

## EXPLORING THE FAITH 2023-2024 – COURSE OUTLINE

Have you ever thought: Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church?

Exploring the Faith is a 30 week course that explores these questions and more, starting Wednesday 9 Aug 2023 (7.15pm–9.00pm) through to 15th May 2024 at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, St Peter's meeting room. There are no prerequisites or obligations to joining.

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	Wk	Session Topic	
<b>Getting started</b>	1	Our Own Faith Histories	9th August
	2	Drawing the Face of God	16th August
<b>Introduction to the Old Testament</b>	3	Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-14)	23th August
	4	Joseph & the Coat of Many Colours (Genesis 37:1-36)	30th August
	5	Moses I (Exodus 1:1 – 4:31).	6th September
	6	Moses II (Exodus 5:1 – 14:31).	13th September
	7	King Saul (First Book of Samuel).	20th September
	8	King David (Second Book of Samuel).	11th October
	9	God's Ways are not Man's Ways.	18th October
<b>The Jesus Story</b>	10	The Birth of Jesus	25th October
	11	Proclaiming the Good News	8th November
	12	His public ministry	15th November
	13	Crucifixion, Resurrection & Ascension	22th November
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>	14	The Role of the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascends into Heaven	29th November
	15	The Sacraments	6th December
	16	The Saints	13th December
<b>Growing in Holiness</b>	17	The Nature of Sin	17th January 2024
	18	Christian Morality of Life	24th January
	19	Christian Morality of Sexuality	31st January
	20	Christian Morality of Community	7th February
<b>Teach us to Pray</b>	21	Introduction to Prayer Why Do We Need Prayer?	21st February
	22	Silent Prayer and Prayer Groups	28th February
	23	Traditional Devotional Practices	6th March
	24	Prayer and Suffering	13th March
	25	Praying the Sacrament	20th March
<b>Living the Christian Life</b>	26	Overview of the Faith	3rd April
	27	The Parish in the Universal Church	10th April
	28	Building the Kingdom of God in our Parish	1st May
	29	The Ministry of the Wider Church	8th May
	30	Retreats and Pilgrimages & Final Party	15th May