



Children's Ministry Update

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Year of Luke

From the Team

Dear Catechists

Welcome to Children's Ministry for 2019!

This year has continued to be a hive of activity in the Office as I imagine it has been for your parish and ministry.

As well as our Catechist Induction morning and workshops in opening the Scriptures in Godly Play, Children's Liturgy of the Word training, training Leaders for Sacrament preparation in home groups, mentoring, resourcing, encouraging Children's Ministries within Parishes, we were blessed in presenting four Papal Blessings this year at our Annual Catechists Commissioning Mass at the Cathedral.

If you have been involved in Children's ministries for 25 years or more by end February next year and would like to receive a Papal Blessing, please contact either Carmen or myself and we will add you to the list.

We love to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our Catechists.

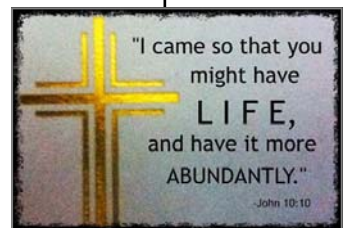
This term, our newsletter's main focus is on Jesus' journey to Calvary.

We pray that you may experience the abundance of God's love in your lives and in your ministry.

With blessings, Sr Jenny Seal and Carmen Balales

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LENTEN PRAYER

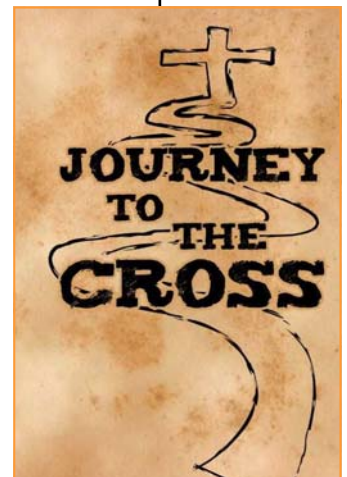
From Gethsemane to the Empty Tomb

Join in prayer as Fr Maurice Shinnick leads us on the Way of the Cross using slides from his pilgrimage to Jerusalem last October

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

1.00 TO 2.00PM OR 7.00 TO 8.00PM

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL HALL



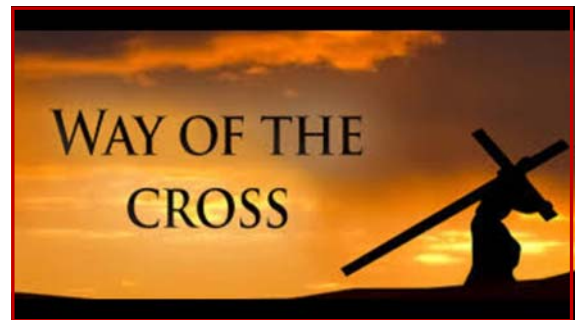
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WHAT ARE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?:

The Stations of the Cross (sometimes also called the "Way of the Cross" or Via Crucis, in Latin) are a traditional devotion tracing the events on the way to Christ's crucifixion. The devotion has its roots in the practice of pilgrimage to Jerusalem, especially to sites along the way to the cross. In the fifteenth century, as it became difficult for Christians to visit Jerusalem, the Franciscans began to erect outdoor shrines in Europe to recall these holy places, and in later centuries the devotion took root throughout the entire Church.

Traditionally, there are fourteen stations:

- 1. Jesus is condemned to death***
- 2. Jesus takes up his cross***
- 3. Jesus falls the first time***
- 4. Jesus meets his mother***
- 5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross***
- 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus***
- 7. Jesus falls the second time***
- 8. Jesus meets the weeping women of Jerusalem***
- 9. Jesus falls the third time***
- 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments***
- 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross***
- 12. Jesus dies on the cross***
- 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross***
- 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb***



Not all of these stations are found in scripture; they are based on extra-biblical traditions surrounding the passion of Christ. (In 1991 Pope John Paul II released a "Scriptural Way of the Cross" which closely follows the gospel accounts of the passion.) Traditional prayers that accompany this devotion allow us to meditate on the mystery of Christ's death on the cross.

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This method offers the traditional devotion in a virtual way to help both children and adults reflect on the mystery of Jesus' death and what it still means to us today.

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion following the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Prayers accompanying it allow time to reflect on the mystery of his death. The Stations of the Cross may be done at any time, but is commonly a part of Lenten spiritual practice, specifically on Good Friday. Busted Halo has created a series of virtual stations designed for personal devotion. These stations relate to Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God and the reason his vision of this Kingdom led to his death. Find a quiet place to watch these stations, and as you do the devotions be open to how God is speaking to you through the Stations of the Cross.

The following web address will take you to the Busted Halo website where you can access this virtual experience.

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/virtual-stations-of-the-cross>



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

HOW TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, or Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way), is a popular Lenten devotion. Many parishes join as a group and pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent to call to mind the Passion of Christ, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death.

THE HISTORY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross has its origins with the Blessed Mother. It is believed that Mary pondered all the mysteries of Christ in her heart, retraced the steps of her Son's Passion and the significant events that happened along the way, keeping in her memory and for the memory of the Church, the sacred path on which the Son of God walked.

Later in her life, when she was no longer living near Jerusalem, it is said that Mary continued this devotional practice by creating a similar outdoor path near her home with stone markers, along which she would walk, pray, and meditate on those things that happened to her son on his Sorrowful Way.

This devotional walk, known as the Stations of the Cross, became one of the most popular and useful ways for the devout to meditate on Christ's Passion. From the 18th century, by Papal decree, all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary, with fourteen in total.



THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST: *As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said some very important words. We call these "The Seven Last Words of Christ."*

Luke 23:34 (Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.)

Luke 23:43 (Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise)

John 19:26-27 (Woman [Mary], behold your son. [to the disciple] Behold your mother.)

Matthew 27:46 and/or Mark 15:34 (My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?)

John 19:28 (I thirst)

John 19:30 (It is finished.)

Luke 23:46 (Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.)

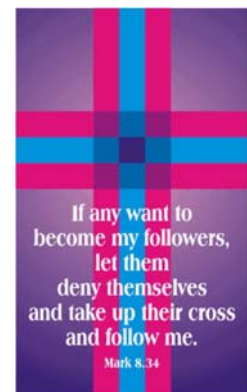
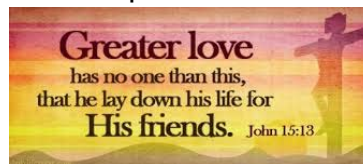
CESA Live Learn Lead– Together We had the unique opportunity to experience the Live Learn Lead-Together gathering in January which involved all Catholic school staffs, CESA staff, priests with their parish leadership teams, Diocesan teams and congregational leaders to a day designed to inspire and equip participants to build capability to enhance Catholic Identity in their various roles. It was visually astounding to see 5,500 people gathered and feel connected through the transforming power of Jesus Christ in our work. Regardless of our individual roles, we are members of the one and same church that gives witness to the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

LENTEN SYMBOLS IN THE HOME

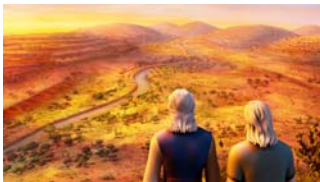
Enable the home to be a place of the sacred with symbols that raise the mind and heart to God. Our world is full of images that nurture our minds and hearts everywhere.

BIBLE The Word of God is our guide and inspiration in our faith and daily life. The prominent presence of a Bible in the home represents our desire for God's Word in our lives .

Write quotes from the Scriptures on card or google your own set of images.



SAND Place a small bowl of sand to remind us of our journey. God led the people in their journey through the desert to the Promised Land. (Exodus 6:8).



Jesus himself a time of prayer in the desert where he faced. The desert can be a place of retreat and reflection (Luke 4:1).

Let the children feel the sand. Explore what it might feel like to walk across the desert. Write a story or poem of the experience.

JESUS' JOURNEY TO THE CROSS Symbols or pictures of Jesus journeying to Calvary. We unite ourselves with Jesus in his journey and we reflect on the ways in our life that Jesus has journeyed with us. Traditionally, our churches display the fourteen stations.



CRUCIFIX Place the crucifix in a central spot where it can be obviously seen, even a child's drawing of Jesus's death for us can be a powerful stirring reminder of God's love.

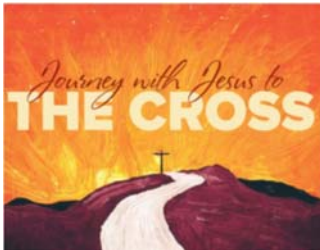


WATER: Place a bowl of water in a central spot as a reminder of our journey to the font of baptism for the renewal of commitment and life in Christ.

Pray over the bowl saying: "Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home. Bless us as we sign the cross each day".



JOURNEY TO CALVARY



Traditionally, there are fourteen stations of the Cross which we take time to journey with Jesus after he was condemned to death. Some churches have a variant to the traditional stations starting Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and ending with the Burial of Jesus.

Churches usually have a community prayer reflection of the Journey of Jesus to Calvary scheduled each week during Lent and on the morning of Good Friday. We are all invited, also, to a personal journey to the cross at anytime either in the Church or with our personal pictures or booklet at home.

Some ideas:

- Google the various images of the 14 stations and create your own set and place in an organza bag. Pray and reflect on these or take a different one each day and Journey with Jesus.
- Take a different Scriptural Station of the Cross with the children at different times (outlined below), look up the scripture quote and make a response to the reflective reading either through a prayer or drawing or shared reflection on life.

Scriptural Stations of the Cross

- 1st Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-46).
- 2nd Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested (Luke 22:47-48).
- 3rd Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71).
- 4th Peter denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62).
- 5th Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:13-25).
- 6th Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns (Luke 22:63-65).
- 7th Jesus takes up His cross (John 19:17).
- 8th Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross (Luke 23:26).
- 9th Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27-31).
- 10th Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:33-47).
- 11th Jesus promises His kingdom to the believing thief (Luke 23:43).
- 12th Jesus on the cross speaks with His mother and disciples (John 19:26-27).
- 13th Jesus dies on the cross (Luke 23:44-46).
- 14th Jesus is laid in the tomb (Luke 23:50-54).



- Allow Jesus to journey with you during any of the 'stations' of your life.
- Create a 'Stations of the Cross' kit with the children with symbols as outlined

Stations of the Cross Montessori Box Contents		
1	Jesus is condemned to death	String representing the rope used to tie His hands
2	Jesus carries His cross	Small cross
3	Jesus falls for the first time	Bandage to represent 1 st fall
4	Jesus meets His mother Mary	Small Marian pendant
5	Simon helps Jesus	Tracing to represent helping hands
6	Veronica wipes the face of Jesus	White cloth with face of Jesus
7	Jesus falls for the second time	Bandage to represent 2 nd fall
8	Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem	Tissue for their tears
9	Jesus falls for the third time	Bandage to represent 3 rd fall
10	Jesus is stripped of His garments	Small piece of cloth for cloak
11	Jesus is nailed to the cross	Three nails
12	Jesus dies on the cross	Crucifix
13	Jesus is taken down from the cross	Picture of Michelangelo's Pietà
14	Jesus is buried	Rock for stone rolled in front of tomb

CATECHIST PRAYER PAGE



As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said some very important words.

We call these “**The Seven Last Words of Christ.**”

Let us pause and take some time to reflect on Jesus’ last words.

We can use a different ‘last word’ of Jesus each day
or listen to which one/s resonate in our hearts.

Seven Last Words of Jesus

Father, forgive them, they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)

Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise (Luke 23:43)

Woman [Mary], behold your son. [to the disciple] Behold your mother (John 19:26-27)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)

I thirst (John 19:28)

It is finished (John 19:30)

Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46)

Reflection

Where in my life have Jesus’ words resonated with my journey?

How has this journey led to transformation in my life?

How have I grown in the experience of God’s abundant love for me personally?

Prayer Response

Respond from your heart in your own words

or draw an image to express yourself

or journal your thoughts, reflections or insights



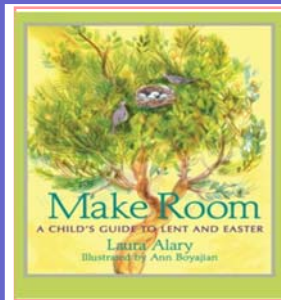


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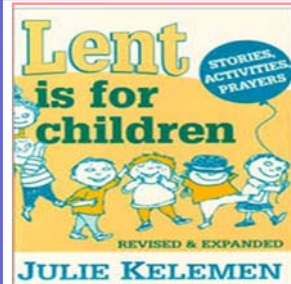
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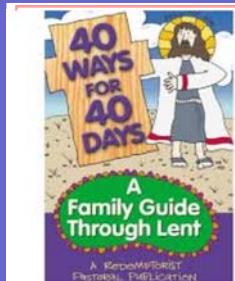
Lent & Meditations



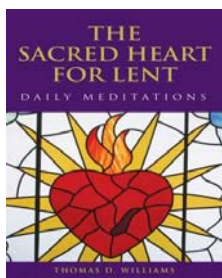
This unique book teaches children to experience Lent with all their senses, and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. Simple activities like cleaning a room, making bread and soup become acts of justice and kindness, part of life of following Christ.



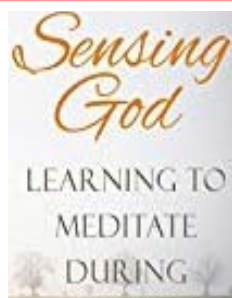
Lent and its practices can seem strange or mysterious to young people. This book offers a fun-way for your young Catholic to learn and understand these and many other Lenten basics: * Prayer * Fasting * Sacrifice * Reconciliation * Holy Week Events



This book offers a range of activities, prayers, and rituals to involve your entire family in the Lenten celebration. To think about spiritual values while having fun with one another.

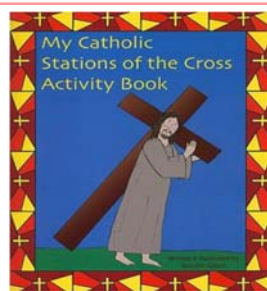


"Love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been a staple of Catholic spirituality. Lent is a splendid time to renew it, and this book a good way to begin."—
Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York

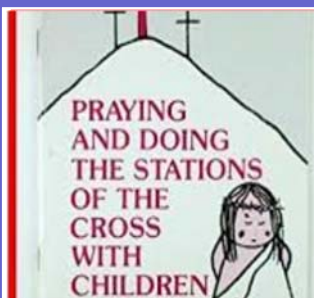


Is Lent a time for 'giving something up' or an occasion for beginning something new? Author, Fr. Laurence Freeman, shows that it can be both. A practical introduction to this ancient Christian practice, Sensing God includes easy-to-follow instructions, guidance, and support.

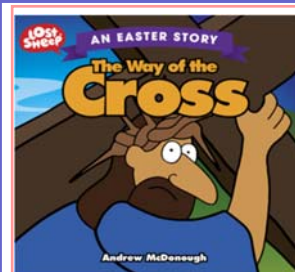
Stations of the Cross



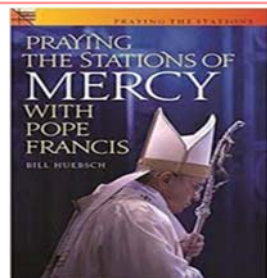
The reality of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. This book is an instructive and effective way to introduce children to this reality and to the love that Jesus has for us. The reproducible sheets make it a perfect learning tool.



To help us think about God's love for us, we have the Stations of the Cross. This book will tell you the story in simple words and pictures. It will give you a chance to think about Jesus' love. And it will allow you to add your own words & drawing to complete each Station.

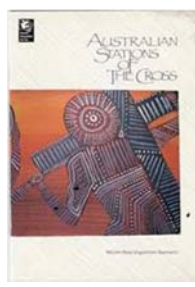


Walk together with your child on Jesus' journey of sadness, courage and love. This story is based on fourteen traditional Gospel readings that follow the events of Easter from the garden to the cross.



As we walk with Jesus to the Cross, Pope Francis leads us to reflect deeply on our call to imitate him with our lives. These are the traditional Stations in their traditional setting.

Praying the Stations SERIES



Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann shows us clearly how a distinctive, truly Aboriginal spirituality can enrich the traditional western Christian understanding of the Stations of the Cross. Her sensitive, thoughtful interpretations reach to the still point of the turning world, a truly human, suffering Christ who is son, saviour and friend.

Your Parish Story

Children's Ministry Update

DIOCESAN CATECHISTS COMMISSIONING MASS

The annual commissioning mass was richly celebrated in March whereby catechists from our Adelaide Archdiocese gathered to be formally commissioned in their vital and important ministry for this coming year. It was wonderful to see many catechists present representing all catechists working in our Parishes near and far. It was a great opportunity to publicly acknowledge the good work happening within the many ministries with children and families. We also celebrated four very special recipients of the 25 years of service award in the form of a beautifully framed Papal Blessing. The four recipients were George Farrugia from the Virginia Parish,



Elena Moffa from the Seaton Parish, Frank Placentino from the Newton Parish and Simone VanRijn from the Naracoorte Parish. Present to receive

their awards from Fr. Philip Marshall were Elena and Frank with their families and friends. Both George and Simone regrettably could not be there but will be presented with their Papal Blessings in their own Parish celebration. All four recipients are dedicated and quietly follow their calling as echoers of God's Word. **Congratulations George, Elena, Frank and Simone!**

We continued the celebration after Mass with a happy gathering sharing a delicious supper and a slice of chocolate cake! Many thanks to the many who attended, it was certainly very joy filled!



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Detailed Diary Dates 2019

LEADING CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD training workshop

When: Saturday: 23 March
9:30am– 12noon

Where: Dernancourt Parish,
1 Avoca Street, Dernancourt
(RSVP 83016110 by 19 March)

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

When: Saturday: 6 April
9am-3:30pm

Where: Bethany Centre,
4 High Street, Kensington

LUKE'S EASTER GOSPEL with Fr Michael Trainor

When: Tuesday: 30 April
7-9pm

Where: Bethany Centre,
4 High Street, Kensington

EMMAUS WALK

When: Saturday: 4 May

Where: Bethany Centre,
4 High Street, Kensington
(all above 3 register on 81305900)