



UNDERSTANDING FAITH: CURRICULUM MAPPING



Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

Kindergarten		
Parramatta	Understanding Faith (click each "Unit" to access)	
1. Who is my friend?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> In knowing Jesus, one can develop a friendship with him	2: Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary	1, 2
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Catholic understanding of relationships	2: Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary	3
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Jesus is a friend who treated all people with dignity and respect	2: Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary	All
2. Who is my neighbour?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Jesus, Mary and Joseph, through their example, teach people how to live and act in the world today	3: God's Great Family	4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We can develop authentic relationships, using Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model	3: God's Great Family	4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Each person is a unique gift from God and God's love has been revealed to the world over time	9: The World Around Us	2, 4
3. What is Church	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> When people gather in Jesus' name, they become Church	7: Part of God's Great Family	All

<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We belong to an intentional faith community	7: Part of God's Great Family	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We are all unique and belong to the family of God	7: Part of God's Great Family	All
4. How is God present in our world?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> God loves each person for who they are	9: The World Around Us	1, 2
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> A person's relationship with God is as a member of God's family	7: Part of God's Great Family 9: The World Around Us	1 1, 2
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Each person is known by God and is called to give thanks in prayer and action	4: Talking to God	1, 2

Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2		
Paramatta	Understanding Faith	
1. Who is Jesus?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Through Jesus, a person can build a relationship with God	11: Meeting Jesus 19: Following Jesus	All 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Jesus influenced others	11: Meeting Jesus 19: Following Jesus	3, 4, 5 3, 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?	19: Following Jesus	3, 4
2. What is prayer?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Prayer is intentional communication strengthening a personal relationship with God and or neighbour	13: Responding to God Through Prayer	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Prayer nurtures a loving relationship with God	13: Responding to God Through Prayer	2
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Prayer makes a difference in the life of the individual, enabling human flourishing	13: Responding to God Through Prayer	3, 4

3. What does it mean to belong?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Baptism is initiation into God's family	14: Sacrament of Baptism	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Baptism relates to each person's relationship with God	14: Sacrament of Baptism	1, 2
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Belonging and identity are significant in building an inclusive community	14: Sacrament of Baptism	3, 4
4. How can we be peacemakers?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> By living the <i>Beatitudes</i> , we strengthen our Catholic identity	33: Living God's Values	3
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> By following the example of Jesus' life, each person can become more like him	19: Following Jesus	3, 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> A person's choices impact them and the lives of others in positive and negative ways	22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	4
5. How can we care for creation?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The world is a gift from God, and people are responsible for it	17: Creator God	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> God is the Creator, and our role is to be caretakers of creation	17: Creator God	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Bible is a source of guidance for Catholics when making choices	17: Creator God	1
6. How can I love my neighbour?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> By following the example of Jesus, people are called to care for their neighbour in words and actions	19: Following Jesus	3, 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Jesus challenged everyone to love their neighbour and to treat all people with dignity and respect	11: Meeting Jesus 19: Following Jesus	3, 4, 5 3, 4

<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> There is a connection between our treatment of others and our potential role in building intentional faith communities	25: Building Relationships	All
7. What is a Sacrament?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Our relationship with God can be strengthened through the shared experiences of the Sacraments	14: Sacrament of Baptism 22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	All 1, 2, 3
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The relationship that exists between God and God's people who are called to be symbols of God's grace in our world, is expressed in the Sacraments.	14: Sacrament of Baptism 22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	3 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Holy Spirit is a source of inspiration and guidance.	14: Sacrament of Baptism	2, 3
8. What is the Bible?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Bible is 'a way of life' inspired by the Word of God	10: The Old Testament	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Through the Bible we can develop an understanding of what it means to build loving relationships as communicated by God	10: The Old Testament	1, 3, 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Bible can be interpreted	10: The Old Testament 18: Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament	5 All

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4		
Paramatta	Understanding Faith	
1. Why do we belong to communities?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Church aspires to be a diverse and inclusive faith community	33: Living God's Values	1, 4, 5, 6
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> What does it mean to belong to God's family and how does it enable individuals to flourish	33: Living God's Values	All

<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Bible describes Jesus as a source of guidance for student's words and actions as they grow in community with others	27: Jesus our Friend, Teacher and Saviour 33: Living God's Values 35: Jesus – Face of God	All 3 All
2. Is God present in life?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Holy Spirit inspires and guides all of God's people	30: Sacrament of the Eucharist	1
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We can use Scripture to develop an awareness of God's continued presence, as it inspires and guides God's people through the Holy Spirit	34: The New Testament	7
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Holy Spirit enables people to accept a life of holiness	30: Sacrament of the Eucharist 34: The New Testament	1 7
3. Is mercy important in life?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Forgiveness and mercy are signs of God's love	22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Forgiveness and justice are important for human flourishing	22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Forgiveness and justice are important for building and sustaining authentic relationships	22: Sacrament of Reconciliation	All
4. Who is a hero?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Every person can be a hero regardless of where they come from or how old they are, by caring for others	33: Living God's Values	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Jesus and the Sacraments are a source of inspiration for living a life of holiness	30: Sacrament of the Eucharist 33: Living God's Values 38: Sacrament of Confirmation	2, 3 All 6, 7
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Living out of virtues and the call to holiness include responses to the injustice of the world	33: Living God's Values	All

5. Why are people hungry?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> People gather for the Eucharist as community, in fellowship, to remember Jesus' sacrifice and to give thanks	37: Celebrating the Paschal Mystery Through Liturgy	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Being a disciple of Jesus means living out the meaning of the Eucharist in daily life, through words and actions	33: Living God's Values	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We should respond to the injustices of the world and care for our neighbour	41: God's Marvellous Creation	All
6. Why do people sometimes do the wrong thing?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> People are called to inform their conscience and to respond appropriately	33: Living God's Values	5, 6
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> An informed conscience is connected to the Catholic understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus	33: Living God's Values	1, 3
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Words and actions have consequence in our daily life and the belief that there are many ways to receive and respond to the gift of God's mercy	33: Living God's Values	All
7. How does prayer work?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> There are different ways to communicate with God	29: Prayer: The World's Greatest WiFi	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> All prayer opens us to a relationship with God and our neighbour	29: Prayer: The World's Greatest WiFi	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Prayer is a source of hope in life's journey through which people are invited into a relationship with God in everyday life	29: Prayer: The World's Greatest WiFi	All
8. How can Jesus be God and human?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The life and mission of Jesus is relevant in today's world	27: Jesus our Friend, Teacher and Saviour 35: Jesus – Face of God	All 1, 2, 3

<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Through helping others, people are responding to the belief in the hope-filled significance of Jesus Christ as both God and human, building the kingdom.	35: Jesus – Face of God	3, 4
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> There is suffering in our world and the Catholic understanding of a hope-filled response from the Bible	41: God’s Marvellous Creation	4, 5

Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6		
Paramatta	Understanding Faith	
1. Why do bad things happen?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> What is the Catholic understanding of suffering, hope and salvation	52: The Mystery of God	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> There is a Catholic belief in the hope-filled significance of Jesus Christ as both God and Man, incorporating scriptural responses to suffering and the stories of hope and love.	52: The Mystery of God	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Hope and love flourishes when we act towards others with mercy	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God’s Image	All 3-6
2. Why learn from history?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The early Church is significant for intentional faith communities	44: Beginnings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam 52: The Mystery of God	All 6, 7
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Catholic belonging is meaningful through the history of the Church	44: Beginnings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam 52: The Mystery of God	All 6, 7
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Tradition of the Church is important	44: Beginnings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam 52: The Mystery of God	All All

3. What does it mean to think about our thinking?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The idea that human freedom comes with responsibility for the needs of others come from the words and actions of Jesus	49: Called to Justice	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The way of Jesus guides our ability to make decisions, and develop awareness of our thinking, actions and consequences	43: Mission and Ministry of Jesus 51: Who Do You Say That I Am?	3-8 1-5
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Catholic discernment is important when exploring the challenges, joys and opportunities of living in a postmodern world	49: Called to Justice	All
4. How do I read the Bible?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The Bible is a library of inspired books that have a variety of genres' audiences and intended purposes	50: Christian Scriptures	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> What does it mean to build a loving relationship communicated by God?	42: Discovering God in the Old Testament 50: Christian Scriptures	4, 5, 6 7
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> How can I develop the knowledge and skills to develop reasonable interpretations of Bible passages and apply them to my life?	42: Discovering God in the Old Testament 50: Christian Scriptures	All 7
5. What is Human Dignity?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Each person is called to holiness	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God's Image	All 3-6
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> The characteristics of holiness are related to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ	43: Mission and Ministry of Jesus 51: Who Do You Say That I Am?	All 3-6
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Human flourishing is open to all people of good will and is achieved through reflection of the Bible and Sacraments	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God's Image	All All
6. What is My Purpose in Life?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> God made each person to be called by name to use their gifts and talents and to contribute to Jesus' mission	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God's Image	All All

<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Each person is a gift from God and can flourish when applying their gifts and talents to enhance the lives of others	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God's Image	All All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We can live lives of meaning, purpose and love	49: Called to Justice 57: Created in God's Image	All All
7. Is there a relationship between prayer and life?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We respond through prayer to the challenges of life	45: Encountering God Through Prayer	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We reflect on the purpose of prayer by making a connection between prayer, decision making and a flourishing life	45: Encountering God Through Prayer	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Prayer and discernment are part of daily life and influence people's actions	45: Encountering God Through Prayer	All
8. How do we find hope and joy?	Unit	Part
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Through the Gospel, Jesus calls people to respond to others in need	49: Called to Justice	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> Examples of human flourishing can be found in the Bible	49: Called to Justice	All
<i>Learning Cycle Content:</i> We can respond to Catholic Social Teaching by caring for those in need	49: Called to Justice	4-7