

Christian Formation Course

Expressions of Interest for 2024/2025 Christian Formation Course are now open.



Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church? The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

- The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units
- All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan **Certificate in Christian Formation**

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

- become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith
- grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey
- realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community
- be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community
- grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community

Commencing on Tuesday July 23, 2024, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. To find out more, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

Important information

For **upcoming events** information go to:

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Standing on the Shoulders

The Official Opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library AND the 2024 TWEC Dinner: FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

It is with much excitement that you are invited to join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library. The Library, which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Catholic Library, offers our community access to resources relating to Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, Liturgy, and more.

Following on from the official opening the celebration continues with the reimagining of the TWEC dinner with guest speaker Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Diocese of Broken Bay. Kelly was amongst five Australians chosen personally by the Holy Father to participate in the General Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Library Opening – 4.30 PM. Free entry. All welcome

Dinner & Speaker – 5.30 PM. \$40 pp includes buffet meal and guest speaker presentation.



Register via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/twec-dinner-library-opening-tickets-872278206597> or QR Code.

Formation Films

In May, we commence our Formation Films. They will be held on the first Saturday of the month. Our first film will be Fatima (2020).

Date: Saturday 4 May

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Diocesan Resource Centre, 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West

Catering: Lunch, coffee and tea provided

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/TDpRsM29A9> Or via QR code



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open Days

Have you heard of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If not you can check out the Faith Matters Article at:

<https://mnnews.today/faith-matters/2024/58008-faith-matters-have-you-heard-of-the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>

Operating out of the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield in the Chisholm Parish region, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offer a child focussed program that meets in the specially prepared environment called “The Atrium”. Following the Montessori philosophy The Atrium is currently open on Wednesdays during the school term, sessions for 3–6-year-olds in the morning and 6–12-year-olds in the afternoon after school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are holding open days during Term 2. If you would like the opportunity to visit and learn more, please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9KMf55C5nz>



Reflection Day with SRE Teachers

Special Religious Education (SRE) offers a safe place for students in state schools to learn about Jesus’ love and to discuss matters of faith, spirituality, and beliefs. For teachers, it is a response to a calling of journeying with young people as they come to know Jesus Christ, who loves and teaches love.

You are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Special Religious Education teachers for a day of prayerful contemplation. Starting with Mass, this is an occasion to listen to and engage in stories and experiences involving this ministry. An opportunity exists in the afternoon for us to visit the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to learn about this sacred space where children use sensory rich materials and Montessori principles to explore their relationship with God.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/iaKTYrJHt7>



Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Event	Venue	Time
3 May	Children’s Story time	Diocesan Library	10:15 am
3 May	Formation Friday	Diocesan Library	1:00 pm
4 May	Formation Films	Diocesan Library	11:00 am
15 May	Tilling the Church	Zoom	7:00 – 8:30 pm
20 & 27 May	BBI – Ethical Foundations: Human Dignity	Diocesan Library	4:00pm – 5:30pm
31 May	Official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and TWEC Dinner	Diocesan Library	Library Opening 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm