



Religious Education Curriculum Focus Areas Year 6

During the year the students will engage in the following units of work. Class teachers will advise which units are being covered in the Term Overview, distributed at the start of each term.

Year Level Description

In Year 6,

Students are introduced to the Christian understanding of faith and the term 'communion of saints'. They develop their understanding of the many ways in which faith is lived out and celebrated in the lives of believers past and present. They learn about the contexts and key messages of some [Old Testament prophets](#) and the contribution of some key people (laity, religious and clergy) to the shaping of the Church in Australia (c. 1900 CE to present). They understand the significance of Jesus' New Law for the way believers live their faith, including an exploration of the spiritual and [corporal works of mercy](#). They develop their understanding of the role of celebrations in the faith life of believers, including the commemoration of High Holy Days by Jewish believers and the Church's liturgical celebrations (including the [Eucharist](#)). They develop their understanding of prayer in the Christian tradition through an exploration of the Our Father, The Examen, and meditative prayer practices including prayer journaling.

They are introduced to the Church teaching that the Holy Spirit guided the formation of the New Testament. [Using](#) a range of [Biblical tools](#), they engage with a variety of Scriptural texts that describe Jesus' relationship with God the Father and with humanity and proclaim Jesus as fulfilling all of God's promises in the [Old Testament](#).

How can Believers Live their Faith?

Living our Faith through Jesus' New Law.

The students will explore the significance of Jesus' New Law for the way believers live their faith. Jesus' law is a law of grace, of love, and of freedom. The Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy are foundational to the Church's teaching about concern for the common good.

Lent and Easter

Students understand the significance of the story of Easter and the liturgical season of Lent.

The Old Testament Prophets.

Key messages and understanding of the social, cultural and historical contexts of the Old Testament prophets. Biblical tools, such as timelines, atlases, and commentaries help the reader understand Old Testament texts.

Praying with Jesus.

Students will participate and explain the importance of personal and communal prayer. They will study and understand the Our Father and The Examen and be able to see the importance of these prayers in their lives, the Church and community. They will learn to participate respectfully in a variety of prayer experiences.

The Holy Spirit in the land down under.

How does the Holy Spirit affect our lives as believers – Australian Catholic Christians? Students will learn ways in which faith was lived out in the past and how this is the same or different now in the present. They will investigate how Catholics have developed in Australia over the years.

Celebration and Faith throughout the year.

What is faith? Christians believe faith is a virtue freely gifted by God. The celebration of Eucharist and parts of the mass, including the Lord's Prayer support the faith life of Christians. The commemoration of the High Holy days in Judaism shares and strengthens the faith of believers. The liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Communion of Saints.

Jesus and his relationship with God.

Jesus' relationship with God the Father and with humanity is described in scripture using a variety of titles and images. Titles of Jesus can reflect Jesus as fulfilment of God's promises in the Old Testament, including Messiah, Son of Man, and Saviour.

Advent

Introduce the students to the Liturgical Season of Advent

Achievement Standard

By the end of Year 6,

Students analyse information from a variety of texts, including New Testament texts and the wisdom of Australian Catholic Christians, to explain the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. They select and use evidence from Scriptural texts to show how these texts describe Jesus' relationship with God the Father and with humanity, including the proclamation of Jesus as fulfilling God's promises in the Old Testament.

Students identify and describe many ways in which faith is lived out in the lives of believers past and present, including Catholics in a developing Australian nation (c. 1900 CE to present). They analyse the key messages and contexts of some Old Testament prophets. They explain the significance of Jesus' New Law for the way believers live their faith and examine the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They identify and describe many ways in which faith is celebrated in the lives of believers, past and present, including the commemoration of High Holy Days by Jewish believers; the Church's liturgical year and the celebration of Eucharist. They demonstrate an understanding of the term 'communion of saints'. They explain the significance of personal and communal prayer, including the Our Father and The Examen, and the use of spiritual exercises, including reflective prayer journaling

and praying with the icons of the saints, for the spiritual life of believers. They participate respectfully in a variety of these personal and communal prayer experience and spiritual exercises.