Verbum Domini Biblical and Catechetical Institute

Named after the most recent Church document on Scripture, the Verbum Domini Biblical and Catechetical Institute of the Archdiocese of Hobart aims at forming missionary disciples to contribute to the life of the Church within society. Under the Patronage of St Ambrose of Milan, the Institute offers Scripture Courses to enable the Catholic faithful to become more biblically literate. The Institute also offers a series of Faith and Ministry of the Word Certificates aimed at taking participants deeper into their life with Christ and understanding of their Christian faith. These Journey Through Scripture Studies help participants become more biblically literate, aware of the biblical roots of their Catholic faith, and confident in sharing their faith with others. Everyone is invited to register: catechists, religious educators, and those simply desiring ongoing faith formation.

Register NOW!

“The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith. Evangelisation demands familiarity with God’s word…. We do not blindly seek God, or wait for him to speak to us first, for ‘God has already spoken, and there is nothing further that we need to know, which has not been revealed to us.’ Let us receive the sublime treasure of the revealed word.”

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 175
Journey Through Scripture Studies 2019

The Verbum Domini Biblical and Catechetical Institute of the Archdiocese of Hobart is offering this series of bible studies to enable you to discover the link between our Catholic lives today and Scripture! These studies will help you learn what God has revealed to us, his people, in Scripture.

The Gospel of St Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New
Have you ever read the Gospel and wondered about the meaning of all those Old Testament references? This bible study will help you discover the riches of the Gospel of St. Matthew by plumbing the depths of its Old Testament background. Discover what Jesus meant when he called his disciples “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth,” why he referred to John the Baptist as “Elijah,” and the significance of the crowd asking whether Jesus could be the “son of David” after he healed the deaf and the blind. This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus and his mission to “fulfil the Law and the prophets.”

When: Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm, 11th & 25th July, 8th & 22nd Aug.

He Must Reign: The Kingdom of God in Scripture
In this study you will discover the significance of God’s kingdom, particularly in Jesus’ ministry and how he came to restore the Davidic kingdom, as well as bring God’s full reign into the lives of his people. We will probe the meaning of God’s covenant with King David, and the Prophets’ words about the future Davidic Messianic King.


Genesis to Jesus: An Overview of the Bible
Come and enjoy a survey of the bible from the Catholic perspective. Starting with the narratives of creation and Noah’s ark, this bible study will trace the history of salvation as it unfolds in a series of covenants that God makes with his chosen people. The course covers the pivotal events and characters of the Old Testament leading up to their fulfilment in Jesus and his Church.

When: Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm, 15th & 29th May, 12th & 26th June.

Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets
In this course, students will be exposed to the key literary and historical issues involved in the study of the prophetic literature of the Old Testament. The historical situations facing the kingdoms of Judah and Israel in the 8th—6th centuries B.C. shaped the message of the prophets. This course will also explore the key tenants of Old Testament eschatological hopes – hopes for a Messiah, a new Creation, Exodus, Kingdom and Temple.


Holy Queen, the Mother of God in the Word of God
This exciting bible study on the role of Mary in salvation history introduces you to the Old Testament background of Mary’s role in Jesus’ work of salvation. The study looks at how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed.

When: Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm, 31st Oct., 14th & 28th Nov.

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