

# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School



## Overview of Religion Units of Work

### Prep

#### **Jesus Prays with His Family and Friends**

Students engage with stories from the New Testament and learn about Jesus' life as a Jew, his family and friends. They also explore how Jesus prayed and wanted others to pray. Students engage with different ways to pray, whether that be alone or with others.

#### **Jesus Dies on the Cross**

Students listen and respond to stories about Jesus' suffering and death. They participate in the Stations of the Cross. Students recognise that Holy Week is an important time in the Catholic Church and discuss how this time is commemorated and celebrated.

#### **Jesus Rises to New Life**

Students listen and respond to stories about Jesus' resurrection. Students recognise that Easter is an important time in the Catholic Church and discuss how this special time is celebrated.

#### **Jesus Shows Us the Way**

Students listen to and explore stories in which Jesus tells us how he wants us to live in our world. They learn about love, compassion and forgiveness through New Testament stories.

#### **God Creator of All**

Students explore connections between some Old Testament stories and their personal experiences. They engage with the goodness of the Creation Story and identify God as the creator of all.

#### **Old Testament People**

Students continue to explore Old Testament stories and make personal connections with some key characters, events and messages.

#### **Celebrating with God's Family**

Students are exposed to the story of Jesus' birth and explore different ways this event is celebrated in the life of believers. They learn about different celebrations in the life of believers and how people pray together during special celebrations and rituals.



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#### **Welcome to the Family**

Students identify words, actions and symbols in the sacraments of Baptism and consider how God's presence is revealed during this special celebration.

#### **We Share a Special Meal**

Students identify words, actions and symbols in the sacrament of Eucharist and consider how God's presence is revealed during this special celebration. They learn about the importance of being thankful to God through participating in Grace.

#### **Mary, Mother of Jesus and the Church**

Students explore ways in which Catholics honour Mary, Jesus' mother. Through exploration of the *Hail Mary*, students learn about and participate in meditative prayer.

#### **Jewish Life in the Time of Jesus**

Students explore what Jewish life was like in the time of Jesus and learn about how Jesus prayed and taught others how to pray.

#### **God's Plan for Creation**

Students explore God's plan for creation and the responsibility that believers have to live in accordance with that plan. There is an explicit focus on the Christian belief that God is the creator and sustainer of life.

#### **Stories of Old Testament People**

Students explore some Old Testament stories that provide messages about the presence of God in people's lives.

#### **Jesus' Mission and Ministry**

Students examine Jesus' life through an exploration of Gospel stories, places in the Bible and other people in his life. They hear about Jesus' healing ministry and his mission to bring a message of love to the world.



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### Year 2

#### **God's Covenant with People**

Students learn about the two parts of the Bible. They explore Old Testament stories that will help them recognise God's love for the Jewish people.

#### **The Sacredness of Creation**

Students learn about the sacredness of creation. They explore how humans are called to be stewards of God's creation and that they have a responsibility to uphold God's plan.

#### **Stories of Jesus...What do they tell us?**

Students examine a variety of texts from the New Testament that tell about the teachings and actions of Jesus and discuss how these help members of the Church community live today. They use the knowledge gained from scripture to answer questions they have about Jesus' life and times.

#### **Jesus' Message of Forgiveness**

Students explore the choices they make that may harm an individual and their loving relationship with God, others and creation. They learn about ways to heal these relationships through reconciliation.

#### **We Celebrate Forgiveness**

Students explore prayers of forgiveness and how people nurture their relationship with God through celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

#### **Love One Another**

Students make connections between the teachings and actions of Jesus and the way members of the Church community live today. They consider how they can contribute to a more peaceful and just world in which all of creation, including human life, is respected.



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#### **Sacraments of Initiation**

Students learn about the significance of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in welcoming and strengthening members of the Church community. While continuing to develop their understanding of community, students explore the key features of the local parish and diocese.

#### **Living the Good Life**

Students investigate the cultural contexts in which the Gospels were written and examine the life and teachings of Jesus to learn about important qualities that will help them to look after others and live a good life.

#### **God Amongst Us**

Students explore God's relationship with the Jewish people by investigating Old Testament stories and various images of God in Old Testament scripture.

#### **We Give Thanks and Praise**

Students identify the diversity of God's created world, explore some of the relationships that exist in the world, and communicate an understanding of how we must live in harmony with creation. Students explore prayers of thanksgiving and praise, including the Glory Be, and create a prayer of thanksgiving or praise using the 'You Who Do Through' prayer structure.

#### **Jesus the Messiah**

Students explore the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah and communicate their understanding of this term as used in Scripture.



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#### **Community...What's it all about?**

Students begin to explore the significance of community for Christians. They examine letters written by St Paul and sections from the Acts of the Apostles, to connect ideas about living in community.

#### **Freedom to Choose**

Students explore the concept of free choice and how our choices can affect an individual and their community positively or negatively.

#### **God as Trinity**

Students explore the Christian belief that God, as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is connected to all.

#### **The Australian Church**

Students explore early Australian Church communities as well as contemporary Church communities and investigate the characteristics of our local Church community at Southport.

#### **Ancient Voices**

Students examine Old Testament scripture and learn how to find information and stories about people, places and events by using the Bible's referencing system.

#### **First Century Palestine**

Students explore a variety of books and text types in the New Testament and connect ideas about living in community, with a particular focus on the experiences of Jewish communities in first century Palestine.

#### **Jesus' Healing Ministry**

Students explore Jesus' healing ministry and use this information to make connections between the practices of contemporary Church communities and his teachings and actions. They examine the significance of prayers of blessing, petition and intercession and use these as a model to develop their own prayers.



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#### **Jesus' Commandment of Love**

Students examine Jesus' new commandment of love as they build their understanding of Christian morality. Each class develops their own class covenant that reflects the shared values and beliefs of our school community.

#### **The Gospel Writers**

Students examine the four Gospel writers and how their contexts shaped their writing.

#### **Come, Holy Spirit**

Students learn about the Holy Spirit by analysing scripture and examining the fruit of the Spirit to explain the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. They investigate words, symbols and actions associated with the Catholic Rite of Confirmation.

#### **The Wisdom of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Students investigate the challenges for Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a pioneering Catholic who made significant contributions to early Australian Catholic communities and consider how her wisdom gave strength to believers and continues to do so today.

#### **Faith Shared and Strengthened**

Students explore the faith of Jewish communities and the importance of worship in strengthening their relationship with God. They examine how the faith of Catholic Christian communities is shared and strengthened through the celebration of Eucharist.

#### **Mary...Mother of Jesus and First Disciple**

Students examine Mary's role as mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. They explore how Gospel writers shaped their writing for particular communities. They analyse the elements and features of some Marian prayers to describe the role of Marian prayer in the lives of believers past and present.



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#### Challenged to Serve

Students investigate the concept of living a just life by examining Jesus' New Law and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They explore the connection between these scriptural messages and the way believers live their faith to shape a socially just world. They reflect on and express their personal responses to the challenge to serve others, particularly in relation to their role as leaders in our school community.

#### The Call of the Prophets

Students engage with Old Testament scripture to develop an understanding of the messages of some Old Testament prophets, particularly those that focus on justice. They participate in prayer journaling and explain the significance of this meditative prayer practice as a tool for evaluating their own contributions to building a just world.

#### The Movement of the Spirit

Students explore the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in guiding the formation of the New Testament. They develop their understanding of the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers by investigating how some Australian Catholic Christians express their wisdom and faith. They are introduced to the Christian understanding of the term 'communion of saints'.

#### Living Faith

Students explore the Christian understanding of faith and how this is lived out in the life of a believer. They investigate the significance of Catholics and their faith to the

#### Images of Jesus

Students analyse information from a variety of texts, including websites, documentaries and both testaments, that enable them to describe how Jesus has been portrayed and referred to as Messiah. They discuss how these texts illustrate Jesus' relationship with God and with believers and show evidence of Jesus as fulfilling God's promise.

#### The Significance of the Lord's Prayer

Students explore the significance of the Our Father as an important personal and communal prayer.

#### Celebrating Faith

Students explore Old Testament scripture to learn about the commemoration of Jewish High Holy Days. They compare the Catholic liturgical calendar to the struct

