

SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

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What's happening at CCD

The CCD is pleased to announce a diversity of course options during the month of March. The Accreditation Courses have been designed to ensure that catechists are fully cognisant with legislative requirements, the SRE guidelines of the Department of Education and Training; teaching and learning strategies; and the Four Catholic Foundations. It is essential that all catechists carry out their tasks in accordance with the principles and values of the Catholic Church. The Accreditation Courses will greatly assist in facilitating this. Even if previous training has been undertaken these courses will provide new and valuable insights.

A highlight of this year's professional development options is a new venture with the Korean Catholic community. In light of the successful partnership which has been established with the Maronite Catholic Church, CCD was pleased to accept an invitation to work closely with the Korean community. Specifically, this means that each Saturday the staff of the CCD will be training the catechists of the Korean Catholic community who teach the 300 plus children who attend Scripture classes of a weekend. Forty-eight young teachers, the majority of whom are at university, will be undertaking the Basic Accreditation Course during 2006.



Bankstown Area

St Peter Chanel Parish,
60 Kingsland Rd, Berala
Fridays 11:30am-2:30pm
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Korean Martyrs & St Stanislaus Church
26 Carnarvon St, Silverwater
Saturdays 10am -12noon
March 4, 11, 18, 25

City Area

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Mondays 10am-1pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Sutherland/St George Area

CCD Miranda, 50 Kiara Road, Miranda
Mondays 10am-1pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Concord Area

Holy Spirit Parish, Cox's Road, North Ryde
Mondays 10am-1pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27

St Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church
Acton Street, Croydon
Saturday 10am-1pm
March 4, 11, 18
Wednesdays 10am-1pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22

Western Area

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish
230 Humphries Road, Mt Pritchard
Mondays 11am-2pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Welcome to March Sydney Snapshot

The first of March saw the turning of the seasons and the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday being observed. We begin our journey towards the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, we can reflect on the words that Jesus taught in his ministry and strive to emulate Him in our daily lives.

This month CCD highlights a fantastic new program working with the Korean Catholic Community and also provide important information for catechists. Be sure to make a note of the dates when this training is in your parish. We meet the new CEO of ACCESS Programs. ACCESS have also just moved from Level 15 in Polding Centre and are now located on Level 13. CYS brings up to date on activities for youth within the Archdiocese. Centacare will brighten everyone's mood with a celebration to mark the Feast of St Patrick, in true Irish style. One not to be missed and hopefully we will share some of the photos from the day in future issues of Snapshots.

Do you have a new member of staff or an initiative that you'd like to share with the readers of Snapshots? Email cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au and we'll feature it in an upcoming issue of Snapshot.

The CathComm Team

The Archdiocesan Catechist Council will meet on Wednesday 22 March between 2:00 – 4:00pm.

The Archdiocesan Catechist Council (ACC) is a body established under the authority of the Archbishop of Sydney to advise the CCD Director on all policy and services affecting catechists in the Archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Catechist Council has a responsibility to ensure that the interests of the catechists are heard and reflected in CCD policies, products and services.

Deadline for material for the April edition is
12 noon, Thursday 30 March
Please email cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au
or call 9390 5300.

Introducing Marc Weedon-Newstead

Chief Executive Officer - ACCESS Programs Australia Ltd

I am pleased to be taking up the position of CEO of ACCESS Programs Australia Ltd. I come to ACCESS from a career in international education – initially as an English teacher working in secondary schools in Sudan, teaching the military in Kuwait and as lecturer at a national university in Japan.

Since returning to Australia in 1990 the focus of my career has been the management and marketing of commercially oriented education centres for international students. My new role at ACCESS offers a range of new and exciting challenges and I look forward to being able to make a contribution to the continuing growth and success of the organisation.

I am married to Azusa who works at the accounting firm Ernst & Young. We have a 12 year old boy, Alex, and live on the North shore.

Marc can be contacted at ACCESS Programs Australia Ltd on 9390 5333.



Marc Weedon-Newstead

Feast Days



St Patrick

March

- 1** Ash Wednesday
- 17** St. Patrick, bishop
- 25** The Annunciation of the Lord

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH MASS - MARCH 5, 2006 (SUNDAY) 5:30PM

THEME: ACTS 1:8 "You will have Power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes to you and you shall be my witnesses."

Join us for the first Youth event of the year for the Archdiocese. The mass will begin at 5:30pm and will be followed by some light refreshments afterwards. Invite your friends and families to celebrate with us the theme of the Sydney WYD 2008. Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 280 Homer Street Earwood. If you want to get involved contact Vincent on 9665 5344.

ACT1V:8 - BE EMPOWERED

(THE NEW AND FRESH MONTHLY YOUTH EVENT 4 THE ARCHDIOCESE)

This is a new initiative by the Catholic Youth Services replacing Salt and Light. The name is taken from the theme for World Youth Day 2008, ACTS 1:8. Expect a more vibrant monthly event, with a live band, extraordinary speakers, live drama, visual effects and a lot of energy. Of course, we will still have our time for prayer, reflection and reconciliation. Venue to be finalised, so watch this space for the confirmed venue. Dates are as follows: March 10, May 12, June 9, Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10 and Dec 8. Highlight your calendar now! Contact Vincent on 9665 5344 for further details.

HALF DAY RETREAT WITH BISHOP FISHER - STAND UP FOR GOD!

Sat 18th March @ Holy Family Parish Centre 220 Maroubra Rd Maroubra. Time: starting at 12 noon with lunch and finishing at 5.30pm. All welcome to the following 5.30pm mass. Those who stay for mass are invited for a barbeque afterwards. Cost \$10.00 For more info and registration forms contact Francisco 0415 584 330, Elena 0412 218 380 or Cheryl 0417 294 172.

YCW ST. PATRICK'S DAY HARBOUR CRUISE

Come dressed in your best greenery. Enjoy a four hour trip around Sydney harbor with a DJ, finger foods and good company. Lucky door prizes, games and fun await.

Date: Friday 17 March 2006 Time: 8pm-12am

Departing from: Man-O-War Steps (Behind the Opera House).

Cost: \$45/\$40 (concession) Hurry limited places available!

Deposits required by 3rd March 2006 to secure your ticket.

No cash will be accepted on the night.

Please contact Sharmila on 02 9682 6719/ 0416 126 005/ sharmila@ycw.org.au if you have any questions.





The Centacare
St Patrick's Day
Luncheon

- VENUE:** Strangers Dining Room
Parliament House
Macquarie Street, Sydney
- MC:** Samantha Armytage (Channel 7)
- COMEDIAN:** Geraldine Doyle
- DATE:** Friday, 17 March 2006
- TIME:** 11.30am for 12.00pm – 4.00pm
- COST:** \$100 per person – tables of 10
- RSVP:** Monday, 13 March 2006

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