

## Year 4

### **Teaching Focus 1 - How does our Marian Charism support us in our school community?**

Students distinguish between right and wrong choices in a variety of morally challenging situations. Students explain how wrong choices harm oneself and one's loving relationships with God, with others and with all creation.

### **Teaching Focus 2 – I wonder what it was like living in a Jewish Community before Jesus was born?**

Students investigate where did the Jewish people get their rules from and what life would have been like for the Jewish People.

**Teaching Focus 3 - I wonder how we can use some stories from the Old Testament to better understand God's Word?** Students explore books of the Old Testament that contain a variety of text types including historical narratives and sacred myths. They develop an understanding of text types in order to better understand God's word.

**Teaching Focus 4 – Lent/Holy week mini unit:** How does our community remember the stories of Jesus during the season of Easter.

### **Teaching Focus 5 – I wonder what Jewish Community life was like while Jesus was alive?**

Students investigate parables using the framework of the three worlds of the text. Students apply their knowledge of first century Judaism, the world behind the text, to the parable of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate an understanding of scripture and life at the time of Jesus.

**Teaching Focus 6 - How did St Paul influence early Christians?** Students explore who St Paul was? Why he is so significant to the Christian community? How did he shape the Christian community?

### **Teaching Focus 7 - I wonder what it was like being a Catholic in Australia in the early days?**

Students explore the challenges of creating community and living in community through an investigation of the first Catholics who settled in Australia (c.1788 CE - c.1850 CE). (focus on Mary MacKillop)

### **Teaching Focus 8 - Church Communities today – How are they like Jesus' mission and ministry?**

Students examine how free choices result in actions that effect individuals and their community. Students identify how messages and actions of Jesus are lived in the church community today. Students broaden their understanding of Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Penance.

### **Teaching Focus 9 – How can the Trinity help us understand community?**

Students explore the idea of community and relationship through the Christian belief of the Trinity and investigate connections to the concept in the scriptures.

**Teaching Focus 10 - Why are some forms of prayer significant for Christian communities?**

Students examine prayers of blessings, petition and intercession and appreciate their significance for Christian communities.

**Teaching Focus 11 - Advent / Christmas**

How do the gospels tell the story of Jesus' birth?