



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CATECHIST

2026 FORMATION PROGRAM



“IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE.”

In Illo Uno Unum

POPE LEO XIV'S MOTTO

A Catechist Prayer

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

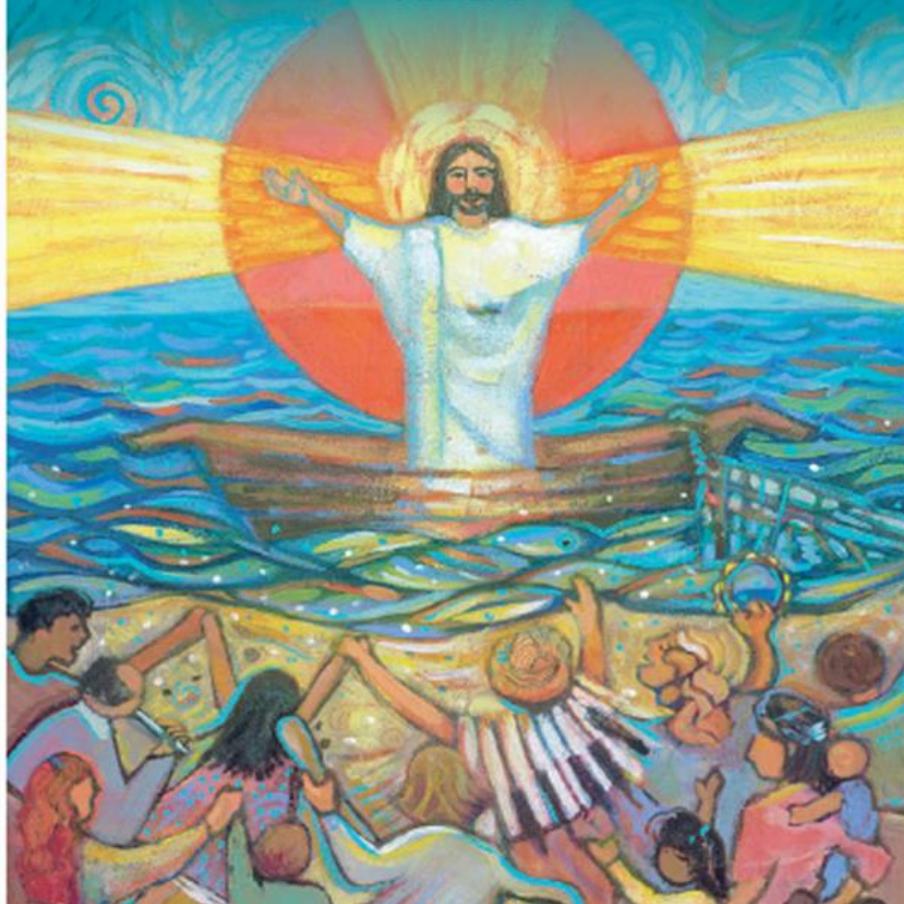
Continue to open my heart
to the fullness of your Holy Spirit
so I may accompany them as
a true witness of your presence.

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.



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FOREWORD

We have all been taught to believe through the witness of those who believed before us... From childhood, adolescence, youth, adulthood, and even old age, catechists accompany us in our faith, sharing in this lifelong journey.

Explain everything in such a way that the one who listens to you, by listening, may believe; by believing, may hope; and by hoping, may love.

POPE LEO XIV, JUBILEE MASS FOR CATECHISTS, 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

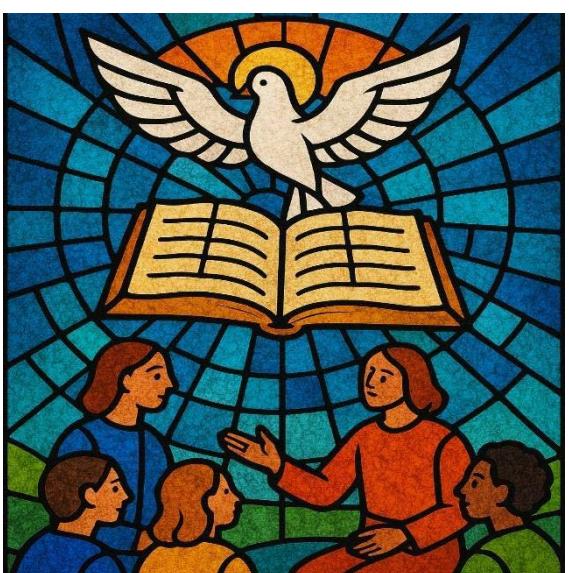
Speaking in Rome at the Jubilee Mass for Catechists, Pope Leo XIV emphasized that the world, "wounded by war, violence, and injustice," needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and experience Christ's reconciling power. A true catechist," he said, "places the word of life in hearts, so that it may bear the fruits of a good life". This living testimony serves as an effective and essential catechesis for the modern world."

As we move into 2026, we pray that the fruits of the Jubilee Year of Hope will be evident among us. We continue to journey together knowing Christ is our jubilee and his 'Year of Favour' is always with us.

We present the 2026 Catechist Formation Program, with confidence that the opportunities offered will assist you in your own journey and help you to be witnesses that enable children and families to encounter the love of Christ in their lives and bring the fruits of his love into the world.

Review of the Perth Archdiocesan Sacrament Policy for School-Aged Children.

This policy has served us well for nearly 12 years. A review was initiated in 2025 and there will be a launch of the updated policy in 2026 at a time to be advised. This will offer an excellent opportunity to revitalise the processes and partnerships involved in the sacramental journey.



Belonging to a Synodal Church

Pope Leo XIV's motto "In the One, we are one" (*In Illo uno unum*) goes to the heart of the Church's synodal vision. This vision is being implemented in our archdiocese. Synodality reminds us that the work of Catechists is not an isolated endeavour but an essential part of the church's journey of "walking together" listening, discerning, and ministering – alongside parents, parish priests, parishioners and school staff.

Your collaborative work as catechists demonstrates that every gift is valued and that unity is possible amidst diversities of background, culture, roles and circumstances. May you continue to be a compelling witness in our communities of the Christ who is 'All and in all.' (Colossians 3:11)

Please call on us for any support and information you need. It is our privilege to serve you and facilitate the important work you do.

I wish you and your families a blessed year.

Dr Pina Ford
Coordinator, Catechist Service



CATECHIST SERVICE



MRS ANNETTE MOREY

Executive Director



REV MARK POWELL

Director of
Religious Education

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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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 may have completed with CFE.

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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.

UNIT 1/103 CATHERINE STREET
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Centre for Christian Initiation and Liturgy



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 the life of the Church.

39 JUGAN STREET
MOUNT HAWTHORN WA 6016
PHONE: (08) 9242 4066
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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.

28 HOLDHURST WAY
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WEBSITE: PASWA.ORG.AU

2026 CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM

TERM ONE					
COURSE NAME	PG	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
Priests and Coordinators' Brunch	16	Tuesday 10 February	N/A	N/A	NSC
Initial Formation: Part 1 for New Catechists	17	Wednesday 11 Feb – 25 Mar OR Saturday 14 Feb – 28 March	Provisional Accreditation	N/A	CEC
Lenten Retreat	18	Friday 27 February	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	SCC
Sacrament of Eucharist	19	Friday 6 March	Certificate I/II or Ongoing Renewal	Religious Education	Bateman
Sacrament of Confirmation	20	Friday 20 March	Certificate I/II or Ongoing Renewal	Religious Education	Applecross

TERM TWO					
COURSE NAME	PG	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation	22	Tuesday 21 April	Certificate I/II or Ongoing Renewal	Religious Education	Morley
Initial Formation: Part 2 <i>Scripture and Theology</i>	23	Wednesday 29 April – 10 Jun OR Saturday 2 May – 13 June	Towards Commissioning or Certificate I/II	Scripture and Theology	CEC
Liturgy II: Scriptural Foundations	24	Thursday 18 June	Certificate I/II	Scripture or Theology	Armadale
Creative Arts	25	Tuesday 23 June	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	CEC

TERM THREE

COURSE NAME	PG	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
Scripture for Children	28	Friday 24 July	Certificate I/II	Scripture	Maddington
Regional Coordinators' Meeting	29	Please check your region	N/A	N/A	Check your region
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Retreat	30	Friday 7 August	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	South Perth
Do You See This Woman?	31	Friday 28 August & Friday 4 September	Certificate I/II	Scripture	NSC
Sacrament Coordinators' Formation - Parts I & II	32	Monday 7 September Monday 14 September	Certificate I/II	Religious Education	NSC
Sacrament Coordinators' Formation - Part III	34	Monday 21 September	Certificate I/II	Theology	NSC
Beatitudes: Growing in Ministry	36	Tuesday 15 September Tuesday 22 September	Certificate I/II	Theology	NSC

TERM FOUR

COURSE NAME	PG	DATE	ACCREDITED TOWARD	UNIT IN	VENUE
The Rosary: A Journey with Mary	38	Friday 16 October	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	NSC
Eucharist and Commissioning of Catechists	39	Tuesday 20 October	N/A	N/A	CEC Chapel
Come & See: What is Catechetical Ministry?	40	Wednesday 28 October	N/A	N/A	CEC
Taste & See: Intro to Catechetical Ministry	41	Thursday 19 November	N/A	N/A	CEC
Advent Retreat	42	Friday 4 December	Certificate I/II	Spirituality	SCC

VENUES

CEC	NSC	SCC
Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street WEST LEEDERVILLE WA 6007 Tel: 9380 1722	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road DOUBLEVIEW WA 6018 Tel: 9278 0200	St Catherine's Centre 31 Williamstown Road DOUBLEVIEW WA 6018

HOW DOES THE **CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM WORK?**

INITIAL FORMATION

PART 1: PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

- Initial Formation Course
7 sessions consisting of Adult Faith Education and Religious Education Teaching Skills.

PART 2: FULL ACCREDITATION

- Scripture & Theology in the Classroom
7 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 eligible for commissioning as Catechists (see flow chart on next page).

ONGOING FORMATION

CATECHIST CERTIFICATES I AND II

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 2026 those eligible for Advanced Formation may choose from the following:

- Centre for Faith Enrichment courses;
- Content Courses; and
- Information about biblical study scholarship etc.

Please contact Mildred on 9380 1722 if you have any queries before enrolling.

INITIAL FORMATION

PART 1

INITIAL FORMATION COURSE
(7 weeks)



**PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION**

PART 2

SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY
IN THE CLASSROOM
(7 weeks)



ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A
COMMISSIONED CATECHIST
ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

ONGOING FORMATION

CERTIFICATE I

1 FULL UNIT OF EACH

THEOLOGY

SCRIPTURE

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

SPIRITUALITY

CERTIFICATE II

1 FULL UNIT OF EACH

THEOLOGY

SCRIPTURE

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

SPIRITUALITY

ADVANCED FORMATION

Contact: catechist@cewa.edu.au

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 *Registrations Close date*

Close date. Courses may be cancelled if we do not have enough interest by then. There are three ways to register for a course:

- **OPTION 1: ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Register online by:

- **scanning the QR code** with your smartphone's camera; or by
- **following the link**

both of which can be found in the grey *Registrations Close* box on each course's page.

- **OPTION 2: HARD COPY FORM**

A hard copy of the registration form is on **page 46**. Email or post the form beforehand or bring it on the day of the course.

- **OPTION 3: EMAIL**

Send us an email with your details and the course you wish to attend **by the Registrations Close date**.

PAYMENT

Your parish will be invoiced after the course.

CANCELLATION

Please email catechist@cewa.edu.au if you cannot attend. This is very important for catering requirements.



ACCREDITATION

All sessions need to be attended to gain accreditation. Please sign the signature list upon arrival so that the course or inservice can be accredited to you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Our database is only useful if it is current and accurate. To notify us of any changes, please either complete the **Database Update Form on page 45** and return it to us by post or email; phone us on 9380 1624; or online at: <http://tinyurl.com/2026CatechistUpdate>

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
👤 mildred.rego@cewa.edu.au

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.

💬 Contact **Pina** on **9380 1890** or
👤 pina.ford@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 arrange this; 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.



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TERM ONE

2 FEBRUARY – 2 APRIL 2026



PRIESTS AND COORDINATORS' BRUNCH

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Course Information

All parish priests and catechist coordinators are warmly invited to start the year with conversation, information and the opportunity to connect at the Priests and Coordinators Brunch.

A relaxed opportunity to strengthen our partnership in ministry. Enjoy meaningful conversation and valuable networking as we begin the year together in a spirit of collaboration and support.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 10 February
Time	10.00am – 12.00pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	Meet at Reception
Breakfast	Provided
Cost	Nil
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	N/A

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Tue 3 Feb
Scan Code to Register



Link: trybooking.com/CVPKU or
Email: catechist@cewa.edu.au

INITIAL FORMATION: PART I FOR NEW CATECHISTS

Wednesdays, 11 Feb – 25 Mar 2026 | or | Saturdays, 14 Feb – 28 Mar 2026

Course Information

The Initial Formation Course provides the essential foundations to grow in faith, confidence, and practical skills for sharing the Gospel with children. Through engaging sessions and supportive guidance, you'll be equipped for this vital ministry and welcomed into a community of fellow catechists.

This seven-week course offers participants personal faith development and the religious education skills for working with children. They will be formed in using *Gathered in My Name*, the Archdiocesan teaching program for parish religious education; and given practical insights to discover how they can support children in learning about God's love.

Course Details

Dates & Time OR	Wednesdays, 11 Feb – 25 Mar 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Dates & Time	Saturdays, 14 Feb – 28 Mar 9.00am – 12.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea or Supper	Provided
Cost	\$80.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service and outside presenters
Accreditation	Provisional Accreditation or Towards Certificate I/II



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Wed 4 Feb
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LENTEN RETREAT

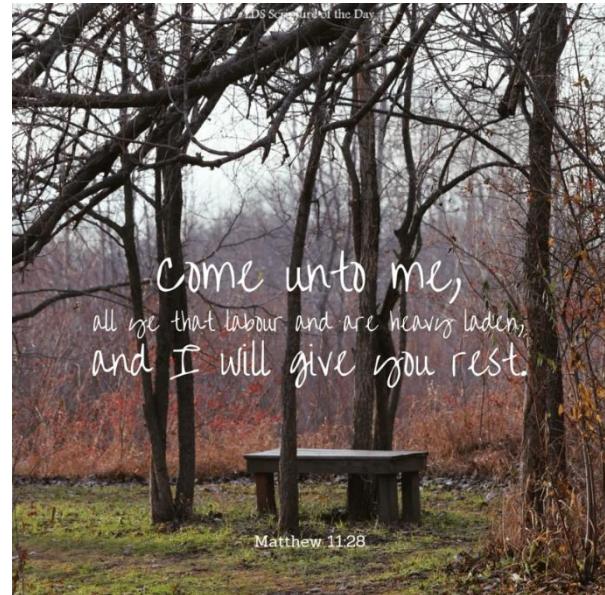
Friday, 27 February 2026

Course Information

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- MATTHEW 11:28

In the midst of life's journey with all its struggles, Lent calls us to slow down, listen deeply, and let compassion take root.

Take time to come apart and allow the restoring love of God to meet you exactly where you are.



Course Details

Date	Friday, 27 February
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	St Catherine's Centre 31 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	Chapel
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Fri 20 Feb
Scan Code to Register



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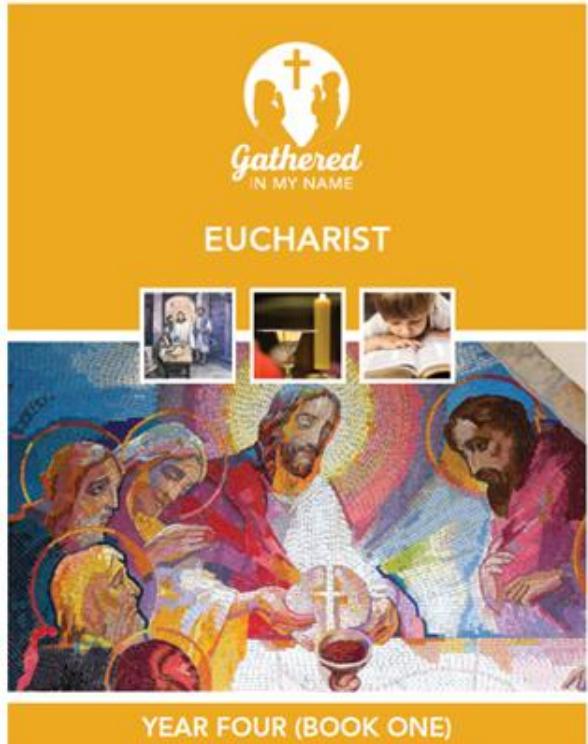
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Friday, 6 March 2026

Course Information

Come and be part of our Sacrament of Eucharist Workshop, where we'll explore the Year Four Gathered in My Name program together.

This session is especially for catechists preparing children for the Sacrament of Eucharist, offering a supportive space to share ideas, gain practical tips, and grow in confidence as you guide children on this sacred journey.



Course Details

Date	Friday, 6 March
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	St Thomas More Parish 100 Dean Road Bateman WA 6150
Room	Parish Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education or 5hrs CEWA Ongoing Renewal

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Fri 27 Feb

Scan Code to Register



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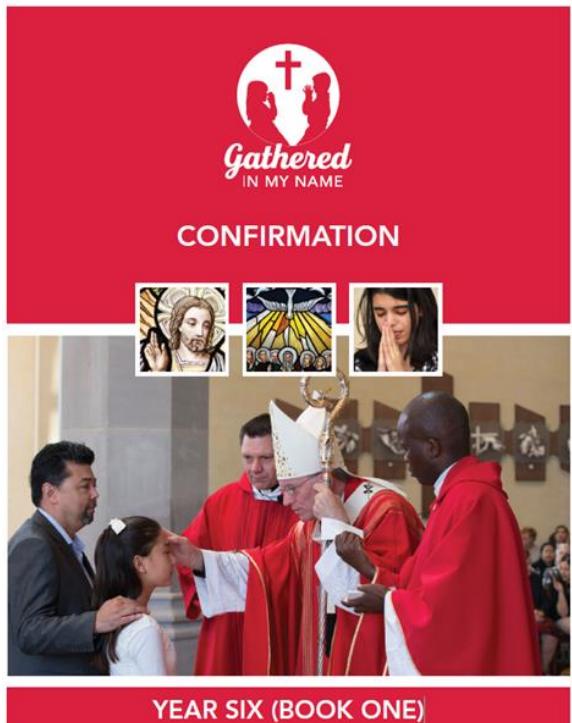
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Friday, 20 March 2026

Course Information

This inservice aims to provide participants with an understanding of the theology behind the Confirmation module in the Year Six Gathered in My Name program, highlighting the special features of the program.

We will unpack the lessons in this module to gain hands-on experience with effective teaching strategies for this Sacrament. The inservice is particularly suited for Catechists teaching the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Course Details

Date	Friday, 20 March
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	St Benedict's Parish 115 Ardross Street Ardross WA 6153
Room	Parish Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education or 5hrs CEWA Ongoing Renewal

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Fri 13 Mar
Scan Code to Register



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TERM TWO

20 APRIL – 3 JULY 2026



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

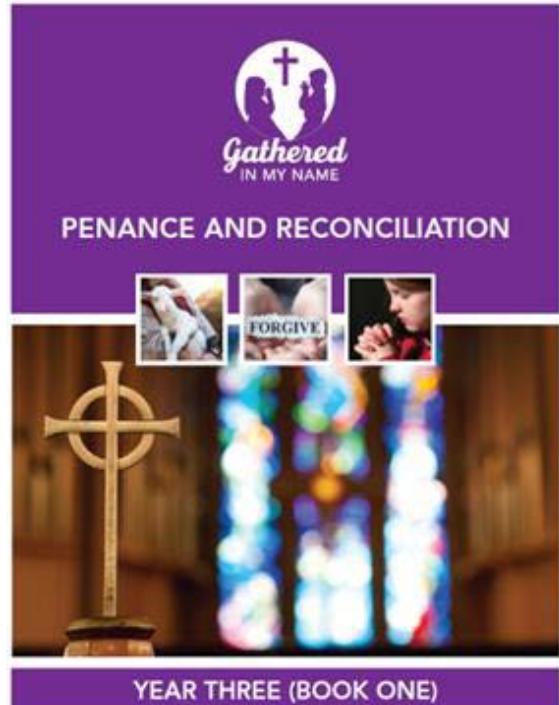
Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Course Information

Come and explore the Year Three Gathered in My Name program in a supportive, hands-on workshop designed for catechists preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This inservice aims to provide participants with an understanding of the theology behind the Reconciliation module in the Year Three Gathered in My Name program, highlighting the special features of the program.

Share ideas, gain practical strategies, and gather resources to confidently guide children on this meaningful journey of faith and forgiveness.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 21 April
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Infant Jesus Parish 47 Wellington Road Morley WA 6062
Room	Parish Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education or 5hrs CEWA Ongoing Renewal

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Tue 14 Apr
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INITIAL FORMATION: PART II

SCRIPTURE & THEOLOGY

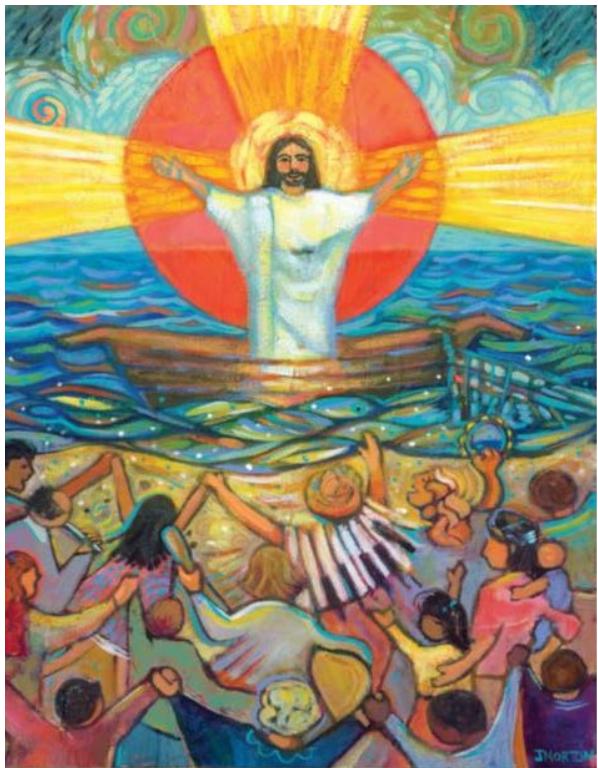
Wednesdays, 29 April – 10 June 2026 | or | Saturdays, 2 May – 13 June 2026

Course Information

This seven-week course offers catechists a strong foundation in Revelation and a clear overview of both the Old and New Testaments.

Along the way, participants will discover creative ideas and practical resources for bringing Scripture to life with children. The course also deepens understanding of the core foundations of Catholic theology, equipping catechists to share faith with confidence and joy.

This course is open only to those who have completed the *Initial Formation: Part I for New Catechists* (please see p. 17).



Course Details

Dates & Time OR	Wed, 29 April – 10 June 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Dates & Time	Sat, 2 May – 13 June 9.00am – 12.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea or Supper	Provided
Cost	\$80.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Towards Commissioning or Full Unit in Scripture and Theology

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Wed 22 Apr
Scan Code to Register



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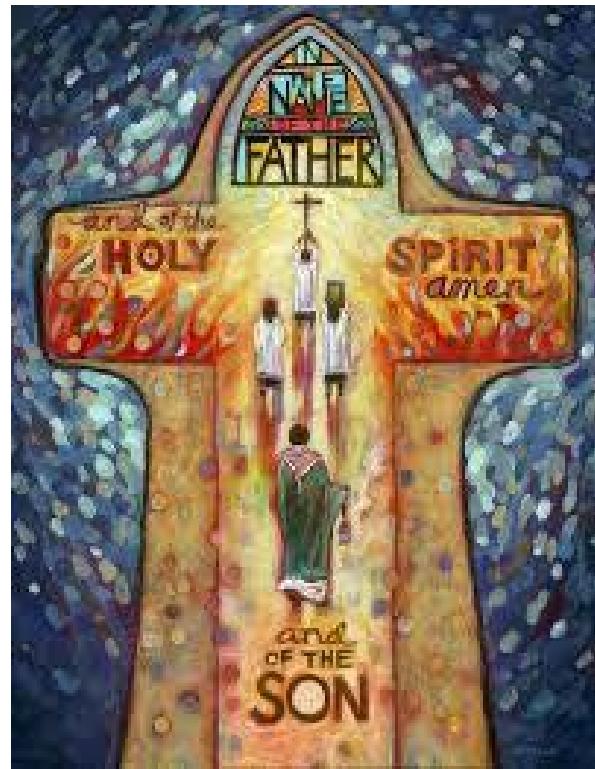
LITURGY II: SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS

Thursday, 18 June 2026

Course Information

Catechists are invited to enter more fully into the beauty of liturgy by exploring the structure of the Mass and the scriptural foundations that shape each part.

From the Opening Rites through to the Concluding Rites, participants will be guided to see how Scripture breathes life into the prayers, rituals, and actions of the Eucharist.



Course Details

Date	Thursday, 18 June
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	St Francis Xavier Parish 279 Forrest Road Hilbert WA 6112
Room	Parish Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Mildred Rego and Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Scripture

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Thu 11 Jun
Scan Code to Register



Link: trybooking.com/DHQIB or
Email: catechist@cewa.edu.au

CREATIVE ARTS

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Course Information

Discover how creative arts can enrich your catechetical ministry!

This session invites catechists to explore practical ways to use music, visual arts, crafts, drama, and movement to engage children in faith, Scripture, and prayer.

Through hands-on activities and shared ideas, participants will gain inspiration and tools to make learning about the Gospel a vibrant, memorable, and joyful experience for their students.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 23 June
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catherine Nguyen and Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Tue 16 Jun

Scan Code to Register



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TERM THREE

20 JULY – 25 SEPTEMBER 2026



SCRIPTURE FOR CHILDREN

Friday, 24 July 2026

Course Information

Catechists are warmly invited to join us for a practical and inspiring course on teaching Scripture to children, shaped by the *Gathered in My Name* Parish Religious Education Program.

Together, we'll explore creative and engaging ways to bring the Word of God to life, opening opportunities for children to grow in faith and discover the richness of Scripture. This course will provide you with helpful tools, strategies, and renewed confidence to make Scripture both meaningful and accessible to the young hearts entrusted to your care.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 24 July
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Holy Family Parish 34 Alcock Street Maddington WA 6109
Room	Parish Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catherine Nguyen and Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Religious Education

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Fri 17 Jul
Scan Code to Register



Link: trybooking.com/DHQIZ or
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REGIONAL COORDINATORS' MEETINGS

Multiple Locations and Dates

Regional Coordinators' Meetings (RCMs) are a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow Coordinators and the Catechist Service. These gatherings provide space to share ideas, celebrate successes, and work together through practical challenges. There is so much to be gained when we come together to support one another in ministry.

As Coordinators, participation in RCMs is an important responsibility. If you are unable to attend, we ask that another catechist be sent in your place. To help guide our conversations, please bring a short, written report (a template will be provided) and email it to catechist@cewa.edu.au before the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this time together.

ZONE	DATE	TIME	ADDRESS
MIDLAND	Tue 4 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	St Brigid's Parish Centre 69 Morrison Road Midland WA 6056
BAYSWATER	Wed 5 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	St Columba's Parish Centre 20 Almondbury Street Bayswater WA 6053
THORNLIE	Tue 11 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	Sacred Heart Parish Centre 50 Ovens Road Thornlie WA 6108
RIVERTON	Wed 12 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	St Benedict's Parish Centre 115 Ardross Street, Ardross WA 6153
GREENWOOD	Thu 13 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	All Saints' Parish Centre 7 Liwara Place Greenwood WA 6024
SPEARWOOD	Mon 17 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre 2 Townsend Road Rockingham WA 6168
LEEDERVILLE	Thu 20 Aug 2026	10:00am – 12:00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre 17 Angelico Street Woodlands WA 6018

RETREAT: WALKING WITH ST MARY MACKILLOP

Friday, 7 August 2026

Course Information

Catechists are warmly invited to a retreat day at the Mary MacKillop Centre in South Perth to reflect on the inspiring life, faith, and legacy of Australia's first-named saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

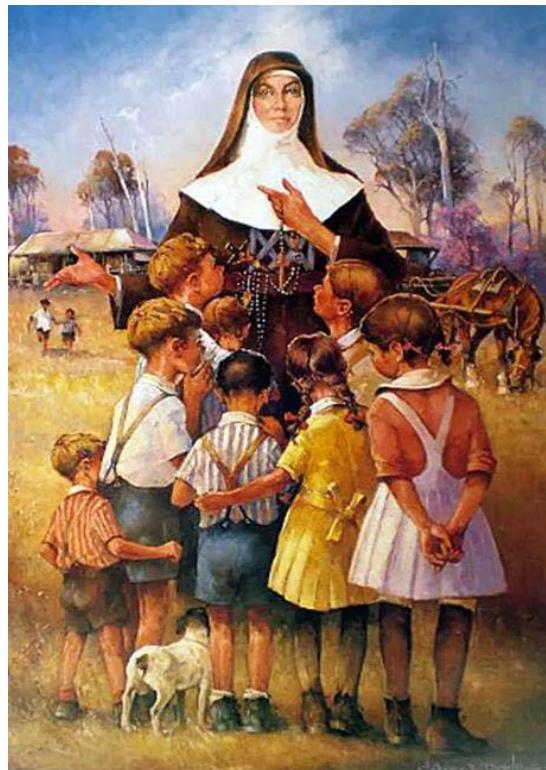
During this day we will explore St Mary MacKillop's unique understanding of holiness revealed in her dedication to education, community and the service.

St Mary MacKillop encourages us to become what Pope Francis called 'the saints next door' (*Rejoice and Be Glad*, 2018); and to never separate holiness with justice and service to those who are in need of our care as Pope Leo continues to emphasise.

This retreat offers a peaceful space to recharge, connect with fellow catechists, and deepen your own journey of faith.

Course Details

Date	Friday, 7 August
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Mary MacKillop Centre 16 York Street South Perth WA 6151
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford & Sr Frances Maguire RSJ
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality



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DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN?

Fridays, 28 August and 4 September 2026

Course Information

You are warmly invited to explore the women of the Gospels - their faith, courage, and hope in following Jesus.

This two-day course focuses on the texts in the four gospels that tell us about Jesus' engagement with women. These stories offer insights into the women's faith, courage and love in following Jesus and they also reveal Jesus' understanding and care for them.

By exploring and reflecting upon these Gospel accounts, participants will be able to see the importance of hope and resilience in their own lives. Together we will consider how Jesus continues to accompany us and all men and women who are suffering or marginalised in any way, seeking our restoration and happiness.



Course Details

Date	Friday, 28 August and Friday, 4 September
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S2.01
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$50.00
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Full Unit in Scripture

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Fri 21 Aug
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SACRAMENT COORDINATORS' FORMATION: PARTS I & II

Mondays, 7 and 14 September 2026

Course Information

Sacramental Coordinators play a vital role in helping parish and school communities bring the *Archdiocesan Sacramental Policy for School Aged Children* to life.

Our Sacramental Coordinator Training is designed to equip you with helpful skills, strategies, and approaches to confidently lead parish-based, school and PREP-supported, and family-focused programs.

Whether you are new to the role or an experienced coordinator, this course will provide fresh insights and resources. Participants will also receive the latest templates and support packages to assist their parish communities.

Course Details

Date	Monday, 7 September and Monday, 14 September
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S3.02
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$50.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Full Unit in Religious Education



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SACRAMENT COORDINATORS' FORMATION I and II SCHEDULE

SESSION	DAY ONE	DAY TWO
1	FORMATION OF COORDINATORS' LEADERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Sacraments Understanding Sacramentality Sacraments of the Catholic Church. 	LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement: Strategies for reaching out and encountering community members. Conflict Resolution: Handling conflicts and sensitive situations with care.
2	FAMILY ENGAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Information Sessions- Materials and guidance for running effective and welcoming parent meetings. Family-Centered Catechesis Tools – activities and reflections to encourage faith practice at home. Essential skills for supporting individuals and families. 	RESOURCES FOR SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AND PLANNING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for organising Sacramental liturgies in collaboration with the Parish staff and school community. Celebration checklists: Practical tools to ensure every detail is in place for sacramental celebrations.
3	ROLE OF THE COORDINATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role Responsibilities: Key responsibilities and expectations of a Sacramental Coordinator. 	ADMINISTRATION & COMPLIANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record-Keeping Support: Templates for tracking attendance and sacramental records. What are the Archdiocesan requirements? Safeguarding and Duty of Care documents.
4	SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the Sacramental Modules in the Gathered in My Name Program. 	PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Templates: Letters, Sacramental Enrolment packages and emails to keep families informed and connected. Scheduling tools: templates and recommendations for creating program timelines and event schedules

SACRAMENT COORDINATORS FORMATION: PART III

Monday, 21 September 2026

Course Information

Building on Parts I and II of the Sacraments Coordinators' Formation, Part III offers an opportunity to go deeper - both in practical skills and in the spiritual heart of this ministry.

Together we will strengthen the tools and strategies needed to lead sacramental programs, while also reflecting on the call to accompany families and parish communities in faith.

This session is open only to those who have completed the *Sacrament Coordinators Formation: I and II* (please see page 32).



Course Details

Date	Monday, 21 September
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S3.02 – S3.03
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	Half Unit in Theology

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Mon 14 Sep
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SACRAMENT COORDINATORS' FORMATION III SCHEDULE

SESSION	DAY THREE
1	ARCHDIOCESAN SACRAMENT POLICY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sacramental Policy for school-aged children is a family-focused, parish-based, and school and Parish Religious Education Program supported.• Offers common ground for those who support the sacramental journey for children.• Unpack the new revised Sacramental Policy for schools, parishes for those working in ministry.
2	LITURGICAL GUIDELINES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking at the liturgical guidelines for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.• Archdiocesan Guidelines - Celebrating the Gift of the Spirit
3	PASTORAL CARE FOR CATECHISTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Catechists while tending to your own spiritual and personal well-being in ministry.”• Ensuring we are equipped to guide others with confidence and compassion.

BEATITUDES: GROWING IN MINISTRY

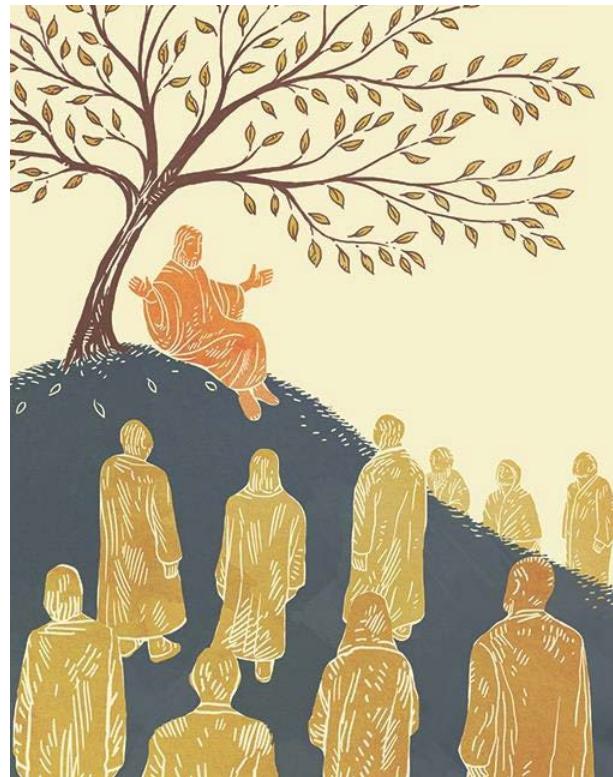
Tuesdays, 15 and 22 September 2026

Course Information

Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount continue to inspire, challenge, and guide us in living out our faith with humility, compassion, and hope.

You are invited to two days of reflection and formation as we journey into the heart of the Beatitudes. Throughout the day, we will explore through prayer, discussion and practical activities how these blessings that Jesus bestowed – for good times and bad - reset our vision and restore our lives.

This is an opportunity to pause, be renewed, and inspired to draw and to share the fullness of life that God offers to us.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 15 September & Tuesday, 22 September
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	S3.03
Morning Tea & Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$50.00
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Full Unit in Theology

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Tue 8 Sep
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TERM FOUR

12 OCTOBER – 17 DECEMBER 2026



THE ROSARY: A JOURNEY WITH MARY

Friday, 16 October 2026

Course Information

Come and deepen your understanding of Mary's role in salvation history and rediscover the richness of the Rosary as a scriptural and contemplative prayer. We will explore how Mary's faith, courage, and discipleship can shape our own ministry.

Participants will also learn simple, engaging ways to introduce the Rosary to children and support them in praying with attention, imagination, and reverence.

Each catechist will have the opportunity to make their own Rosary. This hands-on experience complements our learning and provides a tangible reminder of Mary's constant companionship in faith.

Course Details

Date	Friday 16 October
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	Newman Siena Centre 33 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	W2.01 (Boardroom)
Morning Tea and Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Catherine Nguyen and Cordelia Nicholas
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality



REGISTRATION CLOSE: Fri 9 Oct
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EUCHARIST AND CATECHIST COMMISSIONING

Tuesday, 20 October 2026

Course Information

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Eucharistic celebration giving thanks for the generous ministry of our Catechists and welcoming those who are beginning their journey through the Commissioning of New Catechists.

This annual gathering is a wonderful opportunity for parish priests, coordinators, and catechists from across the Archdiocese to come together in prayer and thanksgiving.

Following the Mass, we will have hospitality and fellowship.



Course Details

Date	Tuesday, 20 October
Time	6.30pm – 9.00pm
Venue	St Michael the Archangel Chapel 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Light Supper	Provided
Cost	Nil

REGISTRATION CLOSE: Tue 13 Oct
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COME AND SEE: WHAT IS THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY?

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Course Information

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

Prospective Catechists are invited to come to an initial session and see what participating in the catechetical ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth involves. Meet the team who will support you in your ministry and answer any questions you might have.



Course Details

Date	Wednesday, 28 October
Time	9.30am – 12.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Light Supper	Provided
Cost	Nil
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	N/A

REGISTRATION CLOSE: Wed 21 Oct
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TASTE AND SEE: INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

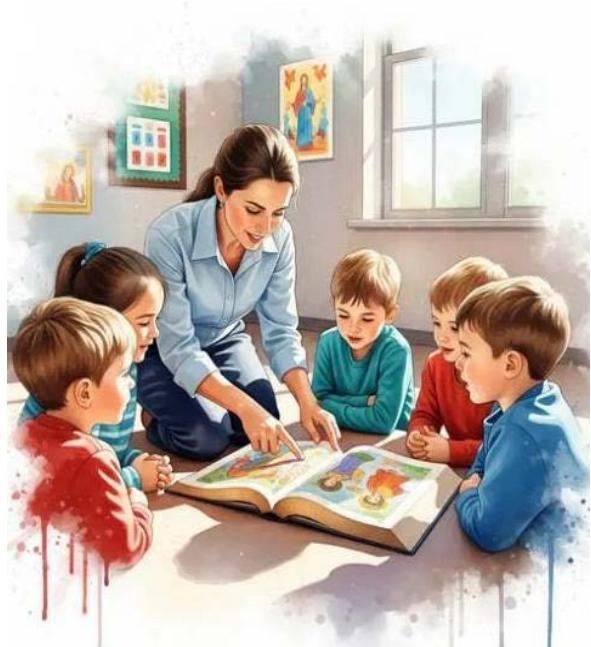
Thursday, 19 November 2026

Course Information

Prospective Catechists are invited to come to a practical session to 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.

The session will include:

- *Introduction to Gathered in My Name*: the Archdiocesan teaching program for parish religious education.
- *Model Training Session*: experience a short sample of the catechist formation course.
- *Practical Insights*: how you can support children in learning about God's love.
- *Meet Other Catechists*: connect with people who share the same passion for faith.



Course Details

Date	Thursday, 19 November
Time	9.30am – 1.00pm
Venue	Catholic Education Centre 50 Ruislip Street West Leederville WA 6007
Room	James Nestor Hall
Morning Tea	Provided
Cost	Nil
Facilitators	Catechist Service
Accreditation	N/A

REGISTRATION CLOSE: Thu 12 Nov
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ADVENT RETREAT

Friday, 4 December 2026

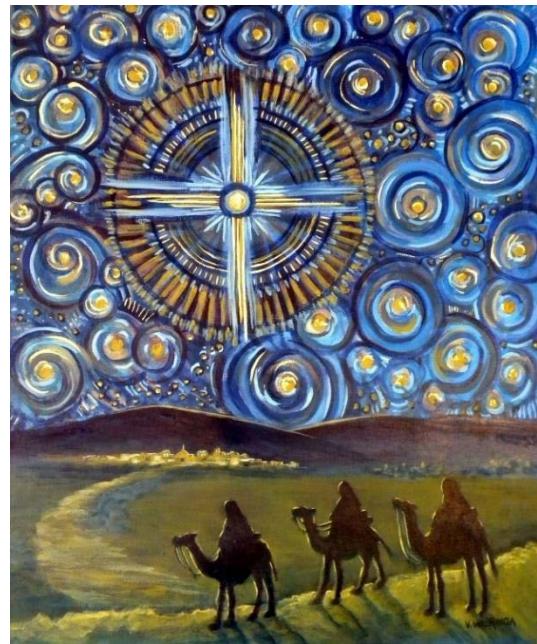
Course Information

*“My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning.”*

- PSALM 130:6

As the world hurries toward Christmas, Advent invites a different rhythm - one of watchfulness, wonder, and hope.

Come and create space to hear and see how God graciously approaches us. Come and be prepared to receive God's renewing presence!



Course Details

Date	Friday, 4 December
Time	9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue	St Catherine's Centre 31 Williamstown Road Doubleview WA 6018
Room	Chapel at St Catherine's
Morning Tea and Lunch	Provided
Cost	\$30.00
Facilitators	Dr Pina Ford
Accreditation	Half Unit in Spirituality

REGISTRATION CLOSE: Fri 27 Nov
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PLANNERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS



COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

EVERY COURSE WE OFFER HAS ITS OWN PAGE IN THIS BOOK AND ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM WHOSE LINK CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREY REGISTRATIONS CLOSE BOX.

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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.

Cancellation Notice:

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

Section 3 must be completed by the Parish Priest and/or the Catechist Coordinator.

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 print or make photocopies as required).

SECTION 1: COURSE DETAILS

Course Title: _____

Course Date: _____

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

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

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Requirements: No Yes (specify) _____

SECTION 3: APPROVAL OF PARISH PRIEST (must be signed by Parish Priest)

Parish Name: _____

Location: _____

Name of Parish Priest: _____

Parish Priest Signature: _____

Name of Coordinator: _____

Coordinator Signature: _____

DATABASE UPDATE FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN BY 28 FEBRUARY 2026
OR ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/2026CatechistUpdate>

Parish Name: _____ Location: _____

Parish Priest: _____ Coordinator's Name: _____

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

CATECHIST DETAILS

Role (please tick): Catechist Coordinator Sacrament Coordinator Co-Coordinator

Title (please tick): Sr Mr Mrs Ms Other (please specify): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

ONLY FOR QUALIFIED CURRENT/FORMER TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WA

This Catechist is a Primary Teacher This Catechist is a Secondary Teacher

This Catechist has an Accreditation to Teach Religious Education Certificate Yes No

Name of School: _____ Location: _____

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2026 YEARLY PLANNER

SEMESTER ONE

WK	TERM 1		TERM 2	
1	2/2 Term 1 begins		20/4 Term 2 Begins 26/4 4th Sunday of Easter	
2	9/2		27/4 ANZAC Day (observed) 3/5 5th Sunday of Easter	
3	16/2 18/2 Ash Wednesday 22/2 1st Sunday of Lent		4/5 10/5 6th Sunday of Easter	
4	23/2 1/3 2nd Sunday of Lent		11/5 17/5 The Ascension	
5	2/3 Labour Day 8/3 3rd Sunday of Lent		18/5 24/5 Pentecost	
6	9/3 15/3 4th Sunday of Lent		25/5 Our Lady Help of Christians 31/5 The Most Holy Trinity	
7	16/3 17/3 St Patrick 19/3 St Joseph 22/3 5th Sunday of Lent		1/6 WA Day 7/6 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
8	23/3 25/3 The Annunciation of the Lord 29/3 Palm Sunday		8/6 12/6 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 14/6 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9	30/3 2/4 End of Term 1 3/4 Good Friday		15/6 21/6 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10			22/6 24/6 Nativity John Baptist 28/6 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
11			30/6 3/7 Term 2 Ends 5/7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
TERM HOLIDAYS 3 APRIL - 19 APRIL			TERM HOLIDAYS 4 JULY - 19 JULY	

2026 YEARLY PLANNER

SEMESTER TWO

WK	TERM 3		TERM 4	
1	20/7 26/7	Term 3 begins 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12/10 18/10	Term 4 begins 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2	28/7 2/8	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19/10 25/10	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3	3/8 6/8 8/8 9/8	Transfiguration of Our Lord St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 19th Sunday Ordinary Time	26/10 1/11	All Saints
4	10/8 15/8 16/8	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2/11 8/11	All Souls 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5	17/8 23/8	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9/11 the 15/11	Dedication of Lateran Basilica 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6	24/8 30/8	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	16/11 22/11	Christ the King
7	31/8 6/9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	23/11 29/11 Advent	1st Sunday of Advent
8	7/9 8/9 13/9	Nativity of the BVM 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30/11 6/12	2nd Sunday Advent
9	14/9 the 20/9	Exaltation of Holy Cross 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7/12 8/12 13/12	Immaculate Conception of the BVM 3rd Sunday of Advent
10	21/9 25/9 27/9	Term 3 Ends 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14/12 17/12 End of School Year 20/12	4th Sunday of Advent
TERM HOLIDAYS 26 SEPT – 11 OCT			TERM HOLIDAYS 18 DEC 2026 – 31 JAN 2027	

2026 LITURGICAL YEAR

YEAR A/2

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God 4 Epiphany of the Lord 11 Baptism of the Lord 18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 The Presentation of the Lord 8 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 Ash Wednesday 22 1st Sunday of Lent	1 2nd Sunday of Lent 8 3rd Sunday of Lent 15 4th Sunday of Lent 17 St Patrick 19 St Joseph 22 5th Sunday of Lent 25 The Annunciation of the Lord 29 Palm Sunday
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
2 Holy Thursday 3 Good Friday 4 Easter Vigil 5 Easter Sunday 12 2nd Sunday of Easter 19 3rd Sunday of Easter 26 4th Sunday of Easter	3 5th Sunday of Easter 10 6th Sunday of Easter 17 The Ascension of the Lord 24 Pentecost 25 Our Lady, Help of Christians 31 The Most Holy Trinity	7 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 12 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 The Nativity of John the Baptist 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord 8 St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 The Assumption of the BVM 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 13 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 All Saints 2 All Souls 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 Christ the King 29 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B/I)	6 2nd Sunday of Advent 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 13 3rd Sunday of Advent 20 4th Sunday of Advent 25 Christmas Day 27 Holy Family

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