

# Adult Faith Education

## ...*what's on this week?*



### **Sunday 17 Aug. 11.30am**

*"Life in the Spirit"*

Young Australians present the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation. A 15 min DVD screened immediately after the 10.30am Mass. Meeting Room 1.

### **Monday 18 Aug. 7.30-8.30pm**

*"Knowing God's Help"*

David Payne (of Westminster Archdiocese, UK) speaks on the gift of the Eucharist. A warm, friendly and gently thought-provoking DVD presentation. Meeting Room 1.

### **Tuesday 19 Aug. 7.30pm**

*"Created & Redeemed"*

Why are people so interested in sex? Because it speaks to us of the very mystery of life and reaches to the very heart of God's plan... Explore more about John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' with Christopher West, a young married man and a highly engaging presenter. Meeting Room 1.

### **Wednesday 20 Aug. 7.30pm**

*Bible Study*

Like the mustard seed, exploring a little bit of scripture each week helps us to grow strong in faith. Join with parishioners each Wednesday night in this bible study group that is currently exploring the Gospel of John. Enquiries: Jenny & Ray Moran 9412 1701. Meeting Room 1.

### **Thursday 21 Aug. 7.30am**

*"Listening to God"*

How do Catholics approach the Bible? Is the Word of God really important to us? Bishop Mark Coleridge, a scholar and gifted communicator, presents this DVD series, commencing with Part 1 this Thursday 21 Aug, 7.30pm. Meeting Room 1.

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### **Good Reading**

See *LANDMARKS* brochure stand (recently replenished), and the *INFORM* brochure stand for articles on topics such as the Holy Spirit; Evangelisation; the Church; the Pope; the Mass; Mary: the first disciple; the Dignity of Women; a Pastoral Plan for this Millennium; and more...

....and drop into the parish library (the small room inside the church) for lots more reading matter on theology, church history, spirituality, prayer...

### **Word of Life**

Scriptural words of wisdom from the *Focolare* movement are offered each month and pondered by people all over the world. The August edition (in English and Italian) is available in the small brochure in the main foyer of our church (on table). Other leaflets - Marian reflections and ideas for reflecting on God's Word - are also available from this stand. Help yourself.

### **Understanding the Mass**

*"What are the words to that prayer...?"*

Sometimes non-Catholic visitors or 'new' Catholics seek a better grasp of the different steps of the Mass, so as to be able to follow and join in the prayers. If someone asks you, here are some tools to recommend:

\* In the sacraments brochure stand (near the Piety Store, main church foyer) there is a white leaflet called "Order of the Mass". This has a simple summary of the main parts of the Mass. Help yourself to this leaflet.

\* Two booklets which can be purchased for around \$5: "The Order of the Mass" (green booklet for adults). "Mass Book for Young People". Enquire at the Piety Store (main foyer, open after Sunday Masses) for these booklets. They can also be purchased from Pauline Book & Media (Castlereagh St, Sydney), Ph 9264 8630.

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A spectacular 160 page coffee table book explaining the mystery of the Mass is on sale (\$40) from The Catholic Weekly. See brochure on notice board. Or purchase online at [www.catholicgiftshop.com.au](http://www.catholicgiftshop.com.au)