

PLEASE NOTE In Term 3, the CFE will be offering both on-site and online adult faith education classes. Please check the location of the course you are interested in. For on-site courses, physical distancing and hygiene measures will be adopted.

DAYTIME COURSES (ON-SITE)

Thursdays 3 – 24 September • 10:00am – 12:00pm

Understanding the Relationship between Scripture and The Church

This course explores the foundations of Catholic Christian tradition from Old Testament concept of who God is and the New Testament revelation of Jesus: incarnate Son and Saviour. The course will also examine the faith communities that grew out of that experience.

Cost: \$35, 4 sessions **With:** Dr Peter Christofides
Where: Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre)

EVENING COURSES (ON-SITE AND ONLINE)

Tuesdays, 1 – 22 September • 7:30pm – 8:45pm

What does it mean to be The Church in the 21st Century: How we got here and where are we meant to be?

The Church tells us that as “the people of God” (*Gaudium et Spes, 11*), each person within the Church is called to be Priest, Prophet and King. This understanding affirms the common identity and equal dignity of everyone in the Church and sheds light on the ‘call to holiness’ for all. Where did such understandings come from and what does it mean for us today? How can we best respond to this life of holiness in the reality of the 21st century? Join us for four evenings online as we address these and other questions and enrich our understanding of faith.

Cost: \$15, 4 sessions **With:** Mr Joe Tedesco **Where:** Online

Wednesdays, 2 – 23 September • 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Ideal for Young Adults | Saint John Paul II’s understanding of Freedom, Love and Responsibility

In partnership with Catholic Youth Ministry, Perth, this course is aimed at young adults and those interested in learning the Church’s deep and inspiring understanding of sexuality and sexual ethics. It will focus on Saint Pope John Paul II’s book *Love and Responsibility*, which arose from his pastoral care of young people, couples preparing for marriage and married couples. The idea behind the book was to assist people in maturing their eros from attraction, to romantic love, to true friendship, to the surrender of self in spousal love. We will discuss JP II’s concept of the primacy of the person in love, the sexual drive as part of our personhood, dealing with shame, the true meaning of chastity, and living justice in marriage. A light supper will be provided.

Cost: \$20 (includes light supper) **With:** Ms Natalie Thomas
Where: Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (entry via carpark off Harold St)

Mondays, 7 - 21 September • 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Adult Faith Foundational Programme – Part 2 Responding to the Call to Holiness

The Second Vatican Council document, *Lumen Gentium*, tells us that “in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: ‘For this is the will of God, your sanctification’”. As we come to know ourselves, this call makes itself more pronounced in our life. Pope Francis’ exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate*, brings contemporary meaning to this understanding of God’s call to us. How do we respond? How do we recognise those nudges of the Holy Spirit that direct us towards holiness? Over four terms, this four-part foundational programme will cover core topics of the Catholic tradition such as Church, the call to holiness, liturgy, sacraments, Scriptures and missionary discipleship.

Cost: \$15, 3 sessions **With:** Dr Margaret Scharf OP
Where: Newman Siena Centre and livestreamed online

EVENTS (On-Site and Online)

Friday 11 September •
9:30am - 11:00am

Catholic Social Teaching Series Faith in Action: The Pope’s Message on Migrants & Refugees

Within a workshop format, Pope Francis’ message for World Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2020 will be explored.

Cost: \$10 **With:** Dcn Greg Lowe
Where: Newman Siena Centre
and livestreamed online

Friday 18 September •
9:30am - 11:00am

Catholic Social Teaching Series Faith in Action: Theology of Hospitality & The Welcoming Parish

Within a workshop format, the notion of hospitality as a way of understanding God will be explored; passages from the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures will be studied to support this understanding of God as a gratuitous, hospitable being. Our stance towards welcoming the newcomer at the parish level will be discussed including any barriers around cultural and religious difference that may be present.

Cost: \$10 **With:** Dcn Greg Lowe
Where: Newman Siena Centre
and livestreamed online

Thursday, 24 September
• 7:30pm – 8:30pm

The Domestic Church: Home is a Holy Place

Where is God in your home? God is present within all the messiness of family life. How can we appreciate that the ordinary life and activity of our homes are vehicles of God’s love and grace? This one-off online evening event will address the challenge of making God’s presence more widely known, served and celebrated within the home.

Cost: Free of Charge
With: Dr Carmel Suart - Office of
Christian Initiation **Where:** Online