

## EXPLORING THE FAITH 2024-2025 – COURSE OUTLINE

Have you ever thought: Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church?

Exploring the Faith is a 30 week course that explores these questions and more, starting Wednesday 7 Aug 2024 (7.15pm–9.00pm) through to 4th June 2025 at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood in St Peter's meeting room. There are no prerequisites or obligations to joining.

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	<b>Wk</b>	<b>Session Topic</b>	
<b>Getting started</b>	1	Our Own Faith Histories	7 August
	2	Drawing the Face of God	14 August
<b>Introduction to the Old Testament</b>	3	Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-14)	21 August
	4	Joseph & the Coat of Many Colours (Genesis 37:1-36)	28 August
	5	Moses I (Exodus 1:1 – 4:31).	4 September
	6	Moses II (Exodus 5:1 – 14:31).	11 September
	7	King Saul (First Book of Samuel).	18 September
	8	King David (Second Book of Samuel).	25 September
	9	God's Ways are not Man's Ways.	16 October
<b>The Jesus Story</b>	10	The Birth of Jesus	23 October
	11	Proclaiming the Good News	30 October
	12	His public ministry	6 November
	13	Crucifixion, Resurrection & Ascension	13 November
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>	14	The Role of the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascends into Heaven	20 November
	15	The Sacraments	27 November
	16	The Saints	5 February
<b>Growing in Holiness</b>	17	The Nature of Sin	12 February
	18	Christian Morality of Life	19 February
	19	Christian Morality of Sexuality	26 February
	20	Christian Morality of Community	12 March
<b>Teach us to Pray</b>	21	Introduction to Prayer Why Do We Need Prayer?	19 March
	22	Silent prayer and prayer groups	26 March
	23	Traditional Devotional Practices	2 April
	24	Prayer and Suffering	9 April
	25	Praying the Sacrament	30 April
<b>Living the Christian Life</b>	26	Overview of the Faith	7 May
	27	The Parish in the Universal Church	14 May
	28	Building the Kingdom of God in our Parish	21 May
	29	The Ministry of the Wider Church	28 May
	30	Retreats and Pilgrimages, and Final Party	4 June