



Marymount College

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YEAR 7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 7 at Marymount College is the beginning of a new part of life's journey for students where they learn about the beliefs, values and practices of Christian communities, past and present. In the unit **"Where It All Began"** students explore cultural and historical influences on these communities and change and continuity over time. They learn about the foundations and history of the College in the Franciscan tradition as it has evolved here on the Gold Coast in Queensland. They discover ways in which communities of believers, past and present, express their understanding of God and God's relationship with human persons. The Old Testament stories of the Patriarchs, the common beginnings of faith shared by Christianity, Judaism and Islam, the structure of the early Church communities and the Church communities in Australia are areas of focus. Ways of belonging to the Church community, in particular, the Marymount College community, are explored.

Through the unit **"The Power of Words"** students investigate the idea that words reflect the audience, purpose and context of their human authors and the concepts of 'The world behind the text, the world of the text, the world in front of the text' are reinforced. In particular, they develop their understanding of the Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed. The unit **"Doing Good"** provides students with an opportunity to examine Church teaching and basic principles of Christian morality that influence the way Christians live out their faith, individually and communally. The importance of Moses and the Exodus account, the Decalogue and the elements of the Church's teachings on The Common Good and personal gifts for the service of others are studied. In the unit **"Sacraments and Sacramentality"** students explore how the Church supports the faith journey through Liturgy and Sacraments. The elements included are a study of the Church Liturgical seasons, initiation rites and Christ's Paschal mystery.

Throughout the four units students examine ways in which believers nurture their spiritual life through prayer and ritual. By developing their understanding of prayer in the Christian tradition through an exploration of Lectio Divina and Ignatian Meditation, the Examen, reflective journaling, praying with icons and art and the College prayer, the Peace Prayer of St. Francis, students are able to enhance their own prayer life and participate authentically in their faith community.



YEAR	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
7	TOPIC: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN FERTILE QUESTION: <i>How did the Church get started?</i>	TOPIC: SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALITY FERTILE QUESTION: <i>What's all the fuss about sacraments?</i>	TOPIC: THE POWER OF WORDS FERTILE QUESTION: <i>How can something written so long ago still matter today?</i>	TOPIC: DOING GOOD FERTILE QUESTION: <i>What if everybody did good things?</i>
	CONTENT DESCRIPTION: STOT12 Ancient Israel STNT17 Formation of the Gospels BEWR8 origins of the monotheistic religions STCW8 Founders of religious communities CHCH6 the origin and establishment of the Christian church; challenges; Legacies CHPG8 The structure of the Catholic Church in Australia	CONTENT DESCRIPTION: STNT16 The nature of truth BETR9 Creeds of the Apostolic and Ancient churches CLPS19 Praying with scripture – Lectio Divina	CONTENT DESCRIPTION: BEHE7 The Decalogue describes a way of life faithful to God's love CLMJ8 concern for the common good is a basic principle of Christian morality CLMF11 Sin has a social dimension as each individual's sin in some way affects others	CONTENT DESCRIPTION: CHLS10 Christ's Paschal mystery CHLS11 sacraments support the journey of faith CLPS18 Christian prayer CLSP19 meditative prayer
	ACHIEVEMENT STANDARD: By the end of Year 7, students consider how sacred texts reflect the audience, purpose and context of their human authors. They explore how sacred texts influence the life of believers. They evaluate the significance of Church teaching and basic principles of Christian morality for the way believers live out their faith, personally and communally. Students investigate the beginnings of the Christian faith (c.6 BCE – c. 650 CE) and explain the role of key people and events in its development. They determine some ways in which Christianity shares common beginnings of faith with the other monotheistic religions (Judaism and Islam). They differentiate some ways in which the faith of believers is expressed, professed and lived out in different communities, past and present. They propose reasons for change and continuity in the life of Church and religious communities over time and place. They evaluate and draw conclusions about the significance of prayer, ritual, sacraments and sacred texts for the faith journey of believers, personally and communally. They participate respectfully in a variety of prayer experiences, including formal prayers such as the Hail Mary and Our Father; meditative prayer including Lectio Divina and Ignatian Meditation; and meditative prayer practices including silence and stillness, and praying with icons and images.			
	ASSESSMENT TASK: Visual representation of research on religious order in Australia as a brochure	ASSESSMENT TASK: Knowledge and Understanding Test	ASSESSMENT TASK: Analysis of Sacred Text (Scripture Passage) and Journal Reflection (150 to 200 words)	ASSESSMENT TASK: Oral/multimodal presentation - 2-3 minutes
	CORE SCRIPTURAL TEXT AND PRAYER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 17:1-22 (Abraham and Sarah) Exodus 13:17-14:30 (Moses) Exodus 12:1-4 (Passover) PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS; HAIL MARY; OUR FATHER; ACT OF FAITH; ACT OF HOPE; ACT OF CHARITY 	CORE SCRIPTURAL TEXT AND PRAYER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark 14:12-26 (Passover and institution of the Last Supper) IGNATION PRAYER AND MEDITATION; PRAYING WITH ART SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT: Matthew 3:13-17 (the baptism of Jesus) 	CORE SCRIPTURAL TEXT AND PRAYER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:1-4 (Weeks - Pentecost) Apostles and Nicene Creeds Mark 2:23-28 (Laws and Practices – Sabbath) APOSTLES' AND NICENE CREED; LECTIO DIVINA; SILENCE AND STILLNESS; PRAYING WITH ICON 	CORE SCRIPTURAL TEXT AND PRAYER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exodus 20:1-21 (Decalogue) REFLECTIVE JOURNALING-PRAYER FLAGS; THE EXAMEN SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 4:1-11 (Temptation of Jesus) Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 (Peter's denial of Jesus) Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes)
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL: “Out of the Box” – 31 st January (Week 2) College Opening Liturgy St. Valentine – 14 th February (Week 4) Shrove Tuesday – 21 st February (Week 5) Ash Wednesday-Lent begins-22 nd February (Week 5) St. Patrick – 17 th March (Week 8) St. Joseph's Day – 19 th March (Week 8) Harmony Day – 21 st March (Week 9) NAPLAN Testing window – 15 th – 27 th March (Weeks 8-9) Year 7 Camp – 29 th – 31 st March (Week 10) Palm/Passion Sunday – 2 nd April (vacation) Holy Thursday – 6 th April (vacation) Good Friday –7 th April (vacation) Holy Saturday – 8 th April (vacation) Easter Sunday – 9 th April (vacation)	SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL: ANZAC Day – 25 th April (Week 2) St. Catherine of Siena – 29 th April (Week 2) Mothers' Day – 7 th May (Week 3) Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia – Monday 24 th May (Week 6) Pentecost Sunday – 28 th May (Week 6). College Mass - 30 th May (Week 7) Rosies - 'Have A Heart Day' 2 nd June (Week 7) Trinity Sunday – 12 th June (Week 9) The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – 24 th June (Week 10)	SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL: NAIDOC Week – 3rd – 10th July 2023 (vacation week) St. John Vianney (patron of priests) – 4 th August (Week 4) St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop - 8 th August (Week 5) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15 th August (Week 6) Gold Coast Show Day – Friday 1 st September (Week 8) Father's Day – 3 rd September (Week 8) Nativity of Mary – 8 th September (Week 9)	SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL: Catholic Mission Month – Anti-Poverty Week 1 st November – All Saints Day (Week 5). 2 nd November – All Souls Day (Week 5). Advent Season – from Sunday 3 rd December Christmas Liturgy - St. Vincent de Paul Society - Families Back on Track – Christmas gift donations The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 th December	

