

Year 8 Focus Areas

Focus 1: Unity and Diversity – Covenant and Community

Introduction to the theme of the covenant as unique relationship between God and God's people throughout an exploration of the actions and messages of some Old Testament prophets.

Explore God's saving plan through salvation for all creation.

The Church's active presence in this world today.

Explore moral questions and cardinal values of the Church.

Strands:

STOT13 Old testament calls to be faithful to the covenant

BEHE8 Scripture recounts God's saving plan for all of creation

CHLS12 baptism across the Christian traditions

BEWR9 birth and initiation rituals in Christianity, Judaism and Islam

CLPS20 Praying with the liturgy of the hours

CLMF Grace and virtue

Mandated texts:

(Old Testament)

2 Samuel 7:8-29

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(New Testament)

Romans 1:1-17

Supplementary texts:

Focus 2: Who Rocked The Church

Students are introduced to the significant challenges and changes in the Church from c650 CE – c1750 CE and the influence of significant peoples, groups and ideas of that time.

Strands:

CHCH7 The church in a time of challenge and change

STCW9 reformers

CLPS21 Contemplative prayer

CLPS20 Praying with the liturgy of the hours

Mandated texts:

(Old Testament)

(New Testament) Acts 2:1-13 - The birth of the Church at Pentacost

Supplementary texts:

Focus 3: Mission Possible

Students learn about the preaching and challenges of the earliest followers of Jesus as described in the Acts of the Apostles. They witness to the ecumenical spirit, through praying and working for Christian community.

Strands:

CLMJ9 Jesus teaching about moral judgement and Catholic Social Teaching including stewardship

BETR10 how the work of the church continues the mission of Jesus today

CHLS12 Through baptism believers are called to participate in Jesus' mission

CLPS21 Praying with Scripture

Mandated texts:

(Old Testament)

(New Testament)

Matthew Chapter 5,

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - Living a virtuous life

Supplementary texts:

Focus 4: Same Song, Different Words

Students re-engage with a variety of images and words that express the mystery of the Trinity, the fundamental Christian belief that God is relational in nature.

Strands:

CHPG9 All Christians are united by their baptism

CHLS12 baptism across the Christian traditions

STNT18 Discipleship in the Early Church

BEWR9 birth and initiation rituals in Christianity, Judaism and Islam

BETR11 Christian belief in the Trinity

CHLS13 Action of the Liturgy

Mandated texts:

(Old Testament)

Acts 2:38 – Baptism

(New Testament)

Mark 1:9-11

Galatians 3:27-29,

Supplementary texts: