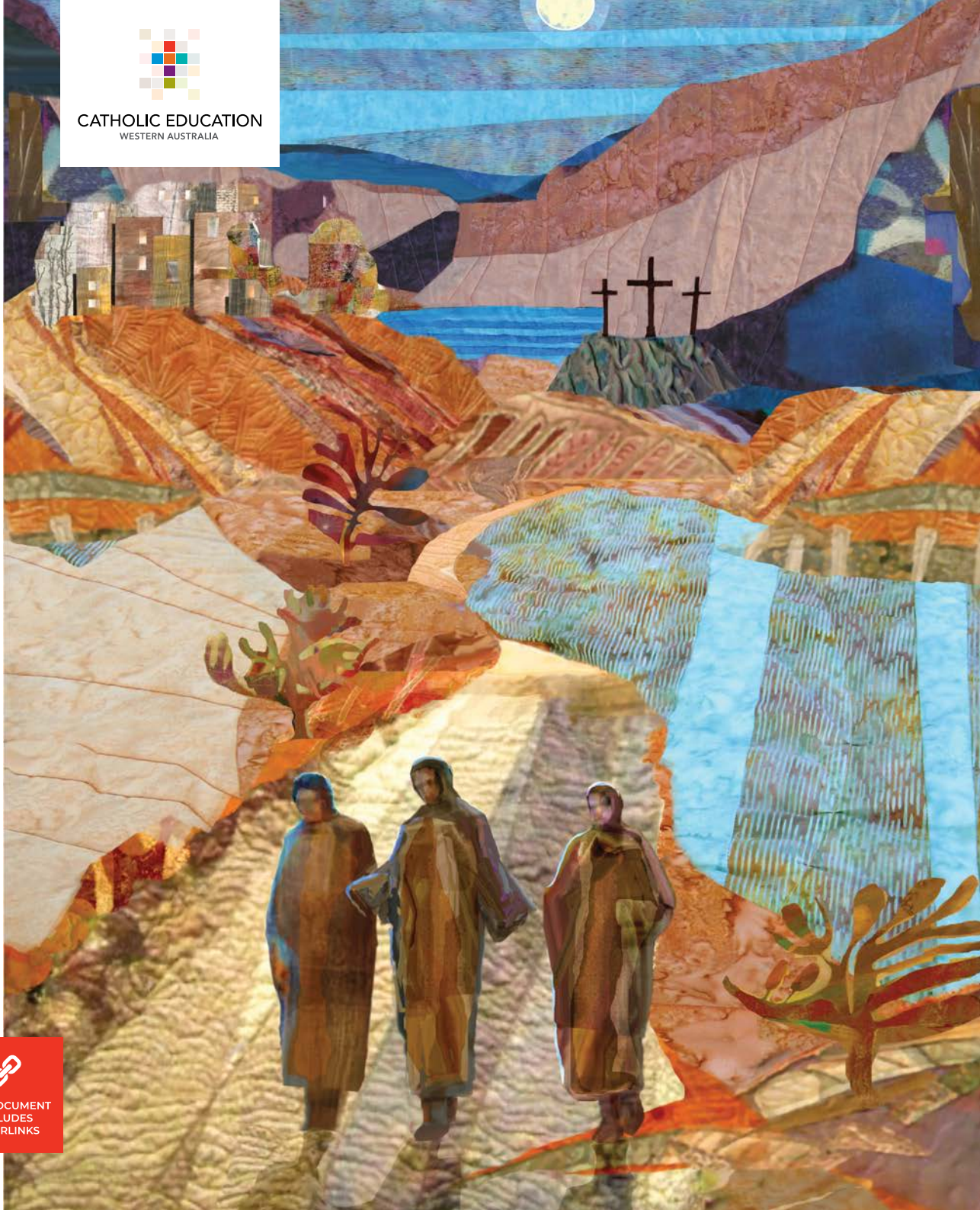




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CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM 2023

A Catechist Prayer

Lord Jesus, Divine Teacher,
thank you for the privilege
of sharing your Word of Life
with the children in my care.

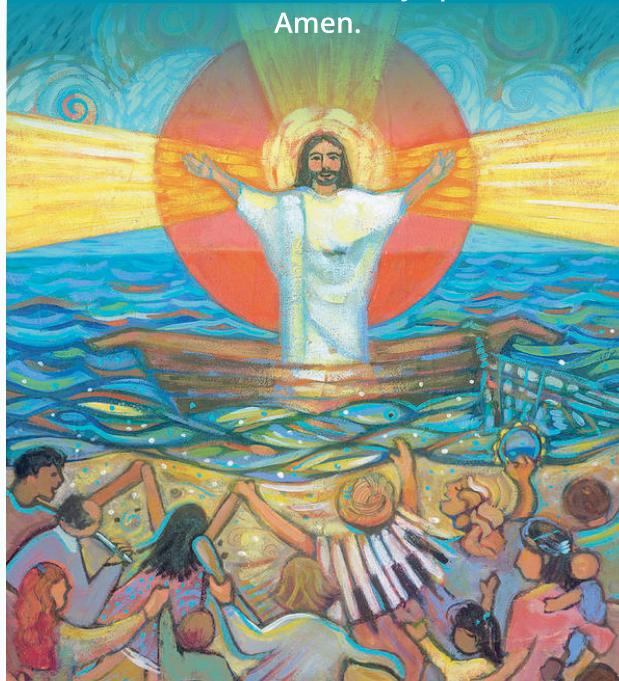
Continue to open my heart
to the fullness of your Holy Spirit
so I may accompany them as
a true witness of your presence.

May my teaching proclaim
the joy of your Good News.

Gather the children to yourself
in prayer, knowledge and grace.
May they become ever more open
to your goodness, truth and beauty
in their lives and in all things,
as together, we celebrate
your unconditional love.

We pray in the unity of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



FOREWORD

Certainly, we must find the best ways to ensure that the communication of faith is adequate to the age and preparation of the people who are listening to us; yet the personal encounter we have with each one of them is decisive. Only the interpersonal encounter opens the heart to receive the first proclamation and to desire to grow in the Christian life.

Be witnesses of new life... The love of Christ remains as the true and only commandment of the new life, which the Christian, with the help of the Holy Spirit, makes his own day by day in a journey that knows no rest.

Pope Francis to Catechists, September 2022

Pope Francis has always been affirming of Catechists and continues to offer his accompaniment in prayer. Like him we value the commitment and love that draws you to serve your parish, its children and families in this way.

2022 had its unsettlements both at home with continuing Corona Virus, and with many tensions around the world, but we trust that you begin this new year feeling refreshed and filled with hope. We are committed to supporting you in every way we can as the year progresses.

We hope you will have a close look at the Formation Program being offered for 2023.

An Initial Formation Course is offered for those who are new to the ministry. We rely on you, especially if you are a Coordinator or Parish Priest to communicate to anyone who may be considering being a catechist that this training and formation is available.

We have a variety of other courses, events and retreats for ongoing formation to ensure that you continue to feel confident and inspired in your ministry. Please note that these courses can be used towards:

- Ongoing renewal of accreditation to work/teach in a Catholic School.
- Accreditation to teach Scripture in Government schools.





Please contact us if you have any queries, issues or concerns about any aspect of your work as a Catechist or Coordinator, or in implementing the Sacrament Policy. We are always delighted that you make contact and will be happy to assist you.

In 2023 we will celebrate a quadrennial thanksgiving and commissioning Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop's Awards will be given to those who have completed 7 years of service and have Certificate I.

Papal Blessings will be awarded to those who have 10 years of service and have Certificate II. Please ensure you are aware of what courses you may need to complete certificates. We are offering the course on 'The Beatitudes' as a unit

which can go towards scripture, theology or spirituality.

Pope Francis never fails to remember his own childhood Catechist, Dolores. So, I would like to conclude and encourage you with his words:

a good Catechist leaves a trace; not only the trace of what he or she sows, but the trace of the person who has sown. I hope that your young people will always remember you as a person who sowed goodness and beauty in their heart.

The Team and I offer our good wishes and blessings to you and your family for this year.

Dr Pina Ford

Team Leader, Catechist Service

CATECHIST SERVICE



DR DEBRA SAYCE

Executive Director
**Catholic Education
Western Australia**

The Catechist Service is a team within the Religious Education Directorate of Catholic Education Western Australia. The role, resourcing and positioning of the team derive from the following:

We, the Bishops of Western Australia, mandate the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia to foster the continuous development and improvement of Catholic schools in Western Australia, and to act on behalf of the Catholic community for the benefit of all catholic school-aged children, be they in Catholic schools or not.

Mandate of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia, p. 3

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CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM 2023

TERM ONE

COURSE NAME	PAGE	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
Initial Formation – Part 1	14	Wednesdays 8 February to 29 March OR Saturdays 11 February to 1 April	Provisional Accreditation	N/A	CEC
Rite of Christian Initiation Resources for Older Children	16	Tuesday 14 March	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	NSC
Lenten Retreat	17	Friday 17 March	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	CEC

TERM TWO

Initial Formation – Part 2 Scripture in the Classroom	20	Wednesdays 26 April to 17 May OR Saturdays 29 April to 20 May	Commissioning or Certificate I/II	Scripture	CEC
Managing Inclusive Classrooms	21	Thursday 27 April OR Tuesday 2 May	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	Thornlie or Greenwood
Gospel of Matthew	22	Fridays 12 May and 19 May	Certificate I/II	Scripture	NSC
Revise and Refresh <i>Gathered In My Name</i> Program	23	Thursday 25 May	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	CEC
Initial Formation – Part 2 Theology in the Classroom	24	Wednesdays 31 May to 28 June OR Saturdays 3 June to 1 July	Commissioning or Certificate I/II	Theology	CEC
Understanding Liturgy	25	Monday 26 June	Certificate I/II	Theology	NSC

TERM THREE

COURSE NAME	PAGE	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
Leadership Course	28	Fridays 21 and 28 July	Certificate I/II	Theology	NSC
Priests, Primary Principals' and Coordinators' Day	29	Wednesday 26 July	N/A	N/A	CEC
Regional Coordinators Meetings	30	Please check your region	N/A	N/A	Regional Venue
A Synodal Church	31	Friday 11 August	Certificate I/II	Theology	NSC
The Life of St Peter	32	Tuesday 22 August OR Tuesday 29 August	Certificate I/II	Scripture	Morley or Riverton
The Beatitudes	33	Fridays 1 September and 8 September	Certificate I/II	Scripture, Theology, Spirituality	NSC

TERM FOUR

Rite of Christian Initiation Resources for Older Children	36	Tuesday 10 October	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	NSC
Come and See: Introduction to Catechist Formation	37	Friday 13 October	N/A	N/A	NSC
Eucharist for Catechists 2023	38	Thursday 26 October	N/A	N/A	St Mary's Cathedral
Advent Retreat	39	Friday 1 December	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	CEC

VENUES

CEC

Catholic Education Centre
50 Ruislip Street
West Leederville

Tel: 9380 1722



NSC

Newman Siena Centre
33 Williamstown Road
Doubleview

Tel: 9278 0200



HOW DOES THE CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM WORK?

INITIAL FORMATION

PART 1: PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

- Initial Formation Course

8 sessions consisting of Adult Faith Formation and Religious Education Teaching Skills.

PART 2: FULL ACCREDITATION

- Scripture in the Classroom (four sessions) and
- Theology in the Classroom (four sessions)

Part 1 must be completed before enrolling for Part 2.

Requirements

- Endorsement of Parish Priest
- Participants must complete all sessions.

On completion of Parts 1 and 2 participants will be commissioned as Catechists (see flow chart page 9).

ONGOING FORMATION

CATECHIST CERTIFICATES I AND II

In order to be accredited with Certificate I or II Catechists must complete one unit in each of the following:

- Theology
- Scripture
- Religious Education
- Spirituality

A unit normally consists of 2 days, and a half-unit is 1 day.



Units can be accredited towards either:

- Certificate I or
- Certificate II

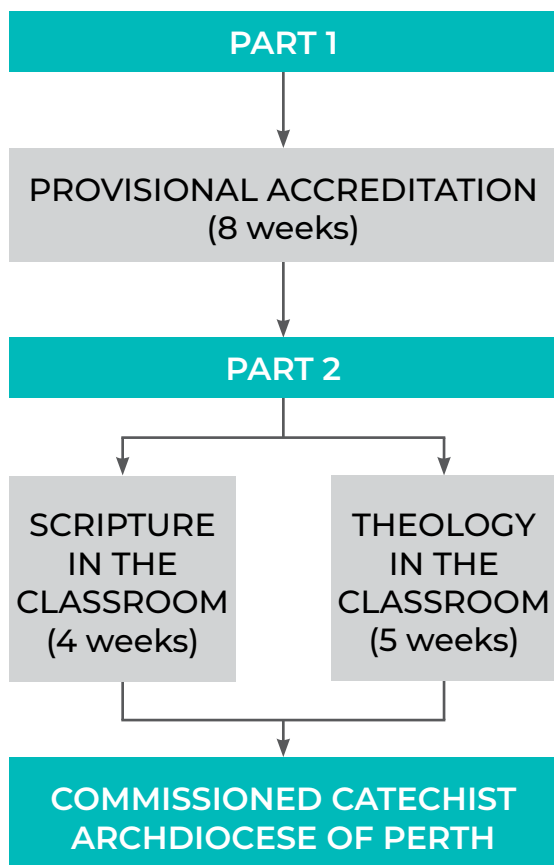
ADVANCED FORMATION

Advanced Formation is available to commissioned Catechists who have completed Certificates I and II. In 2023 those eligible for Advanced Formation may choose from the following:

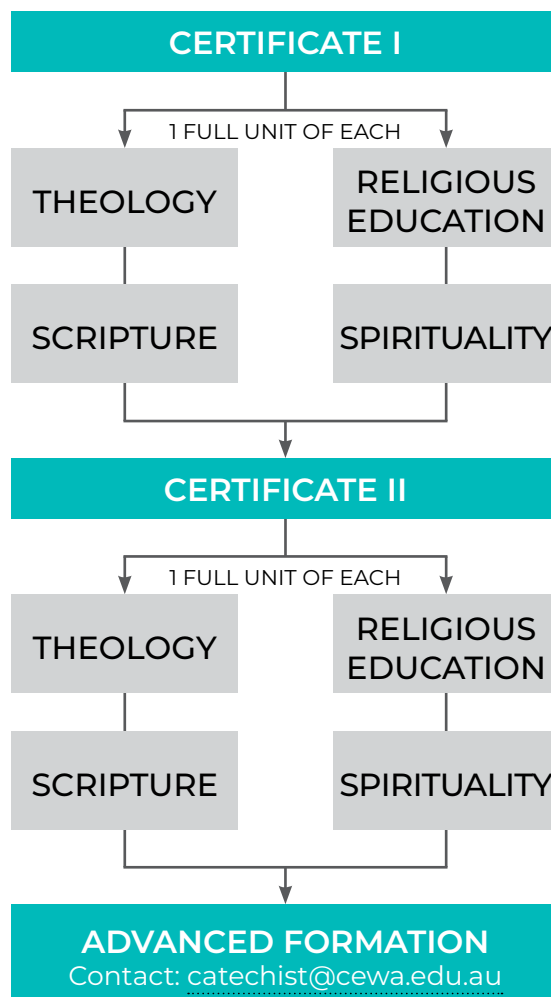
- Centre for Faith Enrichment
- University of Notre Dame

 Please contact Mildred Rego on  9380 1722 before enrolling.

INITIAL FORMATION



ONGOING FORMATION



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Every Catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church.

Only through prayer, study, and direct participation in the life of the community can they grow in this identity and the integrity and responsibility that it entails.

Pope Francis – Antiquum Ministerium

REGISTERING FOR COURSES

- Please register by the closing date. Courses may be cancelled if we do not have enough interest by then.
- You can register by phone or email. Then complete a registration form, signed by the Parish Priest if the parish is willing to pay. Email or post the form beforehand or bring it on the day of the course.

ACCREDITATION

All sessions need to be attended to gain accreditation. Please sign the signature list upon arrival so that the course/in-service can be accredited to you.

CANCELLATION

Please inform Mildred on 0429 804 847 or email catechist@cewa.edu.au if you cannot attend. This is very important for catering requirements.



PAYMENT

Please wait for an invoice before making payment.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Our database is only useful if it is current and accurate. Please complete the Database Update Form and return it to us to notify us of any changes.

COURSES ON REQUEST

SUPPORT FOR SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Parish/school communities are invited to make bookings for presenters for the following:

1. Adult Faith Formation for the Sacraments

You can request a presenter for:

- a) General introduction to the Sacraments, focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation
- b) Introduction to the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation

2. Parent-Child Workshop for Sacrament Preparation

These are facilitated interactional workshops for parent and child on the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

 Contact Mildred on 9380 1722
 or catechist@cewa.edu.au

HOSTING A COURSE IN YOUR PARISH

Most courses in this Formation Booklet (except for the Initial Formation Course) can be presented in your parish.

Contact us if you wish to make arrangements; please keep the following in mind:

- Advertise the course in your parish and inform Catechist Coordinators from nearby parishes
- Ensure that the hall, including seating and other equipment, is set up and the event can start on time
- Organise tea and coffee as required
- Ensure a host from the parish is available for the duration should any needs arise.


RETREAT DAYS

Quiet days of reflection are an opportunity to pause, to be with our God as we explore our deepest needs, and be nourished and refreshed.

Lenten, Advent, seasonal and other themes are available. These can be presented at your parish and can include other parishioners.

COORDINATOR FORMATION

Formation or help for New PREP or Sacrament Coordinators' is available on request.

 Contact Mildred on 9380 1722
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PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



Many courses offered by the Centre for Faith Enrichment (CFE) meet the requirements of the Catechist Service and can be accredited toward Certificate I or Certificate II. Please inform the Catechist Service of any courses that you wish to complete to ensure it complies with Accreditation Requirements.

Centre for Faith Enrichment

33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview WA 6018
Phone: 9278 0261
Email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au
Website: cfe.org.au



Supporting WA school communities

YouthCARE, the Churches' Commission on Education Inc., has been coordinating the provision of Christian Religious Education in State Schools in Western Australia since 1971.

YouthCARE, CRE Department

Unit 1/103 Catherine Street,
Morley WA 6062
Phone: 9376 5000
Fax: 9275 9442
Email: cre@youthcare.org.au
Website: youthcare.org.au

The Office of Christian Initiation

provides support and training for parishes conducting the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and children (RCIA) process – for those who are not Catholic and have a desire to be prepared and enter into the life of the Church.



Office of Christian Initiation

450 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000
Phone: 6104 3696
Email: christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au
Website: initiation.perthcatholic.org.au

Personal Advocacy Service

initiates & nurtures friendships between people with intellectual disabilities & volunteers from the local parish or wider community. It focuses on the development of the 'whole person' over an extended period rather than on the resolution of issues as its primary aim.



Personal Advocacy Service

28 Holdhurst Way,
Morley WA 6062
Phone: 9275 5388
Website: paswa.org.au



TERM 1

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY –
THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023

INITIAL FORMATION – PART 1



The Initial Formation Course Part 1 provides Provisional Accreditation for Catechists in parishes and those participating in CRE (Christian Religious Education) in state schools.

This eight-week course offers participants the current Church teaching required for personal faith development and the religious education skills for working with children.

This course will be facilitated by Catherine Nguyen. Contributing presenters include:

- Dr Pina Ford
- Archdiocesan Clergy and Religious
- Guest Presenters

Completion of the course leads to Provisional Accreditation and Commissioning.

Date/ Time	Wednesdays 8 February to 29 March 6.00pm to 9.00pm
OR	
Date/ Time	Saturdays 11 February to 1 April 9.30am to 1.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea/ Supper	Provided
Cost	\$75
Facilitators	Catherine Nguyen and outside presenters
Accreditation	Provisional Accreditation

For further information please contact Catherine Nguyen on 9380 1933 or by email catherine.nguyen@cewa.edu.au; Register: contact Mildred Rego on 9380 1722 or email: mildred.rego@cewa.edu.au.

INITIAL FORMATION – PART 1 OUTLINE

Wk	Date	Session 1	Session 2
1	8/11 Feb	Images of the Catechist	Understanding the Learner
2	15/18 Feb	Images of God	Religious Education (RE) Process
3	23/25 Feb	Images of Jesus	RE Demo Lesson and the Catholic Library
4	1/4 Mar	Trinity	Prayer
5	8/11 Mar	Images of Church	Liturgy
6	15/18 Mar	Spirituality	Children's Spirituality and Prayer
7	22/25 Mar	Children with Additional Needs	Classroom Management
8	29 Mar/1 Apr	Sacramentality	The Seven Sacraments of the Church



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Do you have older children interested in the Parish RE Program, some of whom may not have been baptised?

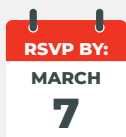
This inservice aims to answer questions about how best to support older children and young people in their faith journey and prepare them for the Sacraments.

Office of Christian Initiation Director, Dr Carmel Suart and Anne Kennedy will introduce the *Come and See* resource designed especially for unbaptised young people as they ponder questions of life's meaning and the existence of God.

Catechists will become more familiar with this useful resource available through the Office of Christian Initiation and authored by Anne Kennedy. You will become more aware of how to work in collaboration with the RCIA ministry in your parish that is primarily responsible for preparing these young adults.



Date	Tuesday 14 March
Time	9.30am to 12.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.02
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Dr Carmel Suart Anne Kennedy
Accreditation	Religious Education



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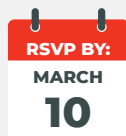
LENTEN RETREAT: WILL YOU NOT WATCH AND WAIT WITH ME? (Matthew 26:40)



Jesus' cry for comfort and companionship in his time of need echoes in our lives and across the nations.

Humanity's vast range of response to suffering is revealed in the men and women of the passion narratives: there is fear and panic, indifference and violence; but also tenderness, empathy and compassion. They guide us to notice and respond to Jesus' cry today.

Date	Friday 17 March
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	Chapel – South Transept
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitator	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality



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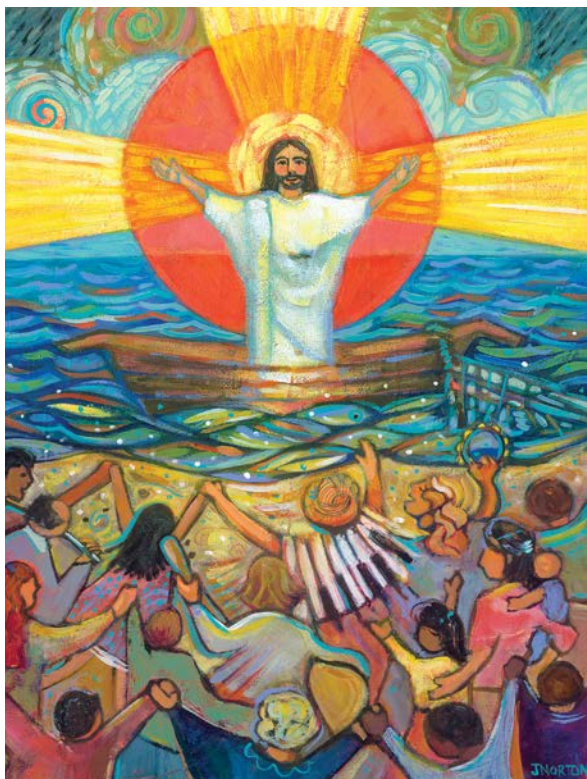


TERM 2

MONDAY 24 APRIL –
FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023

INITIAL FORMATION – PART 2

SCRIPTURE IN THE CLASSROOM



This four-week course will provide a basic understanding of Revelation and an overview of the Old and New Testaments. It will also provide Catechists with creative ideas and resources for teaching Scripture to children.

Please bring your own Bible to each session.

Date/ Time	Wednesdays 26 April to 17 May 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Date/ Time	OR
	Saturdays 29 April to 20 May 9.30am to 1.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea/ Supper	Provided
Cost	\$40
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford and Catherine Nguyen
Accreditation	Towards Commissioning OR Full Unit in Scripture

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MANAGING INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS

We are aware that our students have various gifts and needs. The Catechist is called to provide religious education and activities to cater for the diverse needs and facilitate inclusion of all students in their class.

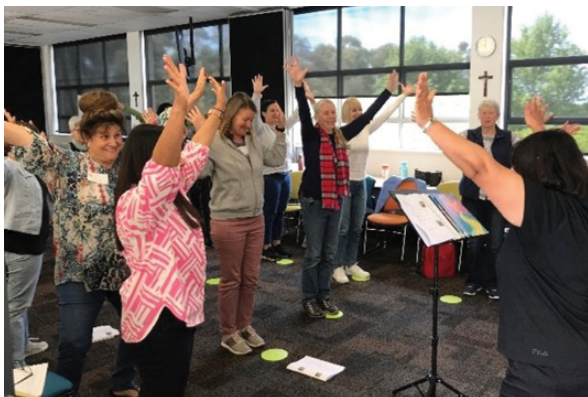
This one-day course is designed to equip Catechists with strategies and inclusive practices to enhance the learning of their students. By developing effective skills, Catechists will have the confidence to create a positive classroom atmosphere.

This course will be offered in Thornlie (south) and in Greenwood (north).

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Date	Thursday 27 April
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Sacred Heart Parish Ovens Road Thornlie WA 6108
Room	Parish Centre
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education

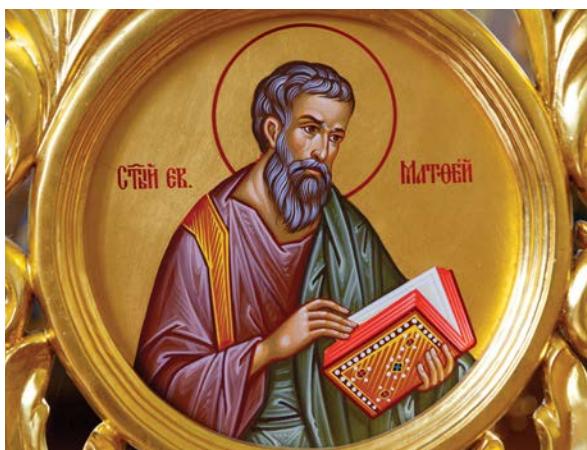
Date	Tuesday 2 May
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	All Saints Parish 7 Liwara Place Greenwood WA 6024
Room	Parish Centre
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew's Gospel was written for Jews who found themselves in transition from their Jewish heritage to being members of the Christian community. Matthew brings a reassuring voice to times of change.

Matthew's portrait of Jesus shows him frequently locked in battle with the pharisees. They protect their heritage and their power by strict adherence to the law and are unable to accept Jesus and his kingdom of mercy.

Matthew's gospel is the most Jewish of the Gospels. It is the Gospel most closely linked to the Old Testament and the prophecies of the coming Messiah.



Date	Friday 12 and 19 May
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	Flexi 2
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$40
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Full Unit in Scripture



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REVISE AND REFRESH GATHERED IN MY NAME PROGRAM

Are their aspects of the *Gathered in My Name* Parish Religious Education program that you need to revise? Catechists are invited to revise and renew their understanding of *Gathered in My Name*.

- Explore how to effectively teach the Program
- Refresh how to reach the children in your care.
- Explore elements of the Confirmation Supplement used in Year Six.



Date	Thursday 25 May
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	S2.01
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Stephen Harris
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education

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INITIAL FORMATION – PART 2

THEOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM



This five-week course will assist Catechists to deepen their understanding of the foundations of Catholic Theology. The topics presented are: the Theology of God, Jesus, Mary, Sacraments and Moral Theology.

The two-part format of each session provides opportunities to explore how these themes fit in with the *Gathered in My Name* Program.

Date/ Time	Wednesdays 31 May to 28 June 6.00pm to 9.00pm
	OR
Date/ Time	Saturdays 3 June to 1 July 9.30am to 1.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea/ Supper	Provided
Cost	\$40
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford and Catherine Nguyen
Accreditation	Towards Commissioning OR Full Unit in Scripture



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UNDERSTANDING LITURGY

Liturgy means *work of the people*. Within the Catholic Church, it is used to describe all the public acts of worship that take place, as it draws the people into the work of God. Liturgy is more than the words that are said, or rituals enacted.

This course will examine Catholic liturgy, emphasising the understanding that liturgy is always an action, and one in which every member of the community has a part to play; each according to the sacred order assigned by Christ. This then calls for the entire community to be properly instructed in the mysteries of the liturgy, lest the experience of worship simply becomes a form of ritualism.

Through liturgy, we encounter God, and we are united with our brothers and sisters across the world as the Universal Church.



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Date	Monday 26 June
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.01
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Mildred Rego
Accreditation	Half Unit in Theology





TERM 3

MONDAY 17 JULY –
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

LEADERSHIP COURSE



This course is designed for PREP and Sacrament Coordinators and other Catechists who are seeking to develop leadership skills that will assist them to relate effectively in the parish/school community. Over the two days the following topics will be explored:

- What is leadership?
- Styles of leadership
- The leadership of Jesus
- The person of the leader
- Leading groups
- Dealing with conflict
- Handling stress and taking personal care

Date	Fridays 21 and 28 July
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.02
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$40
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Full Unit in Theology



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PRIESTS, PRIMARY PRINCIPALS' AND COORDINATORS' DAY



Parish Priests, Primary Principals and Coordinators are warmly invited to this key networking event. It will provide an opportunity for matters of mutual importance to be addressed.

RSVP BY:

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

To register contact
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Date	Wednesday 26 July
Time	9.30am to 1.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	Nil
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	N/A

REGIONAL COORDINATORS' MEETING

RCMs are important occasions for contact with other Coordinators in your region and with the Catechist Service. It is a time when practical difficulties can be discussed and resolved, and successes shared for others' benefit. So much can be learned when we come together.

Participation at RCMs is a key responsibility for Coordinators. If this is not possible, please send another Catechist. It would be appreciated if you could bring a brief written report to the meetings and (if possible) email it to catechist@cewa.edu.au prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Region	Date	Time	Venue
Bayswater	Tuesday 1 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Bayswater Parish Centre 20 Almondbury Street Bayswater WA 6053
Midland	Wednesday 2 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Midland Parish Centre 69 Morrison Road Midland WA 6056
Greenwood	Thursday 3 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Greenwood Parish Centre 7 Liwara Place Greenwood WA 6024
Riverton	Tuesday 8 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Riverton Parish Centre 55 Tudor Street Riverton WA 6148
Thornlie	Thursday 10 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Thornlie Parish Centre 50 Ovens Road Thornlie WA 6108
Spearwood	Wednesday 16 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Spearwood Parish Centre 24 Troode Street Spearwood WA 6166
Leederville	Thursday 17 August	10.00am to 12.00pm	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007

A SYNODAL CHURCH

The Church is nothing other than the “journeying together” of God’s people, enriched and enlivened by the vast diversity of roles, ethnicities, ages and spiritual traditions.

While the Synod on Synodality is a new and exciting phase in the life of the church, synodality has always been at the core of the church’s identity. ‘Church and synod’ said St John Chrysostom in the 4th Century, ‘are synonymous’.

In our times, amongst the disunity and violence of our world, Pope Francis has recognised that the Church must witness to walking together.

“The goal of this is not so much to forge agreement as to recognise, honour, and reconcile differences on a higher plane where the best of each can be retained.” *Let us Dream*



Date	Friday 11 August
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.01
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Full Unit in Theology



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THE LIFE OF ST PETER



St Peter, along with his brother Andrew were the first disciples chosen by Jesus to follow him.

Meet Peter from those early days, and explore his relationship with Jesus, from all that he says and does and his highs and lows, up to the time of his leadership of the early Church. Read and explore the themes in the Letters bearing his name.

This course will be offered in Morley (north) and Riverton (south).



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Date	Tuesday 22 August
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Infant Jesus Parish 47 Wellington Rd Morley WA 6062
Room	Parish Centre
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Stephen Harris
Accreditation	Half Unit in Scripture

Date	Tuesday 29 August
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Queen of the Apostles Parish 55 Tudor Ave S Riverton WA 6148
Room	Parish Centre
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Stephen Harris
Accreditation	Half Unit in Scripture

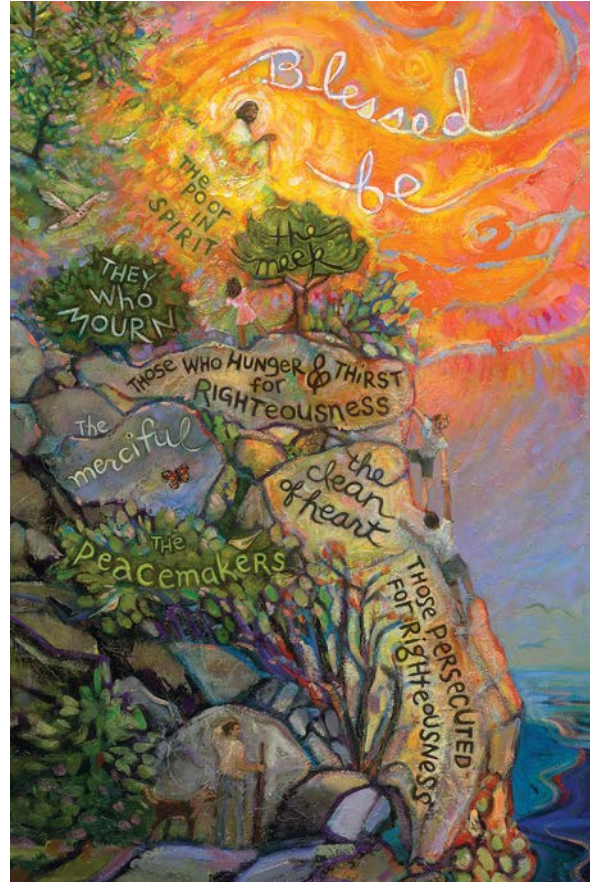
THE BEATITUDES

On a hill by Lake Galilee, Jesus welcomes all those who come to him bewildered by suffering and oppressed by the powerful. Jesus declares them blessed, affirming the goodness they carry within. He delivers a new teaching that fulfills the Law and the Prophets.

In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5 and Luke 6) Jesus offers a view of life that is against the flow but that gives humanity a glimpse of the coming kingdom.

Pope Francis writes that the Beatitudes are a 'self-portrait' of Jesus and an 'identity card' for Christians (*Rejoice and Be Glad* 63).

Date	Fridays 1 September and 8 September
Time	9.00am to 3.00pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	01/09: S2.02 08/09: S2.01
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$40
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford and Catechist Service
Accreditation	Full Unit in Scripture, Theology or Spirituality



RSVP BY:
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TERM 4

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER –
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Do you have older children interested in the Parish RE Program, some of whom may not have been baptised?

This inservice aims to answer questions about how best to support older children and young people in their faith journey and prepare them for the Sacraments.

Office of Christian Initiation Director, Dr Carmel Suart and Anne Kennedy will introduce the *Come and See* resource designed especially for unbaptised young people as they ponder questions of life's meaning and the existence of God.

Catechists will become more familiar with this useful resource available through the Office of Christian Initiation and authored by Anne Kennedy. You will become more aware of how to work in collaboration with the RCIA ministry in your parish that is primarily responsible for preparing these young adults.



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Date	Tuesday 10 October
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.02
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Dr Carmel Suart Anne Kennedy
Accreditation	Religious Education

COME AND SEE: INTRODUCTION TO CATECHIST FORMATION

God calls some of his disciples to serve as Catechists. The ministry of Catechist flows from our identity as disciples. It is an invitation to grow closer to Christ and to use our gifts to serve the parish community.

The Initial Formation Course for Catechists combines a study of Scripture, prayer, and Church documents. It incorporates training in teaching the mandated Catechist program, *Gathered in My Name* and pedagogical techniques to help Catechists share the Gospel message faithfully.

Prospective Catechists are invited to come and see what participating in the catechetical ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth involves, and the training available. Meet the team who will form, guide, and support you in your ministry.



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Date	Friday 13 October
Time	10.00am to 12.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.01
Morning Tea	Provided
Cost	Nil
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	N/A

EUCCHARIST FOR CATECHISTS 2023



A Eucharistic celebration in thanksgiving for the ministry of Catechists and the Commissioning of new Catechists.

At the end of each four-year period, Catechists have an opportunity to make a recommitment to their ministry. Papal Blessings and the Archbishop's Award are also given to those who have fulfilled the requirements.

This special quadrennial celebration will be held at St Mary's Cathedral.

Date	Thursday 26 October
Time	6.30pm
Venue	St Mary's Cathedral Victoria Square Perth WA 6000
Celebrant	Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth
Supper	Provided
RSVP	Friday 13 October Mildred on 9380 1722 or catechist@cewa.edu.au

ADVENT RETREAT: O COME EMMANUEL

*O come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom Captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

This beautiful hymn pours out the desire in the human heart for Emmanuel: God who wants to be with us.

The hymn is based on the seven ancient O Antiphons drawn from Israel's scriptures:
O Wisdom, O Adonai, O Root of Jesse,
O Key of David, O Dayspring, O King of Nations, O Emmanuel.

The Antiphons give us names by which we may know and recognise the God humanity has always longed for and continues to need today.



Date	Friday 1 December
Time	9.30am to 2.30pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	Chapel – South Transept
Morning Tea/ Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$25
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality

RSVP BY:
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REGISTRATIONS AND PLANNERS

CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

REPLY TO:
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Payment: Please do not send any money. Parishes will be invoiced.

Courses are normally funded by the Parish.

If you intend to self-fund, please pay the parish.

Section 3 must be completed and signed by your Parish Priest and/or Coordinator.

Cancellation Notice:
Unless 24 hours' notice is given, parishes will be invoiced for those who do not attend workshops/ courses for which they are registered.

Privacy Statement:
The purpose of collecting the personal information supplied on this form is to process your registration. The Catechist Service will not disclose your information to a third party.

- Registration must be approved and signed by the Parish Priest.
- Use one form per participant per course (please make photocopies if required).

SECTION 1: COURSE DETAILS

Course Title: _____

Course Date: _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

SECTION 2: PARTICIPANT'S DETAILS (PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS)

Title (please circle): Sr Mr Mrs Ms Other: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 3: APPROVAL OF PARISH PRIEST

Note: Must be signed by Parish Priest.

Name of Parish: _____

Location: _____

Name of Parish Priest: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Coordinator: _____

Signature: _____

DATABASE UPDATE FORM 2023

PLEASE RETURN BY 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Parish Name: _____ Location: _____

Parish Priest: _____ Coordinators' Name: _____

It is important that you complete this form with accurate information. If you are unsure of details for your Catechists please contact them and confirm before completing this form.

CATECHIST DETAILS

Please tick: ☐ Catechist ☐ Coordinator ☐ Sacrament Coordinator ☐ Co-Coordinator

Title (please circle): Sr Mr Mrs Ms Other: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

ONLY FOR QUALIFIED CURRENT/FORMER TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Are you a Primary Teacher? ☐

Are you a Secondary Teacher? ☐

I have an Accreditation to Teach Religious Education Certificate (or an Accreditation B Certificate)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of School: _____ Location : _____

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2023 LITURGICAL YEAR

Year A/1

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
02 The Presentation of the Lord 05 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Word of God Sunday 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 Ash Wednesday 26 1st Sunday of Lent	05 2nd Sunday of Lent 12 3rd Sunday of Lent 17 St Patrick 19 4th Sunday of Lent 20 St Joseph 25 The Annunciation of the Lord 26 5th Sunday of Lent	02 Palm Sunday 06 Holy Thursday 07 Good Friday 08 Holy Saturday 09 Easter Sunday 16 2nd Sunday of Easter 23 3rd Sunday of Easter 25 ANZAC Day 30 4th Sunday of Easter
MAY	JUNE	JULY
07 5th Sunday of Easter 14 6th Sunday of Easter 21 Ascension of the Lord 24 Our Lady, Help of Christians 29 Pentecost Sunday	04 Most Holy Trinity 11 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 16 Sacred Heart of Jesus 18 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 The Nativity of John the Baptist 25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 Sts Peter and Paul	02 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ National Aboriginal and TSI Sunday 09 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Apostleship of the Sea 16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ World Day for Grandparents/ Bible Sunday 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
06 The Transfiguration of the Lord 08 St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Social Justice Sunday	01 World Day of Prayer for Creation 03 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Child Protection Sunday 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ World Refugees & Migration Day	01 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 08 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ World Mission Day 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
01 All Saints 02 All Souls 05 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ World Day of the Poor 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	03 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B/2) 08 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10 2nd Sunday of Advent 17 3rd Sunday of Advent 24 4th Sunday of Advent 25 Christmas Day 31 Holy Family	

2023 YEARLY PLANNER

WEEKS	TERM 1 LESSONS		TERM 2 LESSONS	
1	1/2	Wednesday School Term begins	24/4 25/4	Monday School Term begins ANZAC DAY
2	6/2		1/5	
3	13/2		8/5	
4	20/2 22/2 26/2	Ash Wednesday 1st Sunday of Lent	15/5 21/5	Ascension of the Lord
5	27/3 5/3	2nd Sunday of Lent	22/5 24/5 28/5	Our Lady, Help of Christians Pentecost
6	6/3 12/3	Labour Day 3rd Sunday of Lent	29/5 4/6	Most Holy Trinity
7	13/3 17/3 19/3 4th	St Patrick's Day Sunday of Lent	5/6 11/6	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
8	20/3 25/3 26/3	Annunciation of the Lord 5th Sunday of Lent	12/6 16/6	Sacred Heart of Jesus
9	27/3 2/4	Palm Sunday	19/6 24/6	Nativity of John the Baptist
10	3/4 6/4 7/4 8/4 9/4	Holy Thursday Good Friday Holy Saturday Easter Sunday	26/6 30/6	Term 2 Ends
1st Term Holidays: 8/4-23/4			2nd Term Holidays: 1/7-16/7	

2023 YEARLY PLANNER

WEEKS	TERM 3 LESSONS		TERM 4 LESSONS	
1	17/7	Monday School Term begins	9/10	Monday School Term begins
2	24/7		16/10	
3	31/7 6/8	Transfiguration of the Lord	23/10	
4	7/8 8/8	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	30/10 1/11 2/11	All Saints All Souls
5	14/8 15/8	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6/11	
6	21/8		13/11	
7	28/8		20/11 26/11	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8	4/9		27/11 3/12	1st Sunday of Advent
9	12/9		4/12 8/12 10/12	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2nd Sunday of Advent
10	18/9 22/9	Term Ends	12/12 14/12	Term Ends
3rd Term Holidays: 23/9-8/10			End of Year Holidays: 15/12	



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