

St Teresa's Religious Education Program



Year 8 Religion

Focus Areas

Foundations

At ST Teresa's College Year 8 students explore the foundational story of the Church, the College and rituals; in particular initiation rituals. They learn of religious teachings and the history of the Church and the Church's presence in today's society through Biblical stories which set the context for their own story and the vision of St Marcellin Champagnat and St Teresa of Avila

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Year 8 Focus 1



FOCUS 1: Sharing our Faith

Fertile Question: How is St Teresa's a Spiritual Place? How could prayer change my life?

Sharing Our Faith, How do we do that? It's a big question.

What is Faith and why would we want to have it, let alone share it? This unit will look at some big concepts in Christianity like The Trinity and investigate the purpose of Baptism. Students will also develop an understanding about the purpose of prayer and have an opportunity to practice different types, with a particular focus on the Liturgy of the hours as a class. (10 Weeks)

Mandated Prayer The Liturgy of the Hours, Formal prayers, including Amen, Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary
Meditative prayer practices, including centred breathing and attending to posture

Mandated scripture: Baptism [Mark 1:9-11](#) (1, 4) [Galatians 3:27-29](#) and [Acts 2:38](#)

Sacred Texts: STCW9 **Christian Life:** CHLS13 CLPS20 CLPS21 **Church** CHPG9 **Beliefs:** BETR11

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL:

- Ash Wednesday, Lent, Stations of the Cross
- Mad Day, Raising Money for Caritas, Social Justice Activities
- Inaugural Mass
- St Thomas More Mass

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Year 8 Focus 2



FOCUS 2 : Discovering the Bible

Fertile Question: How can I grow to understand and interpret Scripture? How is Scripture/ Biblical truth relevant to me?

What is the Bible all about? Why is it relevant to my life? Who are the famous heroes and villains in the Bible? What can I learn from their stories?

This unit will explore the BIBLE and consider how reading it and understanding the message can impact on our lives (10 weeks)

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Meditative prayer practices, including centred breathing and attending to posture

Mandated scripture: Baptism [Mark 1:9-11](#) , [Galatians 3:27-29](#) and [Acts 2:38](#)

The Early Church: The birth of the Church at Pentecost
[Acts 2:1-13](#)

Sacred Texts: STOT13, **Beliefs:** BEHE8, BEWR9 **Church:** CHLS12

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL:

- Anzac Day Ceremony
- Champagnat Day, Year 8 reflection day, Year 9 reflection Day

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Year 8 Focus 3



FOCUS 3: Living a Good Life

Fertile Question: Why and How is the Catholic Story relevant to living a good life today?

**What is so important about making good choices and living a good life?
This unit will explore some ideas about living a good life and investigate how making good choices based on Biblical principles can impact you in a positive way. (10 Weeks)**

Mandated Prayer Meditative prayer practices, including centred breathing and attending to posture Meditative prayer, including Augustinian Prayer and Franciscan Contemplative Prayer

Mandated scripture

Living a virtuous life [Matthew Chapter 5](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

The Early Church: The birth of the Church at Pentecost [Acts 2:1-13](#)

Sacred Texts: STNT18 **Church:** CHCH7 **Beliefs:** BETR10 **Christian Life** CLMJ9, CLMF12

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL:

- Year 10 Reflection Day, Year 11 Leadership and formation retreat, Year 12 Retreat
- St Thomas Moore Liturgy, Assumption Day Mass

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Year 8 Focus 4



FOCUS 4 : Movers and Shakers

Fertile Question: What legacies have significant people from the past left behind which still influence the Church and my life today?

This unit is designed to develop understanding of how believers, past and present, are called through baptism to continue the mission of Jesus in the world. In particular, this unit will investigate the lives of Catholic Saints and other movers and shakers of the Christian Faith. Students will discover what it takes to make a difference in this world and find out about how to engage in an extraordinary life. This unit will allow students to develop their understanding of prayer, symbols and text in the Christian tradition through an experience of the baptismal ritual. (10 Weeks)

Mandated Prayer Meditative prayer practices, including centred breathing and attending to posture Meditative prayer, including Augustinian Prayer and Franciscan Contemplative Prayer

Mandated scripture : God's saving plan accomplished through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. [Romans 1:1-7](#) Covenant The Davidic covenant [2 Samuel 7:8-29](#) Post-exile covenant [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Sacred Text: STCW9 **Beliefs:** BEWR9, BEHE8 **Christian Life:** CLPS 21 **Church:** CHCH7

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL:

- Year 6 Orientation Day, St Teresa's Day, Christmas Liturgy, Graduation Mass