

Our Parish Catechists

TERM 3, 2017

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



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Supporting
Parish Catechists

Catechist Newsletter

**BOOK SHOP
RE-LOCATING**

OPENING JULY!!!

The Mustard Seed Bookshop (previously at Lidcombe) is relocating to the city to join Sydney Catholic Books & Resources to become a new Bookshop/Café.

**New location will be:
Ground Floor
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SYDNEY**

**We are still here
at CCD for all catechists
enquiries and support**



Come visit Eleanor & Priscilla

Christ our Light & Life Curriculum and Gratia Series Sacramental Programs are available at the CCD Office on Level 6

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7 - 9 DECEMBER

**OPEN NEW HORIZONS
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From the Director

Welcome to Term 3

On behalf of our Archbishop, thank you for praying with and teaching our parish children in public schools – for gathering with them in Jesus' name as the People of God each week.



Doug Mawhinney

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Archbishop Anthony is hosting a party in Sydney and young people from all over Australia will be attending:

- please show the accompanying ACYF mini invitation cards to families in your parish
- we need volunteer helpers at Olympic Park and Hyde Park.

Please contact Kathy Campbell:

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email kathy.campbell@sydneycatholic.org

via the website: <http://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au>

Training workshops for you

When disbelief throws out the stories about the Easter Bunny and the "Coca Cola Santa", come and see how to make sure that the true stories about Jesus are kept and lived for life.

With Jesus leading the way, your CCD Parish Catechist Support staff have pooled thousands of years of teaching tips and tactics, going all the way back to Genesis, to help use the approved curriculum and resources more effectively for joyful learning.

To the two hundred Catechists who have already attended our new Level 1 training workshops this year, may all the "ah ha" moments we have shared serve to create even more lessons of lasting hope and joy for our students. All new catechists, please ensure you are booked in to complete all five Units in Level 1 within your first year of service.



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
registering for ACYF17



Bishop Richard Umbers, Archbishop Julian Porteous
and Bishop Tony Randazzo registering for the
Australian Catholic Youth Festival that will be held in
Sydney in December

... along with over 11,000 young Catholics who have already registered for December's festival.

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From the Director

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Children's Christmas Art Competition & Exhibition – entries in by 22 September

Art is an excellent way to help children to remember who Christmas is all about. Kids learn best by doing. Help them to at least start their Christmas art in class, which can then be entered in the Catholic Schools' art competition (details on page 5).

Annual Catechist Mass – Sunday 24 September

I look forward to celebrating with you at the Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass in St Mary's Cathedral when we will also confer awards for training and years of service (details on page 10).

Catechist Gathering – Friday 6 October

At our October Gathering we will focus on using resources quickly and effectively to give memorable lessons that keep students interested. Join us at Lidcombe Parish Hall to look at tools to tell the story of salvation (details on page 17).

Resource-making Days – coming to your Area soon!

Fifteen years ago CCD provided each of our 138 Parishes with Br Julian puppets and handouts for all 224 lessons in our curriculum. Most have disappeared and Catechists now seem unaware of this wonderful resource. These resources need to be made again, which will help your students learn. Come and help us. Further details coming soon!

Good news in the new Department of Education SRE Implementation Procedures

The new Department of Education SRE Implementation Procedures have some important points for catechists to note:

(a) SRE Catechists can know the names of their students AND if they any have special learning needs and ask about what extra help the school has in place.

(b) The revised SRE procedures reinforce that schools need to be aware that you are volunteers. If necessary, schools must negotiate a mutually agreeable timeslot for SRE early in Term 4 for the following year. This means your school cannot surprise you with a timetable change, the timetable must be worked out in Term 4 the year before.

Please call us, your CCD Parish Catechist Support staff, if you need help or have ideas or something that has worked well in class that may help other Catechists.

May our loving God continue to bless you and your students this day and every day,

Doug



CCD staff welcome new team members Anita, Suzanne & Vincent

'Christmas Story 2017' – Art Competition and Exhibition

This competition is open to all Catholic students in Year 5 and Year 6. Artworks are judged both on their artistic merit and on the artist's original and personal reflection on the chosen Scripture. Each year we receive over 100 entries for this competition from students in our public schools. Ten of these entries are then chosen to be part of the Art Exhibition in the Crypt of the Cathedral during Advent and Christmas.

During Term 3 catechists are encouraged to explore the Christmas Gospel passages from St Luke and St Matthew with their students using art as a medium. Our students, in previous years, have used a variety of media: water paints, oils, chalk, coloured pencils, crayons and charcoal. Catechists, please plan your Christmas lessons early and gather materials for this exciting competition. Artwork can be prepared on A3 cartridge paper 110 gsm and up to the maximum size of 80cm x 120cm. Artworks can be in landscape or portrait orientation.

Each artwork entry must have the following information attached:

- Child's full name
- School's full name and suburb
- Child's age and class
- Artwork title
- Brief reflection on the artwork

The artworks should be sent or hand delivered by **22 September 2017** to:

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

The subject matter is drawn from the Sydney 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' Matthew 18-25

'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' Matthew 1:18-2:12

All successful exhibitors eligible for prizes will be notified through their school. Their invitations to the official opening of the exhibition, on Sunday 3 December 2017, at St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, will include family members and their class catechist.

All exhibitors will receive a Certificate of Artistic Achievement.



Artwork by Amy, Year 6
Carlton Public School
2016

SRE Review

Work of Catechists endorsed by Independent Review and Politicians

The independent review of Special Religious Education (SRE) recently released by the NSW Government has provided strong evidence that highlights the incredible contribution made by parish catechists (SRE teachers) to the religious education of young people in public schools.

On 30 May 2017, representatives from most major providers of SRE across all faiths gathered at NSW Parliament House with the Education Minister Rob Stokes, Shadow Minister Jihad Dib, and other members of parliament, to be presented with a summary of findings by one of Australia's leading research agencies, McCrindle, into the NSW Government's independent review of SRE.

Most striking amongst the research presented by Ms Eliane Miles of McCrindle was the levels of satisfaction regarding SRE from schools and parents. The research presented showed that of the 780,600 students who attend the 2,152 government schools in NSW – with SRE taught in 87% of these schools – 84% of parents are satisfied or mostly satisfied with their child's learning experiences in SRE.

Some of the other results were also just as encouraging and in stark contradiction to the now discredited criticisms of SRE by a small, but vocal, minority who have been aided in their criticism by unfair and unbalanced reporting in the mainstream media. Some of the other results include:

- 96% of principals agree or mostly agree that their school has a good working relationship with SRE providers.
- 95% of SRE teachers utilise authorised materials and workbooks.
- Between 80-90% of SRE providers have essential training elements in hand, with 91% receiving yearly training updates.
- 92% of parents agree or mostly agree that they understand their right to withdraw their child from SRE.

The Review highlighted how SRE contributes to students' understanding of their cultural heritage and is an avenue for their spiritual care. Further, it noted that the work of SRE teachers builds tolerance in schools, promotes multiculturalism, contributes to a well-rounded education, and connects schools with their local community.

In addressing the gathering Mr Stokes said, "It is wonderful that we have in our schools an understanding that humans are made up of three parts: mind, body and spirit, and we need to provide sustenance to each part of what makes us fully human. SRE has a very important role to fulfil in our schools."

Mr Stokes went on to say on behalf of the NSW Government, "I am truly grateful for all that you do ... who knows how many lives have been impacted and changed for the better by the work they [SRE teachers] have done."

Mr Dib expressed strong bipartisan support for the value of SRE. Mr Dib said, "[The review] was not at any point in time thinking how to do away with it, but rather, how we actually improve it." In thanking SRE teachers and providers, Mr Dib went on to articulate the importance of ensuring, "Every single student should have an opportunity – for at least one hour in a week – to reflect about the person that they are and the way that they can actually better themselves."

In NSW, there are 5,000 Catholic parish catechists who see around one in five students in NSW public schools. Representing the Catholic Church as the largest single provider of SRE in NSW, Bishop Peter Ingham from the Diocese of Wollongong gave a vote of thanks to Mr Stokes, Mr Dib, host Mr Paul Green from the Christian Democratic Party, and all MPs who attended, on behalf of all major providers across all faiths.

"For providers of SRE, there is much to celebrate in the findings of the Review and it will prove enormously helpful in highlighting areas that might need to be strengthened and improved so as to make Special Religious Education even better," Bishop Ingham said.

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SRE Review

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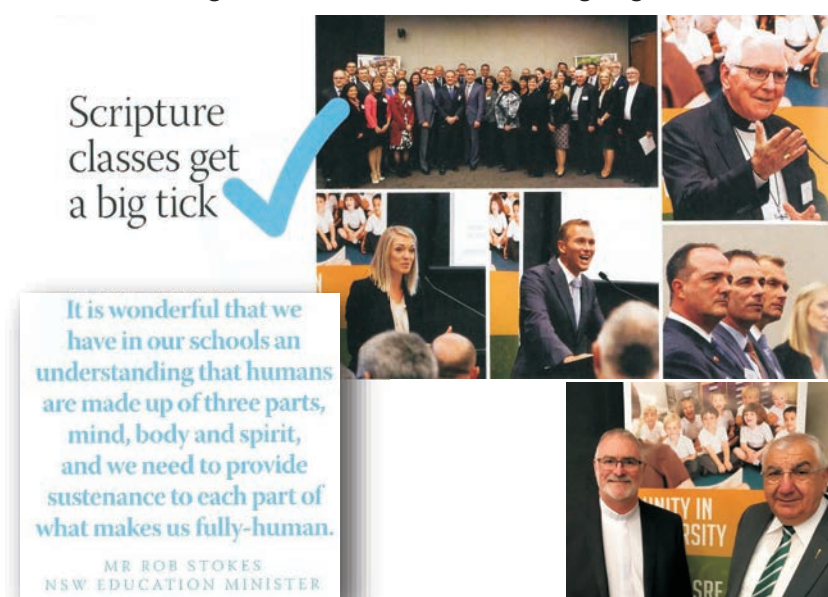
SRE providers have eagerly awaited the findings of the independent review into SRE. All major faiths keenly cooperated in the review process, quietly confident that it would show how seriously providers take SRE, evident in the resources they pour into developing curriculums, resources and training. In particular, Bishop Ingham noted how, "Most major providers already have the key recommendations in hand," including ease of public access to curriculum outlines and training in effective teaching practices.

Bishop Ingham also explained how the major faiths, including the Christian denominations, had effectively pre-empted the results of the review with the establishment in 2016 of a multi-faith group for SRE to "support all faiths through resource sharing of such things as policy and process documents, teacher training, curriculum development, and support".

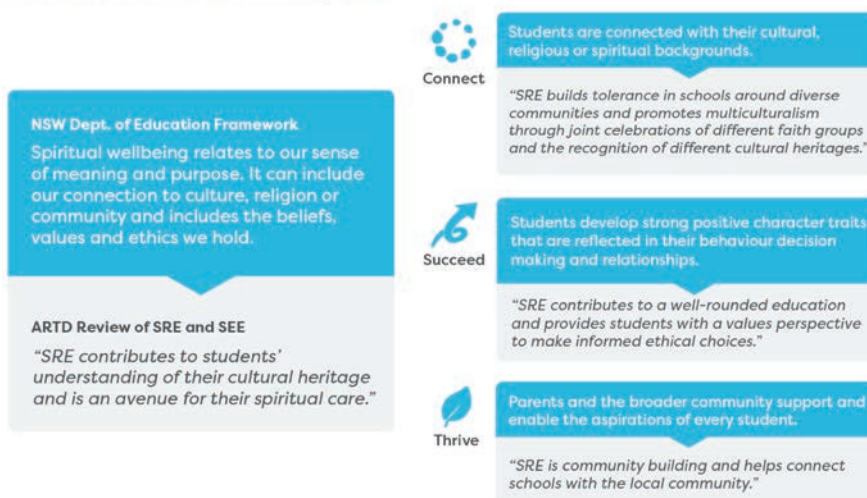
Bishop Ingham concluded the evening, noting that the existence of SRE in NSW was indicative of "a mature and inclusive education system" and thanked everyone "for their support of choice for parents, and for their trust of all major religious traditions to deliver increasingly high quality faith formation for young people".

Mr Jude Hennessy

Director, Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Diocese of Wollongong



Benefits of Providing SRE



The NSW Independent Review of Special Religious Education (SRE) in public schools was released on 11 April 2017. On 30 May 2017, SRE Providers gathered with the Education Minister, Shadow Minister and other members of parliament to consider the findings.

Photo Gallery



Northern and Southern Area Masses

CatholicCare Services

Helping the people of Sydney to live and thrive at every age

CatholicCare is the social services agency of the Catholic Church in Sydney and every day we walk in solidarity with individuals, families and communities to realise our vision of a society in which we all feel supported and that we belong.

CatholicCare provides locally-based disability services, counselling, education and support for children, young people and families and delivers ageing services in the home. We can also help people to navigate the new world of the NDIS and My Aged Care, by understanding needs and applying our knowledge to help identify solutions.

This year we have introduced a much simpler way for people to access our services. Just dialling six digits – 13 18 19 – provides the means for our new Customer Service Team to help, no matter what service people might be looking for.

“We offer all kinds of support to all the people living in the Sydney Archdiocese, to help them to improve their social and emotional well-being,” says CatholicCare CEO Mark Phillips. “We want to make sure people can talk to a Support Advisor immediately who can recommend services to meet their needs as well as explaining any processes involved to obtain funding. It’s about people having quicker access and more information with just one call.”

Our Customer Service Team have been together for just six months but they are already making a difference in people’s lives, both taking calls and visiting people in their homes to assess needs and match services to these. The Team welcomes calls from individuals, family members and professionals seeking support for people they care for. Our greatest wish is to see you, your family and your community thrive.

For more information about CatholicCare services, call 13 18 19 - 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday or visit our website at www.catholiccare.org



CatholicCare’s Customer Service Team

Faith Education Officer

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Dear Central Area catechists,

It is with great pleasure that I have taken on the position as your new FEO. Anita Lee, who was to have shared the role with me, has now moved to the Northern area for the time being. She will fill the position vacated by Chris Cox.

Having started my role in April, I had hoped by now to have visited parishes and met with coordinators. Unfortunately, this has not been the case as I became very ill with a severe respiratory infection. I must apologise if I have not yet replied to any messages or enquiries left for me. As I am hopefully now on the road to recovery, I look forward to meeting you all within the coming months.

This illness also delayed the organisation of the Central Area Mass. Peter Coleman from Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove has kindly agreed to coordinate the Mass which will be celebrated at 11am on Tuesday 1 August. Please save the date.

It is important that all new catechists complete Unit 1.1 (Safeguarding) before entering the classroom and Units 1.2 -1.5 as soon as possible within their first year of service. These training courses are a wonderful way to develop skills and meet other catechists.

We were fortunate to have Cathy Kennedy, a Catechist and Director of the new Archdiocesan Encounter and Faith Formation agency, speak at our Catechist Gathering in May. Cathy emphasised that, although children need to learn their formal prayers, they must be taught to really talk to God. Inspired by Cathy's words, I developed this prayer card for my older students. At the start of each lesson, I ask them to close their eyes, and lead them to reflect upon the words on the card. I am always amazed at how many children really appear to be entering into this meditation.

A reminder that our next Coordinators' Meeting will be on Monday 24 July at Campsie, commencing at 10am. It will provide me with the perfect opportunity to meet with the coordinators of the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. My contact details appear above. Let us strive to shine the light of Christ to the children whom we teach.

Suzanne

PRAISE
Tell God how wonderful He is.

PETITION
Ask God to help you or
someone you know.

FORGIVENESS
Ask God to forgive you
for something you have done.

THANKS
Thank God for something
He has done for you.

REMEMBER
Talk to God from your heart.



Faith Education Officer

Eastern Area ROBERT MILAN

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Praise to you all! It is certainly great to be back from a month travelling around Europe. It was truly a blessed and uplifting experience especially at Fatima, being there for the canonisation of two new saints in St Francisco and St Jacinta and the 100th anniversary of the day in which the most Blessed Mother appeared to the three children – Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia at midday on the 13 May 1917. That moment was special for me in itself.

The inspiring stories of the children who dedicated their short lives in making sacrifices and praying for the poor sinners is amazing considering their youth - St Jacinta at 9 years of age and St Francisco and 10 years of age. A prayer that the two saints prayed till the day they entered into the Beatific Vision was taught to them by the Angel of Peace, it went like this: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee."

It shows us that God calls all to holiness, to make sacrifices and to pray for others, no matter how old we are. St Jacinta and St Francisco were the same ages of our year 3 and year 4 students. In our teaching, we should always strive for the imitation of Jesus, who is the Truth, the Way and the Light.

Two significant events will be held during Term 3. The first is our Eastern Coordinators' Meeting which will be held at the Polding Centre on Friday 28 July 2017. The Annual Catechist Mass for 2017 is on Sunday 24 September and is important especially for the Eastern Area Catechists as the Eastern Area will be hosting the Mass through volunteers. Should you be able to assist on the day, we will be looking for ushers at the Mass from 1pm and a number to assist from 1pm and then following the Mass at the St Mary's College Hall with tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake, cleaning and putting away chairs and tables. The last time the Eastern Area hosted the event it was well represented with volunteers. Your assistance is required once again. If you are able to assist please forward your details to robert.milan@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or to your Coordinator.

Thank you for your hard work. Should you require my assistance for anything SRE-related please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless

Robert



Santo Francisco Marto
Santa Jacinta Marto

Faith Education Officer

Northern Area

ANITA LEE

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Peace and greetings to all catechists in the Northern Area.

In my first few months with CCD I have met so many amazing saintly people, some new and some very experienced catechists. I feel so blessed and honoured to listen to your journeys and wisdom.

Some of you I have met already at the Catechist Gathering held at the Polding Centre and others at the Northern Area Mass in Croydon where we had a wonderful opportunity to thank and farewell Chris Cox.

Among other duties, I have enjoyed learning by attending training workshops. Even though I have attended many SRE training days in other Dioceses, as a new FEO for CCD Sydney I appreciate the need to receive training in our Archdiocesan-approved Christ our Light and Life SRE curriculum.

My catechist "classmates" and I have learnt how to be even more effective SRE teachers, which has included sharing 'real-life' classroom experiences, stories and clever tips. My favourite moment was when a catechist told of how she could feel the Holy Spirit working gently in the classroom when witnessing how some of the young students encounter the living God in unexpected ways. These inspiring stories sustain and help catechists to continue learning together to share God's love with our students.

This term I am filling in as a catechist for a Year 5 class that has a very large number of students. I hope that we will be able to split the class next term but to do this we need new catechists. Please share your story with your friends, family and parishioners to encourage them to be a catechist or a catechist helper.

Keep in mind the following dates:

- Our next Catechist Gathering which will focus on using resources to make your lesson memorable – Friday 6 October at St Joachim's at Lidcombe.
- Training Courses - see page 19 for dates and locations.
- The Northern Area Co-ordinators meeting, on Monday 31 July, 10am-12pm, at the Polding Centre.

Meanwhile please feel free to email or contact me: the CCD is here to support you.

As I prepare my class lesson every week, I like to remember St. Mother Teresa's words, "We can do NO great things, only small things with great LOVE."

Anita

Farewell from Chris Cox

Farewell from Chris Cox, Northern Area FEO

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I announce that, after much consideration I am leaving my position as the CCD's Northern Area Faith Education Officer to accept a new position as Coordinator of Marketing and Recruitment for Campion College; my last day being Friday 26 May.

I have made so many lifelong friends over these past five years; my life has been greatly enriched by the kindness and encouragement so many of you have shown to me and my family. I will always be grateful for the many friends I have made along the way and the wonderful memories I take with me.

My farewell at the Northern Area Mass at Holy Innocents' Parish, Croydon, on 19th May was wonderful – so many attended and I cherished the opportunity to say goodbye.

I would like to thank you for all the hard work you do for the Catholic children in the public schools and thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me over the years.

God bless you all.

Chris Cox



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Welcome to Term 3.

Thank you to Fr Jerzy and the Como-Oyster Bay catechists for the overall organisation of our Area Mass. Special thanks to Jan Murray and her catechist choir 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 photos were taken.

Our next big combined celebration will be the Annual Catechist Mass to be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 24 September 2017 at 2 pm. This is the time we celebrate those catechists who have served for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years. We also formally award certificates to catechists who have attended all three levels of our training courses (15 four hour sessions) and have taught for at least 2 years.

How are your classes going? *Term 3 can sometimes seem never ending.*

- *By now you should have your class routine for your lesson in place and know the names of your students.*
- *The students know the class routine and they also know how to distract you.*
- *Catechists need to keep enforcing those classroom rules. Your classroom management needs to be fair, firm, friendly and consistent. Students have a distinct sense of what is and what is not fair.*
- *If you need help with classroom management I may be able to help.*

Congratulations to the 31 new and resuming Southern Area catechists who have now completed the five sessions of our Level 1 Catechist Training Course. We have another 14 new catechists and resuming catechists who have started the Level 1 Catechist Training Course. These catechists will need to complete this course in their first year of teaching. The five units in this course can be completed in **any order at any venue**. This term there will be a Level 2 (Intermediate) Catechist Training Course at Peakhurst on Tuesdays. See the list of venues and dates of the Training Calendar on page 19 of this newsletter.

Please ring or email if you need help and I will get back to you. Our Coordinators' meeting is on Thursday 13th July at Miranda CCD centre. This will start at 10 am and finish with a light lunch.



Training day at Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst.

Denise

Faith Education Officer

Western Area Vincent Haber

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Welcome to Term 3,



What a whirlwind journey it has been since I started as the new Faith Education Officer (FEO) for the Western Area. Stepping into the shoes of Teresa was a huge task, but through your support and warm welcome my adventure so far has been blessed and fun! Thank you to Paul Worthington for his guidance and for showing me the ropes.

Since I started, I have had the wonderful pleasure of meeting with the Catechist Coordinators, attending parish meetings at Smithfield and Liverpool plus meeting with priests and catechists. What an absolutely great bunch! We are fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated workers for the Lord in the West.

CCD has also conducted two Level 1 Training Courses in Holsworthy and Hoxton Park. Both were well received and the feedback has been very positive. Catechists are now asking for more training and workshops. I am excited for the future of the Western Area.

In other news, after much prayer and exploration, our Western Region "Parish Catechist Support" office will now be at Good Shepherd, Hoxton Park. Thank you to Brother Pat for welcoming us into his wonderful parish and community. You are all welcome to visit for some coffee, cake and to view our amazing collection of resources too.

So what's exciting and in store for the next few months?

We are having more Level 1 Training Workshops at Smithfield starting on 31 July and in Liverpool from 18 August. Come and see!

Our much anticipated Area Mass will be on Friday 11 August at Moorebank Parish at 11.00am. Don't miss out; I believe there will be great food!

I am looking forward to many more joyful encounters with you all.

Let's continue to pray for one another and for the young people whom we teach.

Vincent



Vincent, Jeremy and Doug
at the Level 1 Training Course.



The 'Coffee Club', Prairiewood HS Catechists
meet up for debrief after their Scripture class.

Catechist Gathering

Creating Resources for the Classroom

When: Friday, 6 October 2017 (School Holidays)
Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm - a light lunch will be provided
Where: St Joachim's Parish Hall
31-33 John Street, Lidcombe
(a short walk from Lidcombe Station)

BOOK NOW!....Do not miss out!
***Strictly limited places**

RSVP: Julia or Laura, via email
office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au
or on 9307 8330
by Wednesday, 27 September 2017



If you missed our last Gathering.....Praying with Children

please follow the links below for the recorded videos:

Praying with children - Cathy Kennedy part 1
<https://youtu.be/NZmUIQgG5s4>

Praying with children - Cathy Kennedy part 2
<https://youtu.be/UGLE9OfhHLQ>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Kathy Campbell
<https://youtu.be/fzJRyZaDSIM>

Catholic Care Services - Mark Phillips
<https://youtu.be/AzDzpLcdIS0>

Training Courses

TRAINING COURSES RENAMED

Each level contains five (5) units, and will be taught over (5) consecutive weeks.

Level 1, Unit 1 (1.1) must be completed before entering a NSW Public School as a Catechist or Catechist Helper.

Level 1, Units 2 to 5 (1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5) must be completed within 12 months of commencing as a Catechist or Catechist Helper.

Level 2 and Level 3 units, are to be completed by catechists following completion of Level 1.

LEVEL 1

(previously called Basic)

1.1: Induction - This must be completed before entering a classroom to teach

SRE Safeguarding Module (2 hours)

The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the State school. (2 hours)

1.2: Using the Authorised Curriculum (4 hours)

1.3: Classroom Management (4 hours)

1.4: The Bible (4 hours)

1.5: Classroom Skills (2 hours)

Awareness of the Child in your Classroom (2 hours)

LEVEL 2

(previously called Intermediate)

2.1
2.2
2.3
2.4
2.5

Five (5) units completed over five (5) consecutive weeks

further details on course content to be confirmed

LEVEL 3

(previously called Advanced)

3.1
3.2
3.3
3.4
3.5

Five (5) units completed over five (5) consecutive weeks

further details on course content to be confirmed

COURSE LOCATIONS

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney	City
Meeting Rm, 21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park	Hoxton Pk
St Mel's Parish, 16 Duke Street, Campsie	Campsie
All Saints' Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool	Liverpool
CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda	Miranda
St Gertrude's Parish, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield	Smithfield
OLF Parish Hall, 825 Forest Road, Peakhurst	Peakhurst
St Charles Borromeo, 582 Victoria Road, Ryde	Ryde

CCD Training Courses (July-Dec 2017)

LEVEL 1 (BASIC)

1.1 Wednesday 26 July	City
1.2 Wednesday 2 August	City
1.3 Wednesday 9 August	City
1.4 Wednesday 16 August	City
1.5 Wednesday 23 August	City

1.1 Monday 31 July	Smithfield
1.2 Monday 7 August	Smithfield
1.3 Monday 14 August	Smithfield
1.4 Monday 21 August	Smithfield
1.5 Monday 28 August	Smithfield

1.1 Thursday 27 July	Miranda
1.2 Thursday 10 August	Miranda
1.3 Thursday 17 August	Miranda
1.4 Thursday 24 August	Miranda
1.5 Thursday 31 August	Miranda

1.1 Friday 18 August	Liverpool
1.2 Friday 25 August	Liverpool
1.3 Friday 1 September	Liverpool
1.4 Friday 8 September	Liverpool
1.5 Friday 15 September	Liverpool

1.1 Friday 20 October	City
1.2 Friday 27 October	City
1.3 Friday 3 November	City
1.4 Friday 10 November	City
1.5 Friday 17 November	City

1.1 Wednesday 18 October	Miranda
1.2 Wednesday 25 October	Miranda
1.3 Wednesday 1 November	Miranda
1.4 Wednesday 15 November	Miranda
1.5 Wednesday 22 November	Miranda

1.1 Monday 6 November	Hoxton Park
1.2 Monday 20 November	Hoxton Park
1.3 Monday 13 November	Hoxton Park
1.4 Monday 27 November	Hoxton Park
1.5 Monday 4 December	Hoxton Park

BEGINNERS SMARTBOARD COURSES

Wednesday 16 August	City
Monday 28 August	Miranda

LEVEL 2 (INTERMEDIATE)

2.1 Monday 17 July	Ryde
2.2 Monday 24 July	Ryde
2.3 Monday 31 July	Ryde
2.4 Monday 7 August	Ryde
2.5 Monday 14 August	Ryde

2.1 Tuesday 29 August	Peakhurst
2.2 Tuesday 5 September	Peakhurst
2.3 Tuesday 12 September	Peakhurst
2.4 Tuesday 19 September	Peakhurst
2.5 Tuesday 26 September	Peakhurst

LEVEL 3 (ADVANCED)

3.1 Friday 11 August	City
3.2 Friday 18 August	City
3.3 Friday 25 August	City
3.4 Friday 1 September	City
3.5 Friday 8 September	City

3.1 Monday 16 October	Miranda
3.2 Monday 23 October	Miranda
3.3 Monday 30 October	Miranda
3.4 Monday 6 November	Miranda
3.5 Monday 13 November	Miranda

Bookings are essential for all courses
Please contact Laura or Julia:

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or

TEL: 02 9307 8330

or

ONLINE: bookings now open on

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ALL COURSES RUN FROM
9.45AM TO 2.15PM

Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided



CCD Calendar 2017

July

- Thursday 13** Southern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, 50 Kiara Road, Miranda. 10am – 12pm.
- Tuesday 18** **Start of Term 3**
- Friday 21** Western Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Mt Pritchard, 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg. 10am – 12pm.
- Monday 24** Central Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, 4 Duke Street, Campsie, 10am – 12pm.
- Friday 28** Eastern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. 10am – 12pm.
- Monday 31** Northern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting, CCD, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. 10am – 12pm.

August

- Tuesday 1** Central Area Mass, 11am
Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove
- Friday 11** Western Area Mass, 11am
St Joseph's, Moorebank

September

- Friday 22** **End of Term 3**
- Sunday 24** Annual Catechist Mass 2pm – 5pm
St Mary's Cathedral. St Mary's College Hall

October

- Friday 6** Catechist Gathering
10am – 1.30pm
St Joachim's, Lidcombe
- Monday 9** **Start of Term 4**

November

December

- Friday 1** Life Members' Function
12.00pm to 2.30pm
Dooley's Catholic Club, Lidcombe
- Friday 15** **End of Term 4**

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In attendance from left to right:
Bishop Peter Ingham-Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong, Eliane Miles-McCrindle Research, Rob Stokes-Education Minister, Paul Green-MP, Jihad Dib-Shadow Minister, Murray Norman-ICCORIES
Very Rev. Fr Michael McLean-Episcopal Vicar for Education Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney,