

Formation & Education Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR JULY FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER

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Seasons of Creation – Weekend Retreat

Expressions of Interest for our September 2024 Weekend Retreat are now open!

Join us for an aMeN caMiNo weekend experience during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. This caMiNo is suitable for both the beginner and practiced walker, with options for a one or two-day experience. There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection in nature, set amongst the beautiful wildflowers and gorgeous coastline. On Saturday evening, you are also invited to celebrate the eucharist with the Tea Gardens community and share a meal together.

Walk Options:

Saturday 7th September

Option 1: 5kms

Option 2: 12km

Starting and end point St Stephen's Catholic Church, Tea Gardens

Sunday 8th September

Option 1: 5kms

Option 2: 10kms

Mungo Track Nature Walk

Accommodation: we will be staying at the Tea Gardens Hotel. Feel free to join us by making your own booking.

Cost: there are **no** fees for the guided walks and reflections. Pilgrims will need to provide their own food and transport each day.

Register your Interest here: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Newsletter Information

For upcoming events information go to:

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Community Walk

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection, contemplation and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God's gift of Grace. We understand not everyone is able to walk the five-day 100km pilgrimage, so we invite you to sample the experience through the aMeN caMiNo Community Walk.

Date: Saturday 17th August 2024

Details:

8:00am meet at Gun Club Rd (Gun Club Rd, Merewether New South Wales 2291) 10km walk through Glenrock Lagoon loop, back to Gun Club Rd. 11am Finish

Note: wear appropriate clothing and footwear, walking poles are recommended when walking in wet weather and uneven terrain.

Bring water and snacks.

Register Here:

https://forms.office.com/r/w3tX1w69t3

Upcoming Library Events!

Story Time - 5th July at 10:15am

Register Here: https://forms.office.com/r/NUu0g8pKUJ

Formation Friday: *The Divine Dance* - 5th July at 1:00pm Register Here: https://forms.office.com/r/6iTVxgNWwd

Formation Films: Father Stu - 6th July at 11:00am
Register Here: https://forms.office.com/r/zC09FVcRew



BBI Short Courses: What is Prayer?

What is this mysterious reality we call prayer? Is it a luxury for the leisurely? A practice reserved for those who are good enough to do it? And even if we are interested in praying, how do we go about doing it, and what should we expect to happen?

Date: Mondays 5th and 12th of August

Register Here: https://forms.office.com/r/XWeskXaVtg







CSTM Online: Saint Mary Magdalene

Dates: July 31 - August 27

Cost: \$30

Who was Saint Mary Magdalene? What does scripture tell us about her ministry? What impact does her saintly life have on us today? This course explores the imagery of Saint Mary Magdalene, both positive and negative, that have shaped our view of the Apostle to the Apostles. This course also explores the impact of her life on the ministry of women in the church.

REGISTER HERE: <u>Saint Mary Magdalene - School of</u> Theology and Ministry (instructure.com)



CSTM Online: Forming Tomorrow's Disciples

Dates: July 17 - August 27

Cost: \$70

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Upcoming Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
6 July	Formation Films: Father Stu	Diocesan Library	11:00am
From 23 July	Christian Formation Course	Diocesan Library	6:00pm-9:00pm
2 August	Story Time	Diocesan Library	10:15am
2 August	Formation Friday: The Heart of Pilgrimage	Diocesan Library	1:00pm
3 August	Formation Films: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Diocesan Library	11:00am
5 & 12 August	BBI Course: What is Prayer?	Diocesan Library	
17 August	Community Walk	Starting at Merewether	8:00am-11:00am
7 & 8 September	Weekend Retreat	Myall Coast	
13 September	Art and Spirituality Day	Killaben Bay	9:00am -3:00pm
		Community Centre	