Even if at times it may be difficult and require a great deal of work, and although the results are not always what we hope for, teaching the faith is something extraordinary!

Former Pope Benedict 16 tells us, *'it is perhaps the best legacy we can pass on: the faith! To educate in the faith, to make it grow. To help children and young people to know and love the Lord more and more are one of the most exciting aspects of catechesis. It builds up the Church!'*



**Northern Area Catechist Mass - Holy Spirit North Ryde**

I will never forget I was filling in for a yr 6 class at Eastwood Heights Marsfield and I welcomed myself to year 6 and asked them how they began the lesson. 1 student proceeded to take out a box pulled out a nice piece of fabric, placed it on the box and then placed a cross, a candle and a Bible creating a sacred space. I looked back at the class and I noticed all of year 6, around 20 were all on their knees ready to commence prayer. I felt so inspired that they showed such reverence and devotion to prayer. The catechist I was filling in for has done incredible work with these students.

I have only been with CCD now for 3 years and I'm privileged to have witnessed fruits of catechist work. Such as, catechists organising Bible studies in their local parish, high school students asking catechists to be linked to a youth groups, full time catechists teaching up to 7 lessons a week, catechists giving longer service years since the time I've been born and Catechists being noticed at Mass or the local shops by their students and thanked for their service. The list goes on and we all have many stories to share and the area mass was a great opportunity to share each other's stories and inspire one another in this great ministry.

More photos of the day can be found at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritnorthryde>

Warm regards,

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## Greetings to all in the Southern Area!

**Thank you** to Lee and the Rockdale City catechists for overall organisation of our Area Mass, to Jan and Jane and the choir and who provided the music and to every catechist and priest who attended. Once again our travelling special guest "Pope Francis" was well received and many a photo was taken.



Southern Area Mass 21 May 2015

*How are your classes going?* Term 3 can sometimes seem never ending. The students know the class routine and they also know how to distract you and the end of the year seems a long way off. Catechists need to keep enforcing those classroom rules. Your classroom management needs to be fair, firm and friendly and consistent. Students have a distinct sense of what is and what is not fair. You must act fairly for all students if you expect to be respected. If you do not treat all students equitably, you will be labelled as unfair. Students will not be keen to follow your rules. Make sure that if your best student does something wrong, they too get corrected for it.

This term there will be more opportunities for you to do the **Basic Two accreditation course**. During these sessions we will explore how we can teach the Mass and other sacraments to children keeping in mind some of our students do not have an opportunity to attend a Eucharistic celebration.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that during the Eucharistic celebration Jesus is present in four ways:

- in the **gathered people** worshipping;
- in the **Word** being proclaimed;
- in the person of the **priest** leading;
- and especially in the **bread and wine** when they become the **body and blood of Jesus**.

We are then sent forth to glorify the Lord by our lives.

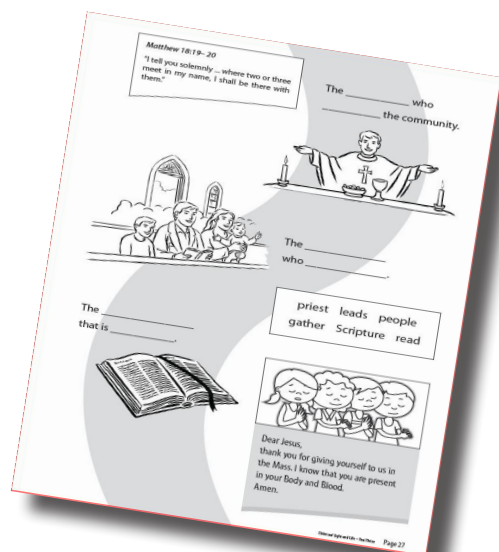
In the COLAL curriculum there are lessons exploring these understandings of Eucharist at an age appropriate level. Perhaps these lessons could be taught to coincide with your parish sacramental program.

Year 3:

- Lesson 11 We Celebrate
- Lesson 12 Jesus is Present in the Mass

Year 4:

- Lesson 17 Gathered in His Name
- Lesson 18 Living out the Word of God
- Lesson 19 Do this in Memory of Me
- Lesson 20 Go in Peace



Some dates for diaries this term:

- Basic Two accreditation course at various venues. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- Our Area Coordinators Meeting will be held at Miranda CCD Centre on Friday 3 July, 10am-12pm.
- All catechists are encouraged to attend the **Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary' Cathedral on Sunday 20 September at 2pm.**

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# SMART BOARD RESOURCES

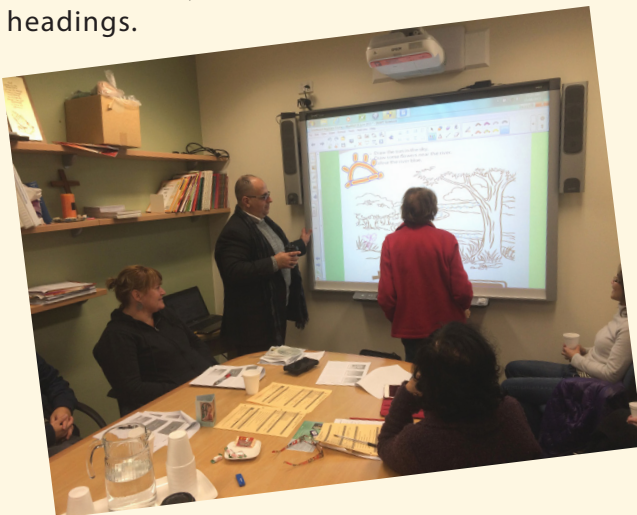
The resources developed for the interactive whiteboard by Wollongong CCD enhance the Christ our Light and Life curriculum. They can be put onto a USB stick and taken into the classroom. These resources do not replace the curriculum – they are there to enhance it. Catechists choose which resource they will use – you do not have time to use every resource every lesson.

The material listed in the columns is the same as the material in the Activity Books, but presented with coloured pictures.

- Lesson Number: This matches the lesson in the Activity book and Teacher's manual
- Title: Same as the curriculum lesson.
- Story: This is the story in the lesson.
- Scripture – This is from the lesson.  
Prayer: The same as you find in the Student Activity Book.

Title	Story	Scripture	Supp. Material	Activity	Prayer	Music
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If you need more help with the smartboard contact your FEO or come to one of our Smartboard classes. The summary for these lessons is contained in an excel file on the USB called 'catechists start here'. When you open the file you will find these column headings.



Smart Board Beginners Class 15 June 2015 - with FEO Robert Milan

The other columns contain extra resources that are not in the Student Activity Book or Teacher's Manual

- Music – words/music/pictures linking to the lesson theme generously given for catechist to use by the artists named.
- Activity – these are often interactive and can be useful for end of lesson activities.
- Supplementary materials – mostly extra pictures on the lesson theme.

Below is a sample showing the resources available for **Year 1, (Stage 1A)** lessons.

	Title	Story	Scripture	Supp. Material	Activity	Prayer	Music
17	We Visit The Church	Story	N/A	Pictures	Image Matcher	Prayer	
18	Together At Mass	Story	Luke 22:19-20	Pictures	Pairs	Prayer	
19	Noah	N/A	Genesis 6	Pictures	N/A	Prayer	Noah
20	Abraham	Story	Genesis 15:5-6	N/A	N/A	Prayer	
21	Baby Moses	Story	Exodus 2:10	N/A	What happened?	Prayer	The Birth of Moses
22	David	Story	1 Samuel 16	N/A	Image Matcher	Prayer	David and Goliath
23	Jonah	Story	N/A	Pictures	N/A	Prayer	Jonah and the Whale
24	Jesus' Family	Story	N/A	Pictures	Pairs	Prayer	

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### *Greetings to all in the Western Area*

Catechists along with family and friends are invited to celebrate the Annual Western Area Mass at St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy at 11am on Friday 24 July 2015.

The catechist team at St Christopher's are busy with their preparations to welcome you to their parish. They have generously offered to provide lunch for catechists at the conclusion of Mass. To assist with catering preparations, the parish requires an approximate number of those attending. Catechists, please advise your Coordinator if you will be attending as soon as possible. The day will be an opportunity to gather together as one heart and mind in giving thanks for our catechetical ministry and to connect with other catechists from the area. I look forward to seeing you there.

Reaching the half way mark of the year, some catechists took the opportunity to come away, rest and receive at the CCD's Spirituality Day – a grace filled day with Mass, spiritual talks and time for personal prayer. Priests were available on the day to hear confessions, with one particular priest touched by the healing that had occurred in the hearts of those who attended. The next CCD Spirituality Day will be held later in the year.

In a particular way, Christ has entrusted to us the mission of 'catechist.' This mission can be arduous yet it is crucial for the salvation of our children. Christ assures that He will not leave us orphans: "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth whom the world can never accept since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you" (John 14:16-17). You are not alone and I encourage you to pray to the Holy Spirit before each class. We may not even be aware of how the Holy Spirit is using us in the classroom.

It may be the way we pray, our smile, or a song sung that has a profound effect on the hearts of those before us. It is only through the Holy Spirit that lives are changed and entrusting our mission to Him can only lead to big things!

God Bless

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► Basic Two Accreditation Course -  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Mt Pritchard







# Events Calendar

TERM 3, 2015

## July / August

3 Jul (Fri)	<b>Southern</b> Area Coordinators Meeting 10:00am to 12:30pm	CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
13 Jul (Mon)	Term 3 Commences	Polding Centre
13 Jul (Mon)	<b>Central</b> Area Coordinators Meeting 10:00am to 12:00pm	St Mel's Parish 7 Evaline St, Campsie
17 Jul (Fri)	<b>Western</b> Area Coordinators Meeting 10:00am to 12:00pm	Our Lady of Mt Carmel 230 Humphries Rd, Bonnyrigg
20 Jul (Mon)	<b>Northern</b> Area Coordinators Meeting 10:00am to 12:30pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St. Sydney
27 Jul (Mon)	<b>Eastern</b> Area Coordinators Meeting 10:00am to 12:00pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St. Sydney
24 Jul (Fri)	<b>Western Area Mass</b> 11:00am to 2:00pm	St Christophers Parish 195 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy

## September

20 Sep (Sun)	<b>Annual Catechist Mass</b> 2:00pm to 5:00pm	St Mary's Cathedral College Hall 3 Mary St, Sydney
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## CCD Courses

All course bookings: phone 02 9307 8330 or email [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

### BASIC ONE ACCREDITATION

17 Jul (Fri) Robert Milan	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St. Sydney
23 Jul (Thr) Denise Humphreys	10am to 2pm	CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
27 Jul, 3 Aug (Mon) Teresa Culjak	10am to 2pm	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg
12 Aug (Wed) Chris Cox	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St. Sydney
26 Aug (Wed) Sarah Christie	10am to 2pm	St Mel's Parish 7 Evaline St, Campsie
11 Sep (Fri) Robert Milan	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

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## BASIC TWO ACCREDITATION

16 Jul (Thr) Day 3 Denise Humphreys	11am to 2pm	St Joseph's Parish 210 Oyster Bay Road, Como
20 Jul (Mon) Day 3 Denise Humphreys	10am to 1pm	CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Road, Miranda
29 Jul, 5 & 12 Aug (Wed) Robert Milan	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
7 Sep (Mon) Day 3 Denise Humphreys	10am to 1pm	St Thomas More Parish 50 Bay St, Brighton Le Sands

## INTERMEDIATE ACCREDITATION

18 & 25 Jul (Sat) 1, 8, 15 & 22 Aug (Sat) Denise Humphreys	10am to 2pm	CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Road, Miranda (next to St Vincent De Paul Shop)
17, 24, 31 Aug, & 7 & 14 Sep (Mon) Teresa Culjak	10am to 2pm	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg

## ADVANCED - CCD ACCREDITATION

24, 31 Jul & 7, 14, 21 Aug (Fridays) Robert Milan & Chris Cox	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
17, 24, 31 Aug, 7 & 14 Sep (Mon) Sarah Christie	10am to 1pm	St Mel's Parish 7 Evaline St, Campsie

## SMART Board Beginners Class

20 Jul (Mon) Sarah Christie	10am to 3pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
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## SECONDARY SRE

7 & 14 Sep (Mon) Chris Cox	10am to 2pm	Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
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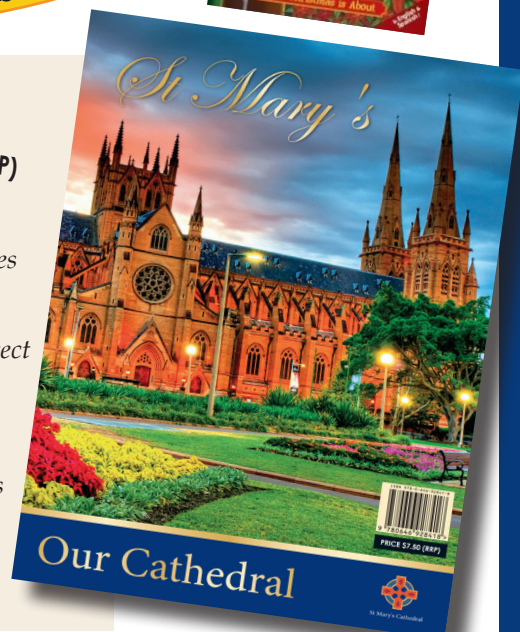
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# Christmas Story 2015 Art Exhibition and Competition

Each year our Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to enter the **Christmas Story Art Competition**.

**All artworks selected for the exhibition will be displayed in St Mary's Cathedral from 29th November 2015 to 6th January 2016.**

Artworks will be judged both on their artistic merit and on the artist's original personal self-reflection of the chosen Scripture passage. The subject matter is drawn from the Special Religious Education Curriculum:

## Year 5:

- 'Prepare the Way' Isaiah 40: 3-5
- 'The Birth of Jesus and the Visit of the Shepherds' Luke 2:9-14
- 'The Journey to Bethlehem' Luke 2:1-7

## Year 6:

- 'The Annunciation' Luke 1:26-36
- 'The Angel's Message to Joseph' Matt 18-25
- 'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' Matthew 1:18-2:12

Artwork can be prepared on A3 cartridge paper 110 gsm or up to the maximum size of 80cm x 120cm. Artworks can be in landscape or portrait mode.

Each artwork entry must have the following Information:

- **Child's full name**
- **School's full name and suburb**
- **Child's age and class**
- **Artwork title**
- **Student's reflection on the scripture passage** (see the following samples....)



The entries should be **sent or hand delivered by 18 September 2015** to:

- Your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO), or
- CCD City Office, 6th Floor, Polding Centre or
- Miranda CCD Office, 50 Kiora Road Miranda (entries can be left at the St Vincent De Paul shop next door)

All successful exhibitors will be notified through their school of their invitations to the official opening of the exhibition on Sunday 29 November at St Mary's Cathedral Crypt.

Below are a few samples of Children's reflections on their chosen scripture passage:

*I drew the birth of Jesus to represent Jesus who was born literally in a shed with all the animals. Jesus wasn't born like some people in a hospital so you should be thankful of what you got. You maybe wondering why there are puzzle pieces. It's because Jesus will eventually bring us all together just like a jigsaw puzzle in heaven. I hope you enjoy. Thank you.*



*The picture I have drawn is the 'Journey to Bethlehem'. I chose it because it is the time straight before Jesus was born and how thoughtful Joseph was to buy a donkey for Mary. But it was not that good for Mary to have to give birth to Jesus in a stable. God had chosen the right person to give birth to a Saviour because she was with Jesus' life.*



*I think this story is special and exciting for the people who were waiting for the coming of the Saviour.*

*Matt 1:18-25. I choose the story*

*because if the angel had not come to Joseph, Joseph would have not been able to care for Mary and Jesus. I did the angel with flowing hair and white with yellow clothing to symbolise the purity and honesty of the Angel.*

