In Year 4, students develop their understanding of God’s Word in Scripture as they use the Bible’s referencing system to locate books, people, places and things in the Bible and engage with a variety of books and text types in the Old Testament and New Testament. They listen to, read, view and interpret Scriptural passages that express God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to learn about the Christian belief that God, as Trinity, is relational in nature.

Students begin to appreciate the significance of community for Christians: of living in loving relationship with God, others and all of creation. They develop their understanding of community through an exploration of different texts, including the Decalogue and the writings of St Paul, and the experiences of different communities, including Jewish communities in first century Palestine, early Church communities in Australia (c.1788 CE - c.1850 CE) and contemporary parishes and dioceses. They examine how free choices result in actions that affect the individual and their community. They broaden their understanding of the significance of the Sacraments for Church communities through an exploration of the Sacraments of Healing, including Anointing of the Sick and Penance. They examine prayers of blessing, petition and intercession to facilitate an appreciation of the significance of these forms of prayer for Christian communities.

### TERM/UNIT 1

**TOPIC/FOCUS/INQUIRY**

Community Living

How can we live in a peaceful community? Lent/Easter

**CORE CONTENT**

The wisdom of St Paul helps people understand about living in community. STCW 5

The practices of each Church community (including the parish and diocese) are modelled on the mission and ministry of Jesus. A variety of characteristics mark local Church communities, including: prayer and worship (Acts 2:42); proclaiming the Good News (Romans 10:14); building peaceful relationships (Romans 14:19); caring for the marginalised (1 Corinthians 12:26a); rejoicing in the achievements of one another (1 Corinthians 12:26b); seeking and offering forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); supporting and encouraging one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and welcoming and creating a sense of belonging. CHPG5

Anointing of the Sick is one of the Sacraments of Healing. In this Sacrament, words, actions and symbols are used to communicate God’s healing of body and spirit. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus’ healing ministry in the life of the community. CHLS 5

Penance is one of the Sacraments of Healing which celebrates God’s love and mercy. It calls people to conversion and to forgiveness towards others. In the Sacrament of Penance, words, actions and symbols are used to communicate God’s love and forgiveness. Penance strengthens the spiritual life of believers and turns their hearts towards God. CHLS 6

### TERM/UNIT 2

**TOPIC/FOCUS/INQUIRY**

The Spirit of God

Where do we find God’s voice in the text? STCW 5

**CORE CONTENT**

The books of the Old Testament contain a variety of text types including historical narratives, sacred myths, poetry, legal codes and wise sayings. God’s Word is revealed through an understanding of the books and text types of the Old Testament. The human author’s choice of text type is important in determining the nature of the truth revealed in the text (e.g. historical truth, factual truth, religious truth). STOT 7

The Bible’s referencing system is structured according to book, chapter and verse. The contents and index of the Bible assist the reader to locate books, people, places and things. STOT 8

Understanding God’s Word is aided by an awareness of the books and text types of the New Testament. There are a variety of text types in the New Testament, each with particular textual features. STNT 9

The use of different language features (images, characters, setting, and vocabulary) in retelling key parables from the New Testament, including the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), can assist the reader to make meaning of Scriptural teachings. STNT 10

The Bible’s referencing system is structured according to book, chapter and verse. The contents and index of the Bible assist the reader to locate books, people, places and things. STNT 11

### TERM/UNIT 3

**TOPIC/FOCUS/INQUIRY**

Communicating and Practising Faith

How do religious communities respond to difficult times? STCW 5

**CORE CONTENT**

Judaism is a dynamic religion. Groups within first century Palestine reflected the dynamic nature of Judaism. BEWR5

The first Catholics in Australia preserved their faith in an environment of suspicion and conflict, mostly without the presence of priests. Official recognition and toleration ushered in a new era for Catholics in Australia. Catholic laity and clergy were among the first to recognise and respond to the impact of settlement and expansion on Aboriginal people CHCH3

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Christians are called to be responsible stewards, caring for all of God’s creation. Caring for the environment is a moral issue for Christians. CLMJ 15

In the Christian tradition, essential forms of prayer, including prayers of petition and intercession, nurture the spiritual life of believers. By prayers of petition, Christians seek forgiveness and turn back to God. Intercessions are prayers of petition in which Christians intercede for the needs of others (e.g. the community, the church, the world, leaders) as well as for themselves. Intercessions may take the form of a litany. A litany is a form of prayer in which a person makes fixed responses to a series of petitions. CLPS 10

Meditative prayer uses silence and stillness to assist believers to listen and talk to God. There is a range of practices (including praying with the help of colour and mandalas) that helps believers prepare the body and the mind for meditative prayer and engage in the ‘work of meditation’. CLPS 12
Christians believe that as God is relational in nature, so too people become fully human through the experience of community. BEHE 4

Morality is about choosing between right and wrong. Conscience is the human capacity to identify and make judgements about what is right and wrong. Sin is the human choice to live without the help of God. Sin is made evident in the free choices which result in actions that harm oneself and one’s loving relationships with God, with others and with all creation. CLMF 7

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Scripture speaks of God in many ways but most significantly for Christians as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians name this understanding of God as Trinity. BETR 6

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