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Taking the Gospel to the World

Welcome to our first issue of *Connections* for 2022! We hope you've had a good rest over the summer and are ready for this brand new year full of wonderful opportunities for connection with our students through the sharing of faith with them.

There has been so much excitement amongst catechists about getting back into the classrooms after two years of lockdowns. No doubt the students have been missing you as much as you have missed them.

In this issue you will find heart-warming stories, support and tips for getting back to SRE after a long hiatus and plenty to inspire you as you prepare your lessons in Term 1.

We are of course in the midst of Lent which is a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Along with our students we will prepare, learn and pray in anticipation of the events of Holy Week and the glory of Easter morning.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Connections* magazine and we pray that you enter your classrooms with a commitment to Christ and a joy that will be infectious, so that students look forward to your SRE lessons. You may never see the fruit of your labours, but rest assured you are providing your students with the opportunity to form a relationship with Jesus – the greatest gift you could give them.

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Catechists Bring a Message of Hope

Over the past two years, there has never been a greater need for children and young people to be given the gift of hope. For very young children, they would never remember a time when there wasn't a pandemic with lockdowns and restrictions moulding their young lives. We try to protect children from stories of war, but with live-streaming and 24/7 news, it's difficult. Two years ago, we prayed for rain to extinguish the worst bushfires in memory and now the rain is deluging our inland and coastal communities and our river systems across the State, causing devastating floods, in some cases for the third year in a row.

This is the world that babies are being born into, and in which children and young people are growing up. There has never been a more urgent time to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the students in our public schools. Children and young people need to know that God loves them, that Jesus journeys with them and that the Holy Spirit can guide them in the happy times and in the challenges of life which come our way.



Catechists are great 'pray-ers'. Your witness to your faith is consolidated in your praying with the children as part of every lesson you teach. Praying is so natural to those of us who have been formed in the faith. By praying with the children, you are supporting families to form their children in the faith and so the cycle continues. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent the disciples out to continue his work:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Mt 28:18-20)



One of the greatest gifts you can bring to the students in your classes is to teach them to pray, to be in dialogue with Jesus as they go through their day. When you pray with the children and invite them to offer prayers for their families, their friends, their schools and their neighbourhoods, you are teaching them to pray. There are many forms of prayer – traditional prayer, spontaneous prayer, talking to God, silence prayer, singing, and reflecting on God's word during their lessons, to name a few. Listening to the voice of God who comes to us in the silence, in the classroom, in the playground, at home and through the people we meet in our everyday lives breathes hope into the lives of our students.

Be assured of my prayers for you as you continue this important work in the confidence that it was Jesus himself who sent us out to continue spreading the Good News message that he brought to world 2000 years ago.

Wishing you and your families every blessing during this Lenten journey as we look forward in hope to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ again this coming Easter.

Alison

Alison Newell



GREETINGS FROM OUR TEAM



Sue-Anne Sherwood
Hornsby Region



And we're back in classrooms!!!!

Such joy!!!! Just to be back there, amongst the students, seeing their smiling faces and praying with them... it made my heart soar. I had **'I could have danced all night, I could have danced all night, and still have asked for more'** playing in my head afterwards. This was even though one group told me I had a spider on my head (and even now, I don't know if they were joking - Sound of Music moment). Well, at least they were laughing and we were laughing together.

Welcome to all our new and experienced Catechists. It has been lovely meeting our new Catechists during training and saying hello again to others. Besides our completely new recruits, I am so heartened to see returning Catechists, more men in our ministry and parent parishioners too, which might mean that the recruitment of working people who have flexibility in their workplace is a truth - so keep on tapping everyone on the shoulder as they leave Mass. Every Catechist can and should assist with recruitment.

May this Lenten season bring the renewal we and the world needs. We pray with you for your intentions. Have a wonderful term, each and every one of you specially Called. God bless you, all.

Kristy Komadina
North Shore Region



Dear Catechists across the North Shore region and from around our diocese,

My greetings to you come from my actual desk in my actual real-life office in the Caroline Chisolm Centre for the first time ever! I'm filled with so much positivity for the year ahead of us and I am excited to be working with Catechists both over Zoom and in person this year.

For those Catechists who have newly joined us - welcome! I hope to meet many of you as you complete your CCD Ministry Induction Training. Thank you for answering the call to this ministry. I hope you find being a Catechist rewarding and lifegiving as many who have come before you can attest.

To the more experienced Catechists, thank you for continuing to say yes every year. May you receive God's blessing every time you prepare a lesson, walk into a classroom and teach our public school students.

Part of what I do here at CCD Broken Bay is running our social media pages. I love this part of my job as it's an outlet for my creativity and it's actually helped me to connect more deeply with the scriptures and the rich history of our Church.

I know that Facebook and Instagram get a bad rap sometimes but I tend to think that if you fill your feed with pages that nourish you spiritually they can be a real positive part of your day. Our page is a nice way to learn about different saints and celebrations in the Catholic Church, to be notified of things happening within our organisation (such as training and spirituality days), to connect with other Catechists and even sometimes have a laugh!



Go ahead and click on either button to be transported to our CCD Pages.



Sharon da Roza
Admin Assistant NSH + NB

How can it possibly be March 2022?" Christmas and New Year and holidays are but long-distant memories, so busy have we been with all our start-of-the-year preparations. We have distributed the 2022 Authorisation cards, finished the preparations for our deferred 2021 Annual CCD Mass and finally held it a few weekends ago; along with offering training, etc.

The past two months have been such a 'heads down, bottoms up' time. A handy time, perhaps, to be a duck, with all the rain we have been receiving, but at times Colleen and I did feel we were 'drowning; not waving'. So, thanks to everyone for their patience if they had to wait for an email to be answered, a call to be returned, an authorisation card to be mailed out.

It was wonderful to be able to hold our 2021 Mass in February 2022 and see people we had not seen in person for such a long time. Despite the inclement weather and the ever-present threat of Covid, we had a wonderful turnout, including clergy from around the Diocese. Our white rose ceremony held in memory of those catechists who have passed away in the past year, was as always, a very moving and poignant ceremony. Also wonderful; that catechists may now return to classrooms.

Sorry to anyone that I appeared frazzled and grumpy. I very well may have been, but normal service has now been resumed. We are now more akin to ducks that appear calm and collected on the top, even whilst paddling furiously underneath. Still busy; but not start-of-the-year chaotic. ...and the good news is that Friday evening continues to appear at the end of the week. ☺





Michael Tebbutt
Central Coast Region

News from the Central Coast

The Walking With Jesus books arrived safe and sound to the parishes and in plenty of time for lessons to resume. Most schools have resumed SRE classes and those catechists who are already back in the classroom are so happy to be back teaching the kids.

The secondary seminar teams are also getting ready for the seminars at the high schools this term. They too are eager to be back with the students. Parishes have been busy recruiting as the number of teachers has declined recently. Gosford has had success in attracting new catechists through having a catechist's story with his or her picture. This is a great way of introducing the catechists to the wider parish.

As the term progresses we are looking forward to the reflection morning which will be a journey through Holy Week.

In the meantime, we keep praying for more people to respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to join the ranks of the catechists taking the Word of God to the children in the state schools.

John Donnelly
Northern Beaches Region



At about 10am on Monday 23 March 2020 I received a call from one of the Parish Catechist Coordinators reporting that schools had started to cancel SRE Lesson because of COVID. That happened and the rest is history – soaring case numbers, shutdowns, many deaths, restrictions and vaccines. Our ministry along with everything else in the country has changed forever.

As we head back into schools carefully and respectfully let us remember what an enormous privilege it is to be presenting the Good News of Jesus to students in the face to face setting once again. We have long been aware of the power of personal witness when educating in the faith. It has never been more true or important than now as we come to terms with COVID, deal with dramatic weather events and hear the news of war in the Ukraine.

Never has it been more important to proclaim the Gospel message of hope. Nor has it been more important to embody that message of hope to the students and staff of the schools we attend. So as we return to the new normal let's do so with joy in our hearts and a smile on our faces.

Colleen Smith
Admin Assistant Central Coast



Welcome back, everyone. What a start to the year! I think this has been one of the busiest in my 17 years with CCD. Sharon and I have had our many normal tasks to start the year but this year we had the added task of preparing for the deferred CCD Mass of 2021, held on Saturday 26 February at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. It was a lovely way to celebrate being back together and to acknowledge the generous years of service by many of our catechists. I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Mass and it was so nice to meet everyone in person and put faces to names that I speak to regularly.

By now I think most of you are back in school and I am sure that the children are happy to see you again. Don't forget to check out the PowerPoints on our CCD webpage to use in your lessons if you have access to technology at the school. Not all lessons are on the website yet, but we will continue to add them to them each stage as they become available. You will need to download these PowerPoints onto a USB to use in the classroom.

I hope everyone and their families are keeping well. I have heard many of you or your family members have either had COVID or been a close contact. My family has, so far, managed to avoid it, which surprises many having a Paramedic in the family. Keeping you all in my prayers.



Catechists Celebrated and Acknowledged



The major awards that were handed out



A white rose representing each Catechist that died since the last Mass

Some of our award winners





Dorothy Fulton received a special presentation and morning tea at St John the Baptist Woy Woy. She said the "celebrations were a truly special time for me."



Margo (25 years), Anna (15 years) and Dionne (5 years) received their awards at Kincumber Parish, as did many others across the diocese.

On Saturday 26th February, Catechists, friends and families from around our diocese gathered at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara to come together in celebration of the Eucharist and of the achievements of some very special people.

We honoured those Catechists who have passed away since our last Mass with a white rose, processed into the church by a loved-one.

After the Mass concluded, Bishop Anthony handed the awards to Catechists who achieved between 15 - 50 years service in the ministry.

Catechists receiving 5 and 10 year awards received those at their parish Masses on Catechists Sunday, the following day.

A Ministry of Love in Terrigal

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that I am writing this farewell address to the CCD after serving 31 years as a secondary SRE teacher in the Parish of Terrigal. I say sadness, because teaching the love of God to young people has been a part of my life for almost 50 years; it is who I am. Pride, not in myself, but for the wonderful and courageous team of catechists who were so much a part of my life during those 31 years.

In 1990, there was no scripture in the two high schools of Terrigal and Erina. Our then 'Motor Mission' nun, Sister Jane Ross, and I, approached the principals of these schools and asked if they would allow us to come into the schools and teach 'scripture'; and so, began secondary SRE in our area. We are, I say are, because we still are and always will be a team of friends who have shared our faith and our lives with each other. We went into the classes as a team of eight teachers because the student numbers were large at that time, which allowed each of us to sit with four or five students to discuss the topic that was being presented.

Once or twice each term we would meet at my home for morning tea or lunch to discuss and dissect the seminar that we would be presenting that term. The food at these meetings was sumptuous, extravagant and delectable; each of us would bring a plate, so I'm not sure whether it was the scripture or the food that kept us together for so long.

I would like to pay tribute to our friends that died and were a part of our team; Eric Travers, husband and wife team, Marie and Ernie Sproats (the kids loved Ernie), Beryl Kane (straight from the RCIA), John O'Donnell (a great help in setting up the room), and another husband and wife team, Pat and Mike Ellis. I would also like to pay tribute to Sue Penninton, who resigned at the end of 2020. Sue went through the RCIA in 2000. This bright, bubbly, lady was so eager to learn everything she could about our faith, and, when she was received into the Church, I invited her to join our high school team. I knew she was right for us and the students. Sue stayed with the team for 20 years. She is still 'one of us' and living at The Entrance.

Some people might think that teaching high school students is a bit scary and are worried that the questions the students might ask would be too hard to answer. Never in 31 years has there been a problem that, as a team, we could not resolve. We are a team, who think alike and support each other with love and respect. Six of us are resigning from SRE, but the students will be in the good hands of Blossom Lobo, Tim Kearney and Graham Sproats (Marie and Ernie's son.)

I say goodbye to a very important and special time of my life with thanks and gratitude to the Holy Spirit who led me to, and guided me through, these past 31 wonderful years.

Betty Brown

The retiring Catechists from the Terrigal Parish



Each of the retiring Catechists has shared some of their thoughts

I was a primary school catechist and it was during 1990 that Betty approached me and asked me if I would consider joining the high school catechist team. For the past 31 years working with young teenagers, and helping them with their faith journey, has been wonderful. The friendship that has developed with my teammates is more than I could have desired, and I thank the Holy Spirit for the faith God has given me. I have been blessed with friends (some of whom have passed to eternal life) for some of the best times during these past 31 years. I feel privileged to have been involved in the secondary catechist ministry.

Michelle Hall.

I began my catechist ministry in the primary schools in 1980. After taking some time off, I was approached by Betty in 2005 who asked me if I would be interested in joining the high school catechist team. I was hesitant, but Betty assured me that, as they worked in a team, I would not be alone as everyone helped each other and so I joined the team and taught SRE with the team in both Terrigal and Erina High Schools for the next 15 years. We spent so many happy hours together, laughing and drinking coffee at Betty's home discussing and familiarising ourselves with the seminar we were to present that term. High school scripture, whilst, at times, daunting, has been extremely rewarding. It has been a privilege to be able to share the love that Our Lord has for all the world and to tell the students that our God loves them.

Sandra Jackson

I started teaching scripture in the primary schools in 1966. I was recruited by Betty in 2001. I was pleasantly surprised when I found that teaching the high school students was most satisfying as I could sit with a small group of students and share and discuss with them our thoughts and my faith. I found it easier than teaching at a primary school level. Because we worked as a team it gave me a sense of comradeship and I knew that we were being supported by each other.

Gay Walker

I came to Terrigal in 2008 from Oxley Island, where I had been a primary school catechist. I was in a depressed state as I was grieving the death of my husband, Sam, who had died 15 months earlier. One evening I attended a Church liturgy and my sadness was noted by a beautiful woman named, Marie Dunphy. She approached me and, as we were talking, I told her that I felt there was something calling to me, telling me this was the right place for me. Marie was a high school catechist and she told me of the team she worked with as a catechist. Moving to a strange town I was lonely and needed to belong to something. "This is the place for you" Marie said, "and if you want to feel you belong, then how about becoming part of our team?" Thirteen years ago I became a Terrigal high school catechist, made new friends and am now an integral part of the Terrigal faith family.

Connie Attard

What a privilege it has been working with our high school team. I began being a catechist helper in the primary school over 20 years ago. After I retired from work in 1996, I was approached by Betty and asked if I would like to join the high school catechist team; and who says NO to our Betty Brown. Each term we would meet at Betty's, either for morning tea or lunch to discuss the oncoming seminar. What a great bunch of people! The friendships I have made will last forever. A few years ago, I became co-ordinator with Betty, who gave me the title of 'Liaison Officer'. My job was to attend meetings (as I am a rather social being) with members of the CCD and other SRE co-ordinators. I will miss being involved in this social side of the ministry. In these last two troublesome years I have learned new skills, such as attending Zoom meetings and discovered what lots of the strange buttons on my computer are used for.

Gail Pearce.

THANK YOU

Lent: A Time To Be, Rather Than To Do

When we realise that Lent is fast approaching, how do we react? What thoughts come to mind? Is Lent a dreaded season for us? Is it a time when we are always trying to give up something but not always succeeding? Maybe it is that time of year when we resolve to be more faithful to our prayer life but somehow, the rest of life takes over and before we know it, it is Easter Sunday, and we realise we haven't been as prayerful as we had planned.

Let's look at Lent, not so much as a time of doing things but rather as a time of being. After all, we are not human doings. We are human beings.

In this reflection I am going to present Lent as a time when God is longing for some personal time with us. God is inviting us to be with Him. God is trying to win our hearts. God is trying to get to know us. We just have to be with God. Let's change the focus of Lent from all that we must do to atone for our sinfulness to one of spending time with God. We simply have to say yes to God's invitation.

Psalms 46 invites us to

'be still and know that I am God.'

In the First Book of Kings, we read where Elijah, fleeing from Ahab and Jezebel, after destroying the priest of Baal on Mt Carmel, took refuge in a cave on Mt Horeb. There, when alone and sitting in silence fearing for his life, Elijah heard the voice of God in the gentle breeze. (1 Kings 19:11 – 13)



Jesus, many times in his ministry, went off to be with His Father. The first time we hear of this is when He went into the wilderness for forty days after being baptised by John.

We do not know what happened there but we do see the results of this time of quiet reflection when Jesus was tempted by the devil. Each time Jesus was tempted, His response to the devil demonstrated His faith in and His love for His Father.

But He answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
Mt 4:4

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
Mt 4:7

And finally dismissing Satan, Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, ... and serve only Him.'" Mt 4:10

How do we respond when faced with temptation? I know that I can often waver between doing the right thing and giving into the tempter. To be able to be like Jesus in these situations is my goal for this Lent.



During Lent, we are invited by God to go to a quiet place and spend time alone with God, just as Jesus did. Our first challenge this Lent is to find our quiet place. Where can you be alone with God? It could be in a room at home or out walking with God in the garden. Maybe you have a special place by the river or on the beach.

We need to find a place where we can stop, wait, and listen!

Now that we have found our place to sit and wait for the Lord, let us take up the Gospel of the Day which is proclaimed at Mass throughout Lent. These passages tell us of how Jesus was challenged by the authorities and how He outsmarted them with his replies, how Jesus was moved with compassion at the plight of those that society ignored and how He healed them of their infirmities. He teaches us about prayer, service, and love for one and other. There is much we can glean from the passages when we spend time meditating on them and then sitting with and listening to God. Let us consider this Lent as a journey of discovery of God and of ourselves. As we welcome each day in the Lenten season, may it be an opportunity of deepening our relationship with God and one another. And as the Resurrection breaks upon us on Easter Sunday, may we too rise with Christ to the sound of "Alleluia!"

Michael Tebbutt

Caring For The Vulnerable

Recent events around Australia and certain parts of the world have caused me to reflect on the plight of those who are poor and vulnerable. I've read some amazing stories about people giving so much of themselves to assist those in need. People who have been welcoming, selfless, sympathetic, attentive, and loving. People who have cared for the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs of those in desperate situations. This then got me thinking about who exactly are the poor and vulnerable?

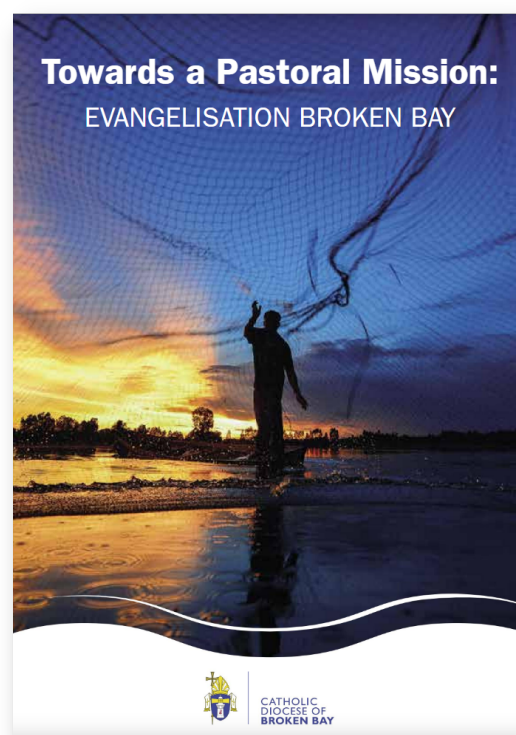
When looking at what is currently unfolding in Ukraine you could say it's quite easy to identify the poor and vulnerable, however, perhaps not as easy when looking closer to home. One group who are always "vulnerable" are children. They need continuous care from adults to adequately look after all their needs and, oftentimes, one of the more neglected needs of a child is their spiritual needs. This is where SRE comes in.



I'd like to make something clear from the outset, the ministry of catechist is not an important ministry; it's crucial. What you do for the young people in our society is not simply "teach" the faith, but you service the genuine spiritual needs of our most vulnerable people. The opportunity to receive and be educated in the faith is not merely an optional extra, it's fundamental to us as humans.



It's no surprise, therefore, that Bishop Anthony has made the care of the poor and vulnerable one of his six priorities for this Diocese. Our team at Evangelisation Broken Bay are currently creating our "Pastoral Mission" where we are looking at how we can best respond to Bishop Anthony's priorities. The ministry of catechist is critical not only when looking after the poor and vulnerable but is at the service of all six of Bishop Anthony's priorities. Currently we are in the process of receiving feedback for our Pastoral Mission on how we can best support our community of the Church to live out Christ's mission in the Diocese. Our hope is that we can only increase our support for your ministry and the great work you do. To this end, we have released a short booklet entitled "**Towards a Pastoral Mission**" where you can read about our six goals and offer feedback through six guiding questions. The booklet and submissions are available online.



<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/towards-a-pastoral-mission>

Finally, I'd like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all that you do. Know that your ministry does not simply offer something nice to our young people. You are assisting with a fundamental need and are truly doing the work of Christ on earth. Hence why your feedback and wisdom is invaluable.



*Tomasz
Juszczyk*

Director of Evangelisation Broken Bay

Caritas Lessons For Lent Available Now!

Each year we present the good work of Caritas to the students in our classes. This year we are suggesting a single lesson using the Story of Anatercia.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/anatercia-story/>

As always Caritas has produced a number of great resources suitable for our SRE classes. These included booklets, photo stories, videos and learning activities. We have selected a few of these and designed a simple lesson plan for Catechists to follow. You can find this on the [Resources Page](#) on our website.

There are different lessons for lower and upper primary as well as one for secondary school classes. They each include the story, opportunity for students to process the information and respond appropriately as disciples.

They all conclude with a prayer for Anatercia and her family



Prayer for Anatercia

Creator God,

You make all creation to flourish, each in its own way.

We pray for Anatercia, her family and community
and for the earth that sustains us all.

With each seed planted and each new sprout,
Remind us, that "The future does have a name . . .
and its name is hope." (Pope Francis)

May we be full of hope for all the generations.

Amen.



"We have run out of food several times. I help my family with the farm, cooking, fetching water and firewood, and caring for my mother. I also assist my grandfather in feeding, as he has difficulty in picking up utensils due to blindness."

Anatercia

It is particularly pertinent that Caritas Australia is partnering with Caritas Ukraine to provide relief to those displaced by the war.

<https://www.caritas.org/2022/02/caritas-in-ukraine>

Lent is a good time to remind students of the work of Caritas Australia perhaps you could show the video *Compassion in Action* to older students and encourage them to support this charity. We could also invite all students to pray, fast or give alms.

By raising awareness of the good work of Caritas, we can offer students hope in the face of crisis and empower them to respond as disciples of Jesus to those in need across the world.



Ukraine Crisis

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis.

In a matter of days, over half a million people have already been forced from their homes, as well as at least 400 civilian casualties.

You can help the Caritas Ukraine staff on the ground to provide families with emergency food, water, shelter and hygiene support.

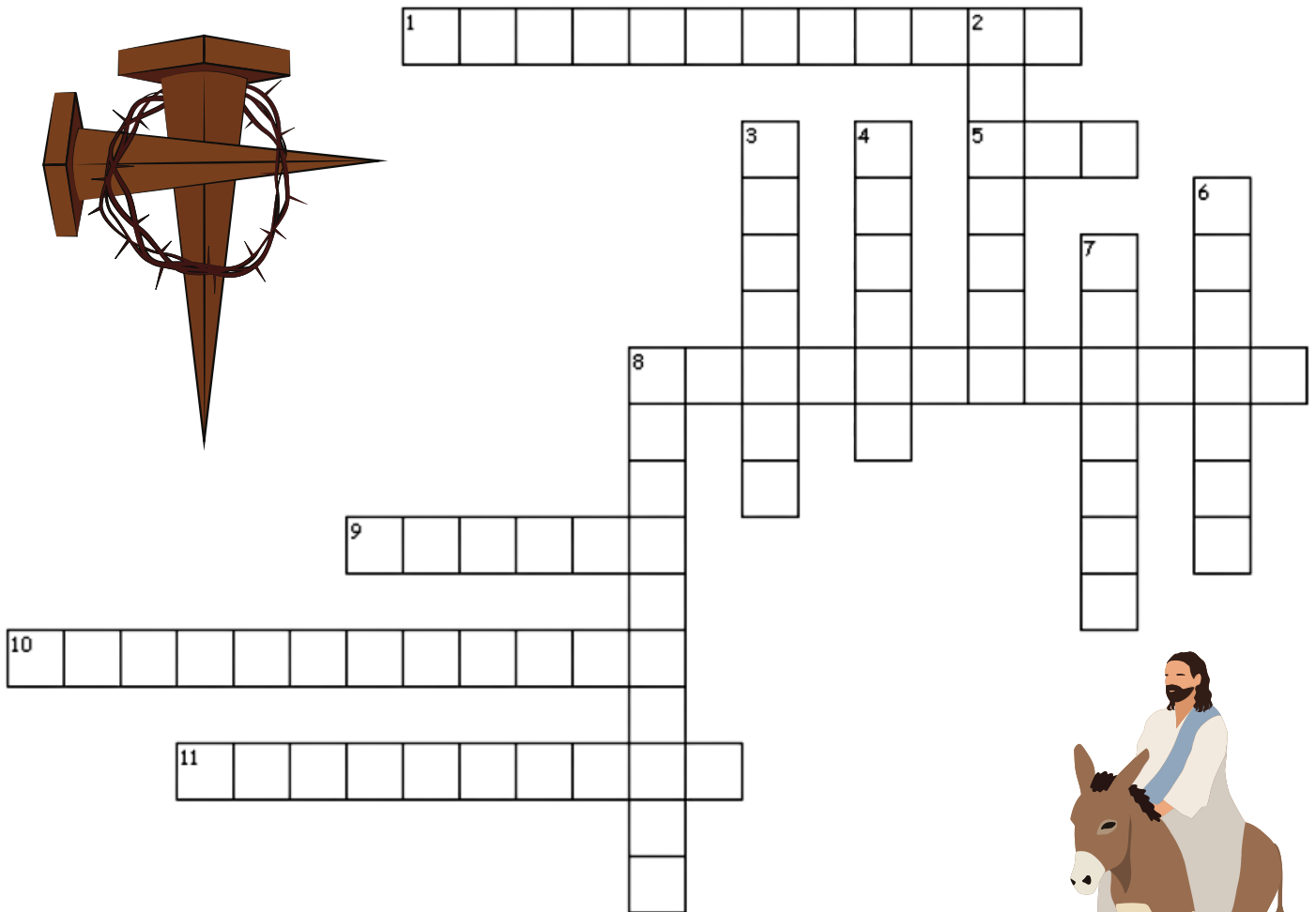
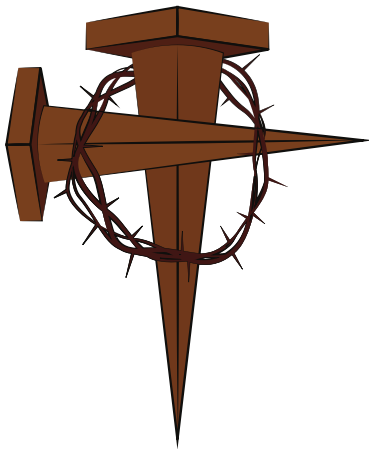
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Estimates indicate over half a million people have been forced to flee their homes



Millions more in urgent need of supplies and shelter

Lenten Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Lent continues until _____.
5. The Church gives us _____ weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter.
8. The day Lent begins.
9. The liturgical color for Lent is _____.
10. Lent is the time that we prepare for Jesus' _____.
11. Giving to the poor.

Down

2. To go without.
3. Easter celebrates the _____ Mystery, the mystery of our dying to sin and rising with Christ to the new life of grace.
4. We open our hearts to God's love by the Lenten practices of _____.
6. Lent is a time of _____.
7. Going without food.
8. Not eating meat.

Across 1. Lent continues until _____ (Holy Thursday) 5. The Church gives us _____ weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter. (six) 8. The day Lent begins. (Ash Wednesday) 9. The liturgical color for Lent is _____ (violet) 10. Lent is the time that we prepare for Jesus' _____ (resurrection) 11. Giving to the poor. (almsgiving)

Down 2. To go without. (abstain) 3. Easter celebrates the _____ Mystery, the mystery of our dying to sin and rising with Christ to the new life of grace. (Paschal) 4. We open our hearts to God's love by the Lenten practices of _____ (prayer) 6. Lent is a time of _____ (penance) 7. Going without food. (fasting) 8. Not eating meat. (abstinence)



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

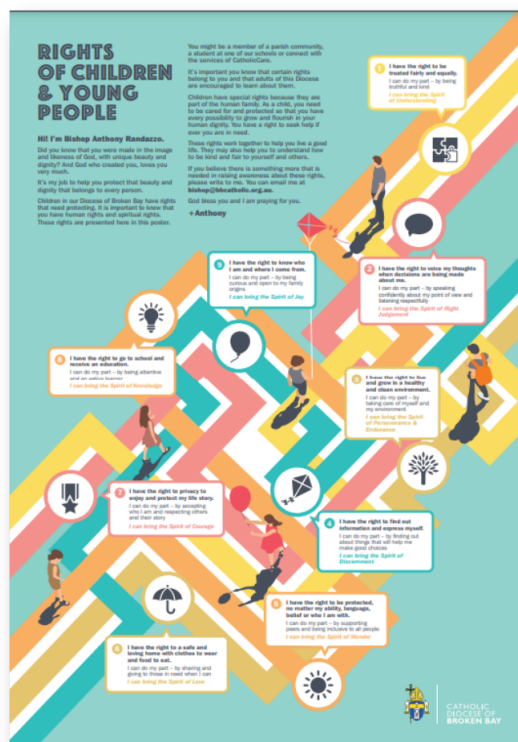
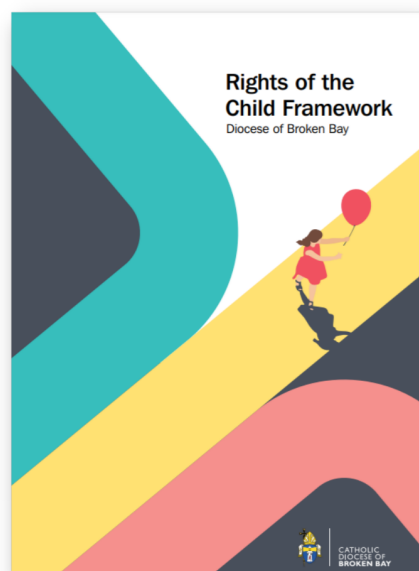
As volunteers who work closely with children in the school environment, each and every Catechist is required to receive mandatory training in safeguarding on a continuous basis. CCD Broken Bay provides initial and ongoing training to all our Catechists every 3 years as the legislation is constantly evolving and the responsibility of keeping children safe belongs to everybody.

In our diocese we have a dedicated Safeguarding team who are there to develop a culture and practice of safeguarding amongst staff, volunteers, the clergy and parishes to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.

They work with CCD to develop our training resources based upon the most up-to-date information. The Safeguarding team also develop excellent resources for the wider community to access via their website and Youtube channel. We encourage you to explore their excellent resources!

Please check out the Safeguarding page here:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding>



Click on the poster to download a bigger version



Click on the video to learn why safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Click on the video to view Bishop Anthony's Safeguarding message.



Click on the video to view information about the new Child Safe Standards

'Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable'. Proverbs 31:8

Latest in Training and Formation

We have some great opportunities for training and formation coming up in the next couple of months.

CCD Ministry Induction continues to run this term over Zoom. This is an 8 week course that started in February however some Catechists may need to complete only 1-2 sessions that they have previously missed to obtain their green card, so please ask your Parish Coordinator whether any of these apply to you. Current green card holders are also welcome to complete any of these modules as a refresher.

"A Lenten Pilgrimage" is a Lent themed reflection morning offered on two days and at two locations. Yes - in person! There will be morning tea provided and there will be opportunity to pause, reflect and learn about three aspects of Holy Week: Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the washing of the feet at the Last Supper and the Passion and Death of Christ. This is open to anyone, including family and friends who aren't catechists.

Finally we are offering an ongoing compulsory training for green card holders: **Classroom Management: Flexible Learning Spaces**. We are offering 2 in person dates and one Zoom date. Learn more about how to make the most of teaching SRE in modern classrooms.

For enquiries and bookings for any of these courses, email: registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or phone **8379 1643**

CCD Broken Bay Invites you to

A Lenten Pilgrimage

A journey through Holy Week



Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem



The washing of the feet at the Last Supper



The Passion and death of Christ

Morning Tea provided!

CENTRAL COAST

Friday 1 April 2022
Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
St Cecilia's, Wyong

NORTHERN BEACHES & NORTH SHORE

Saturday 2 April 2022
Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills

Registrations RSVP:
Monday 29 March
8379 1643
registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

CCD MINISTRY INDUCTION

on zoom 10AM – 12:30PM

COMPULSORY TRAINING

SUITABLE FOR NEW OR YELLOW CARD CATECHISTS, OR ANY CATECHIST AS A REFRESHER

PEOPLE CAN ATTEND ALL SESSIONS, THE ONES THEY NEED TO COMPLETE FOR FULL AUTHORISATION, OR THE ONES THAT MIGHT INTEREST THEM.

REGISTER NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO EACH SESSION
REGISTRATIONS VIA EMAIL
REGISTRATIONS@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

COURSE HANDOUTS AND ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU CLOSE TO THE TRAINING DATE

- 14 FEBRUARY**
MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CATECHIST
- 21 FEBRUARY**
SRE TEACHER IN THE PARISH AND THE SCHOOL
- 28 FEBRUARY**
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN / CHILD PROTECTION
- 7 MARCH**
LESSON PLANNING: TEACHING THE AUTHORISED CURRICULUM
- 14 MARCH**
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT
- 21 MARCH**
CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
- 28 MARCH**
INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
- 4 APRIL**
LESSON PLANNING: USING DIGITAL RESOURCES

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CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Flexible Learning Spaces

ONGOING COMPULSORY TRAINING FOR FULLY AUTHORISED GREEN CARD HOLDERS

- Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Terrigal
Tuesday 12 April
RSVP 5 April
10AM TILL 12:30PM
- Corpus Christi Catholic School, St Ives
Wednesday 13 April
RSVP 6 April
- ZOOM**
Thursday 21 April
RSVP 14 April

LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS

PLEASE LOG IN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME TO SIGN IN

- Two face-to-face options and one Zoom training session available. Choose the one that suits you best
- You may attend Zoom training as a group but please register individually
- This is one of the 3 MANDATORY units that all SRE catechists need to complete once every 3 years per government requirements

RSVP TO
REGISTRATIONS@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU
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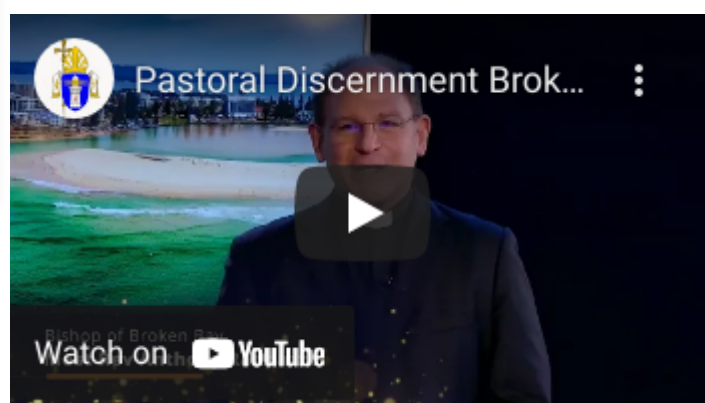
Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project



Do you have some ideas as to how we, as a community, can renew the life of the Church, recognising and appreciating the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon the Central Coast region?

All voices are important as we discern the way forward together. Individuals, as well as community groups, are invited to participate in the consultation process, to respond, reflect and share insights, at the service of shaping an individual response for a Pastoral Discernment Submission.

Visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc to download your copy of the Individual Reflection Guide, to learn how you can contribute to the conversation.



Prayer For Peace and Justice In Ukraine

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge has expressed indignation at what is happening in Ukraine and called for a rejection of the madness of war and a return to reason, saying "the peace of the world is at stake".

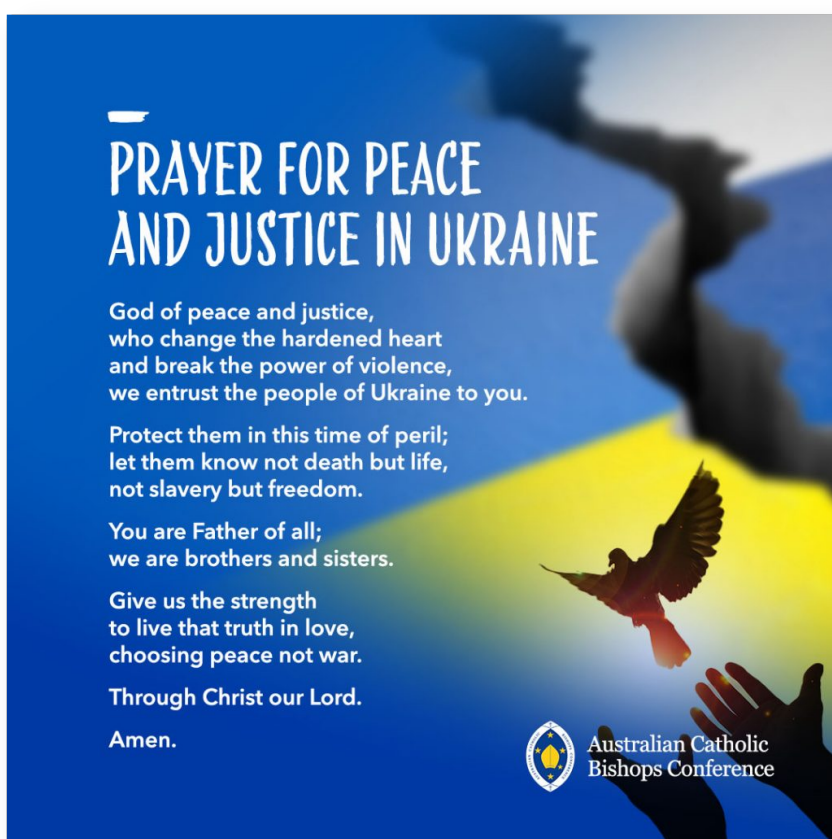
"We express our deep compassion for the people of Ukraine and our solidarity with all people of Ukrainian heritage here in Australia," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"Prayer is more powerful than bombs. So we'll be praying for an immediate ceasefire and a return to reason and negotiation. We're also praying for those who have been killed, wounded or forced to flee,"

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided us with a "Prayer For Peace And Justice In Ukraine". Please use this prayer at home, with your families and in your personal prayers..

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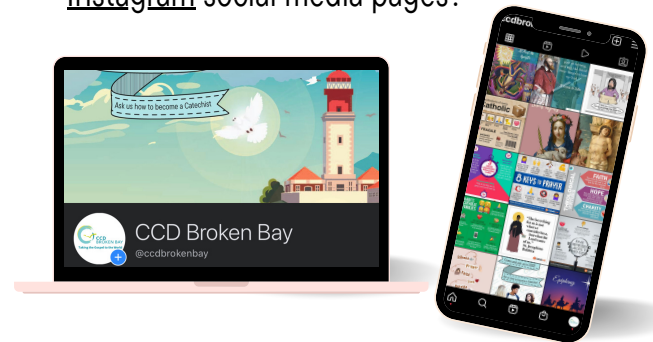


Get to Know Our Website and Social Media Pages

If you haven't used them already, run, don't walk towards our *Walking With Jesus* Powerpoints. They are the perfect companion for your classroom lessons as they contain all the visuals and audios* that you need for your lesson.

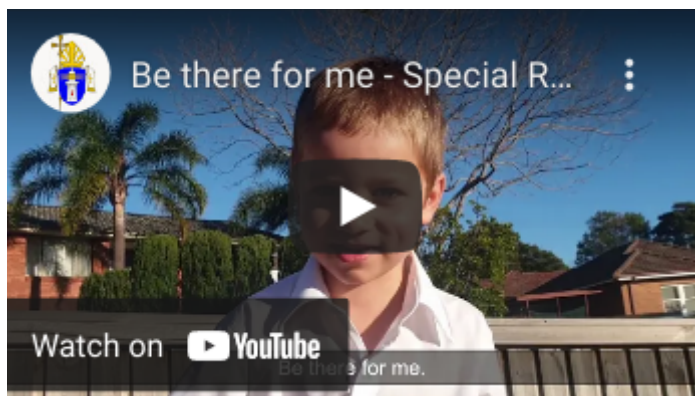


Are you following our Facebook and Instagram social media pages?



By regularly sharing our posts, you raise awareness of our ministry amongst your family and friends.

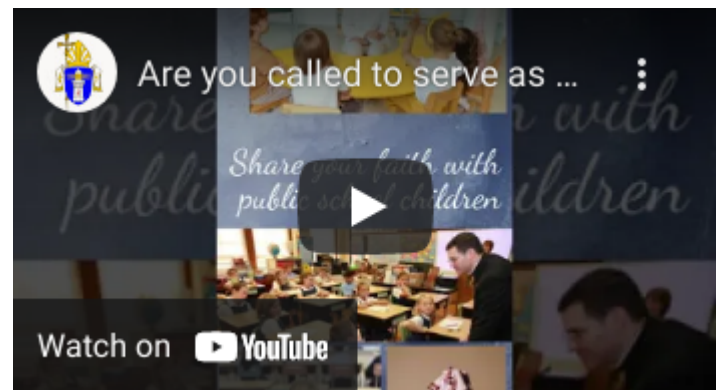
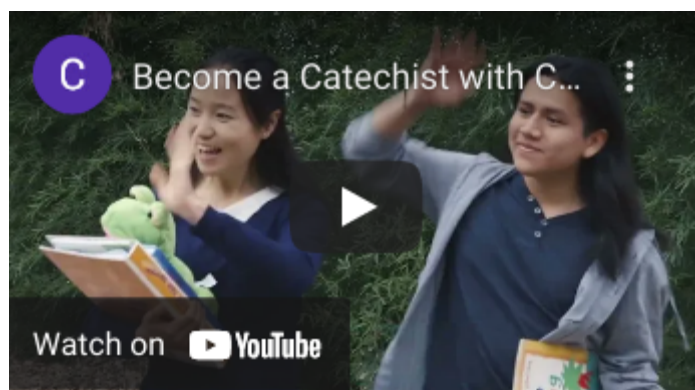
Various videos that can be played at Masses when recruiting or shared on websites and social media pages.



Our website contains so many useful resources!



This one works well on phones





DONT MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO APPLY FOR A

Service Award

What are Service Awards?

Service awards are presented to catechists (SRE teachers), assistants and other persons in the Diocese of Broken Bay to acknowledge the contributions made to the Ministry of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Why Apply for a Service Award?

An application may mark a significant milestone in your involvement in the CCD ministry. It marks not only individual achievement, but also that of the support of your family and friends and members of your local parish communities.

When do you receive the Award?

Five- and ten-year service awards are to be presented at your local Parish Masses in Term 4 each year. Fifteen-year, Papal Blessings (20 years) and the other awards for longer service are presented at the Diocesan Mass held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at Waitara (usually) in November each year.

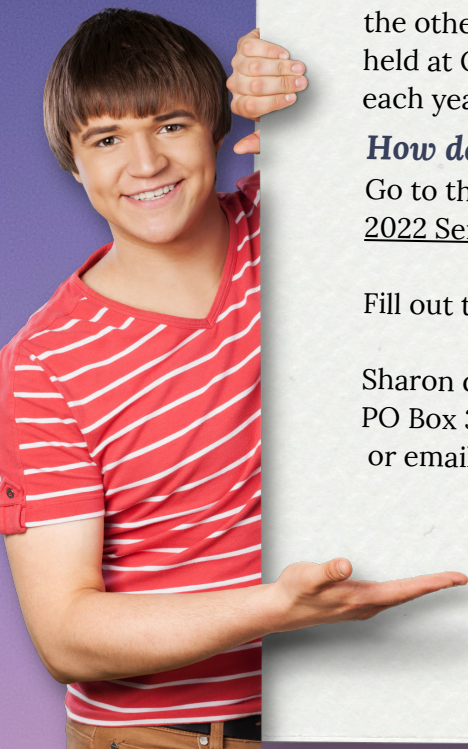
How do I apply for a Service Award?

Go to the [resources](#) page on our website and download the form titled 2022 Service Award Application Form.

Fill out the form and return it to:

Sharon da Roza, CCD Diocesan Office
PO Box 340 Pennant Hills NSW 1715
or email a scanned copy to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

**APPLICATIONS DUE:
27 MAY 2022**



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