


# SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

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## Life Week 2004



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# "My Foetus"

## Does it Change Anything?

**Melinda Tankard Reist**  
is a writer and researcher and author of "Giving Sorrow Words: Women's Stories of Grief after Abortion"

**yes VS no**

**Eva Cox**  
is a feminist academic and activist who believes women must be able to choose when to bear children, not the church or state.

**Tuesday September 7th, 1pm**  
**Great Hall, University of Sydney**

## Welcome to September Sydney Snapshot

This September edition features many different events that will be taking place across the Archdiocese. Read about Life Week at Sydney University, a new Executive Support Assistant position, seminars on Child Protection, the arrival of Jo Robertson in Archives, the return of Maryanne Borg, a whole range of courses for Catechists and an intensive course on the Catechism.

### date claimer

**12 Oct** Catholic Women's League  
- Pink Ribbon Breakfast  
for Breast Cancer Research

### snippets

■ CYS: Entries for the YELL Catholic songwriting competition close on 13 September. For more information about the competition, visit the website: [cys.cathcomm.org](http://cys.cathcomm.org) or contact Vincent on 9665 5344. Vincent cannot wait to hear your song.

■ Archdiocese of Sydney Principal Receptionist is coming home! In the May edition we welcomed Maryanne Borg as the new Receptionist for the Sydney Archdiocese.

Maryanne had planned a fourteen-week trip to Malta prior to commencing this position. We have missed her smiling face and professionalism but have been thrilled to receive news of her journeys and look forward to hearing tales of Maryanne's Mediterranean adventures. Be sure to stop at Level 5 reception desk when you are passing on Monday 20 September to say hello and welcome back.

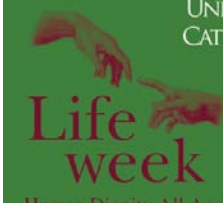
Deadline for material for the October edition is 12 noon, Friday 24 September. Please email [richard@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:richard@sydney.catholic.org.au) or call 9390 5301.

The University of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincy is again organising Life Week from 6 – 9 September.

There are three key events during the week, with the main event at 1pm in the Great Hall at Sydney University on Tuesday 7 September: The Life Debate: "My Foetus: does it change anything?" [On 8 August, a documentary "My Foetus" was released to the Australian public for the first time. Produced by a pregnant English woman Julia Black, this film has re-ignited discussion of abortion across Australia, the UK and much of the English speaking world.] This debate will feature Melinda Tankard Reist (for the yes case) vs Eva Cox (for the no case).

The other events include Open Forums: "Morning after Pill: How does it work?" with Dr Bridget Vout, MBBS – Director of the Life Office, and "I had an Abortion; Where to from here?" with Desley Creedy, a Counsellor with Project Rachel which is a service to those grieving after abortion.

For more information, visit the website: [www.lifeweek.org](http://www.lifeweek.org) or [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org)



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**Life week**

[lifeweek.org](http://lifeweek.org) | [usydcc.org](http://usydcc.org)  
6-9 September 2004

Human Dignity All Ages, All Races, All People

# Intensive Course on Part III of the Catechism

In its series of intensive courses on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Catholic Adult Education Centre is holding a three-day intensive course on Part III of the Catechism, entitled Christian Moral Life.

The course will be held in the September school holidays from Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 from 10am - 4pm each day. The course is intended to cater to the needs of teachers, catechists, students and parents.

The course will be presented by Fr John Flader, Director of the Centre and will cover such topics as the dignity of the human person, conscience, virtues, sin, grace and specific moral issues, following the Ten Commandments.

The course is approved by the Catholic Education Office as part of the accreditation requirements for the teaching of Religious Education in Archdiocesan Catholic schools and as professional development for teachers.

Morning tea will be provided. To register for the course or for more information please phone the Centre on 9643 3660.

## CCD Events

CCD Sydney offers extensive training and in-servicing for those who wish to become catechists or for those who wish to deepen their understanding of this very important apostolate of the Church.

Currently, a review is being made of the Catechist Ministry Certificate. This course, which can be undertaken by catechists who have completed the three levels of accreditation, will be expanded and made more flexible. Courses will continue in their current format, but will also be offered as two day intensives and online.

New courses will include The Four Foundations of Catholic Education, The Educational and Spiritual Development of the Child, Living the Ten Commandments, Catholic Prayer and Spirituality, Catholic Culture, Values and Ethics, Education and the Law, Teaching and Learning Strategies, The Apostles Creed and Renewing Catechesis for the New Millennium. These new courses will be offered both as core and elective modules.

Catechists wishing to attend Basic Accreditation Training are invited to attend two workshops which will be held at the parish hall of St Therese of the Infant Jesus at Beauty Point located at 210 Spit Rd, Mosman. The workshops, which will be held on Wednesday 1 and Wednesday 8 September between 11am - 1pm, will be conducted by the Faith Education Officer of the Concord Region, Ms Therese Newell. Therese can be



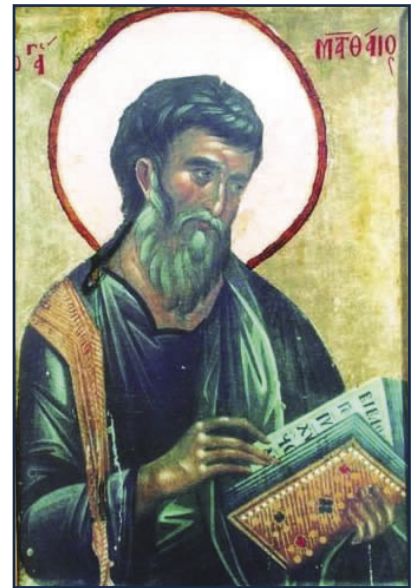
contacted on 9579 5917.

Alternatively Basic Accreditation Training workshops will be held at the parish hall of St Brigid's at Coogee on the corner of Brook and Waltham Streets. The workshops, which will be held on Wednesday 1 and Wednesday 15 September between 7 - 10pm, will be conducted by the Faith Education Officer of the City Region Ms Isla Cameron. Isla can be contacted on 9580 4263.

Also during September CCD Sydney will coordinate workshops for the Australian Province of the Missionaries of Charity. These workshops, which will be held on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 at Surry Hills, will focus on Lesson preparation, classroom management, communication and the key elements of teaching and learning.

Catechists who would like further information on the courses available or would like to make recommendations as to what areas should be covered should contact the Director, Mr Anthony Cleary on 9390 5122 or send an email to [anthony@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anthony@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au).

## Events



St Matthew

### September

- 3 St Gregory the Great, pope & doctor
- 8 BIRTHDAY OF BVM - Feast
- 13 St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor
- 14 EXALTATION OF THE CROSS - Feast
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 Ss Cornelius, pope & martyr & Cyprian, bishop & martyr
- 20 Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & companions, martyrs
- 21 ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST - Feast
- 27 St Vincent de Paul, priest
- 29 MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS - Feast
- 30 St Jerome, priest & doctor

Come, then, O beautiful soul.  
Since you know now that your desired  
Beloved lives hidden within your heart,  
strive to be really hidden with  
Him, and you will embrace Him within you  
and experience Him with loving  
affection.

*St John of the Cross  
Spiritual Canticle, 1.8*

## New Archivist Assistant

Josephine Robertson has joined the Sydney Archdiocesan Archives as the Archivist Assistant from 3 August 2004. Jo comes to us with a wealth of experience in information and document management.

Prior to a ten year hiatus from the workforce, Jo was the Librarian-In-Charge of HMAS Watson Library where she was primarily responsible for the management of the Defence Library Service for the specialist courses offered to students at the training facility. This included the

delivery of research and retrieval of information for these students. Jo also provided general library services for all those who worked at HMAS Watson. Prior to this Jo also worked at Waverley Municipal Library where she was involved in the Reference Department, undertaking research enquiries for various local agencies and the general public.

Jo is married and has two children. She is involved in her local parish, St Anthony's Marsfield, and the attached parish school.



## Child Protection Training Sessions Reminder Notice

The *Catholic Commission for Employment Relations* is running a series of one day training sessions on child protection organised for the clergy of the Archdiocese during August, September and October. The sessions, which are titled Safeguarding Children - Building Public Confidence, will be held on various dates and at a range of venues to enable Archdiocesan clergy to attend on the day that is most convenient to them. The sessions will run from 10.30am until 3pm on the following dates:

- 8 September – Lidcombe Catholic Club
- 22 September – Liverpool Club
- 13 October – Polding Centre

CCER will be presenting the sessions to inform clergy of their obligations under the various pieces of child protection legislation. The Ombudsman has indicated that clergy need to be fully aware of obligations placed upon them as supervisors, employees, managers, etc. It is expected that all clergy including parish priests, assistant priests, administrators, chaplains for universities, hospitals and ethnic communities, retired priests who do supply, etc will attend. CCER has been asked to keep records of all those attending. Queries can be directed to: Anne Byrne, CCER on 9390 5253 or Anthony Spata, Manager Employment and Staff Development on 9390 5317.

## New Position: Executive Support Assistant

This new role has been established to provide executive and administrative support to the Sydney Archdiocesan Offices under the direction of the Episcopal Vicar for Life and Health. This role is a full-time position and is based in the Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

The Executive Personal Assistant will be required to:

- Provide administrative support an assistance to the staff.
- Manage work diaries, scheduled, and plans on behalf of the staff.
- Co-ordinate correspondence, emails and telephone calls as required and ensuring all matters are dealt with in a timely manner.
- Book meeting facilities and other requirements as requested.

- Maintain minutes and records of meetings when required.
- Ensure the smooth running of each office by providing executive and administrative support to the staff.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 4 - 5 years relevant experience in a similar role. They should have a sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, and high level communication skills particularly with telephone enquiries and correspondence. Demonstrated commitment to client services and a willingness to be accountable for your performance is a pre-requisite for this position.

The ideal person will have a professional manner with sound presentation and interpersonal skills. A need to operate with discretion and complete

confidentiality, as well as attention to detail and a well ordered approach to work is fundamental to this role.

You will recognise the importance of service and be proactive and committed in your approach to achieving a successful outcome. Key to this role is the ability to manage multiple responsibilities and tasks.

For further information and a detailed position description, please contact Anthony Spata on 9390 5317.

Applications should be forwarded to: The Manager, Employment and Staff Development, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Level 16, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000.

Applications close on Saturday 4 September 2004.

