

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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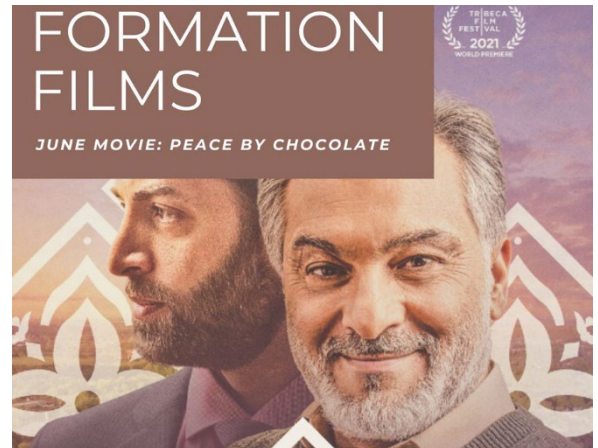
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Formation Films

In May, we commenced our Formation Films.
Formation films will be held on the first Saturday of the month.

Our next film is Peace by Chocolate.

After the bombing of his father's chocolate factory, a charming young Syrian refugee struggles to settle into his new small-town life, caught between following his dream and preserving his family's legacy.



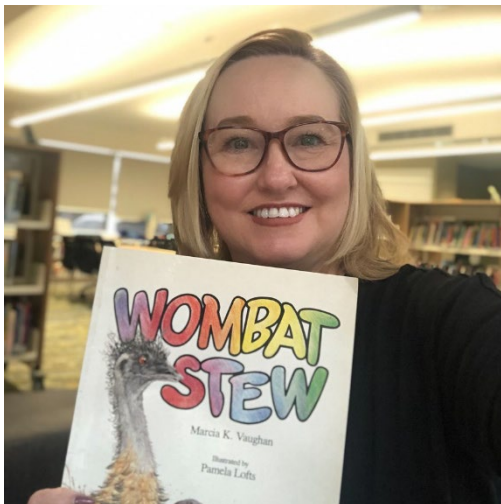
Date: Saturday 1st June
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Diocesan Resource Centre, 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West
Catering: Lunch, coffee and tea provided
Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/SvvXE86e1v>

Storytime

Date: Friday 7 June
Time: 10:15am
Location: Diocesan Resource Centre
12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West
Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/FeJ4gyXBu4>

June storytime will feature Wombat Stew, an Australian classic, with themes of friendship, problem-solving and negotiation.

Join us on the first Friday of the month for stories, songs, rhymes and craft in a friendly, Christian environment.



Formation Friday

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practised and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. In 2024 this devotion falls on 7 June. You are invited to join us as we explore this feast day in a historical, cultural, and formational context.

Date: Friday 7 June
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Location: Diocesan Resource Centre, 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West
Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/P7siS03nLz>



Biblical Explorations: Moses and the Exodus

The exodus was one of the fundamental events that came to define God's people. It's not much of an exaggeration to say that the rest of the Bible was written as a reaction to God's decision to rescue Israel from Egypt in the exodus. Understanding the exodus helps unlock the whole Bible. Even the gospels draw on the exodus. In this subject, we'll raise some of the key questions about the exodus and think about the different ways that people have interpreted the book of Exodus. We'll also think about what the book of Exodus means in a Christian context and how the gospel writers used Exodus ideas to make sense of Jesus' life.



RSVP by 8 June to attend at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or in your parish.

Dates: Thursdays 20 & 27 June
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/6WZSV8CTnT>

Human Library

"Letters - Telling stories, Creating Relationships".

You are invited to share letters and the story of the relationships that are attached to those letters.



Date: Friday 28th June 2024
Time: 10:30am
Location: Diocesan Resource Centre
12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West
Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/1GEzWxaDq>

Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Event	Venue	Time
31 May	Official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and TWEC Dinner	Diocesan Library	Library Opening 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm
1 June	Formation Films	Diocesan Library	11:00 am
7 June	Children's Story time	Diocesan Library	10:15 am
7 June	Formation Friday	Diocesan Library	1:00 pm
19 June	Tilling the Church	Zoom	7:00 – 8:30 pm
20 & 27 June	BBI – Biblical Explorations: Moses and the Exodus	Diocesan Library	4:00pm – 5:30pm
28 June	Human Library	Diocesan Library	10:30am
From 23 July	Christian Formation Course	Diocesan Library	6:00pm – 9:00pm