

YOUTH (YCS & YCW)

WHAT IS THE YCS-The Young Christian Students Movement (YCS)

The groups which make up the YCS are so many little cells of the Church in the very heart of the student body"

Pope Paul VI

Youth Meetings

Youth aged year 7 and up are invited to our fortnightly meetings on Sunday mornings. Our meetings primarily use the See-Judge-Act model established by Joseph Cardijn, and the group is part of the international movement - **□ □ The Young Christian Students □ □ (YCS)**. We review issues relating to social justice, our faith, or challenges which arise in our personal lives or the many communities which we are involved with, before taking personal and collective actions to combat these issues. Recent review topics have included homelessness/public housing, mental health, faith empowerment (Pentecost) and refugees/asylum seekers.

Details: Sunday morning 11am-12:30pm, room underneath St Martin's Church.

For more information on the Australian Young Christian Students Movement, please follow the link <https://www.aycs.org.au/>

Youth Masses

Youth masses are an integral way of allowing youth (approximately year 7 and upwards) to remain involved in the mass and parish life. During these masses youth are involved in the readings, offertory, prayers of the faithful and many other aspects including some of the music. Each year, St Martin of Tours has approximately 4-5 youth masses. Following each youth mass, we celebrate the group with lunch and activities.

The final youth mass for 2018 is Sunday December 9th, 10am.

2019 youth mass dates will be updated soon.

Other Activities

We coordinate a number of other events throughout the year which includes:

- **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**
- **Taize Prayer**
- **Social nights**
- **Archdiocesan Office for Youth events**
- **Assistance for major parish events and masses**

Stay tuned for an updated 2019 youth calendar!

For social media updates, please join our Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmartinsycs/>

For more details on youth ministry, please contact Jessica Russell (Youth Coordinator) at jessica.russell017@gmail.com or contact the parish office 9457 4275.

PURPOSE & VISION

The Young Christian Students Movement (YCS) is an international movement that is run for secondary school students, by the students themselves. The Movement aims to empower students to take action in their own lives, in order to change the world around them in the light of their faith and beliefs.

THE YCS CREED

The YCS Creed outlines the core values of the movement, and what we as students believe in as our mission. It articulates our faith in a way that can be as the basis of a prayer at the beginning or the end of meetings.

As Young Christian Students we believe in God. We believe that God created the universe and that we, as part of God's creation, are invited to help complete God's plan.

We believe that the earth has been entrusted to us, to care for, to nurture and to respect. People, as God's creation, have a dignity and worth beyond measure, and deserve to be treated with respect and understanding.

We believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to live active lives following the example of Jesus Christ. We do this through communicating our thoughts, opinions and emotions and accepting and loving each other unconditionally.

We believe that our schools should promote these values through encouraging students to form and question their own opinions and beliefs, and treating each student as a worthwhile individual who has unique needs and talents. Our schools should educate for life.

And we believe that Jesus calls us to live through actions, not just words. Amen.

THE REVIEW OF LIFE

As mentioned, the Review of Life is in three parts. The following questions help the group reviewing to make sure that they are covering all aspects of the topic in line with each part. These questions are not restrictive however, and elaborations of these, as well as other questions within the group are definitely encouraged.

SEE

The SEE Section is about finding out exactly what is happening in a situation that the students want to talk about.

1. What exactly happened? What was your action in response? (the facts)-Â
2. What caused this to happen and why? (the causes)
3. How were people affected? (the consequences)

JUDGE

The JUDGE Section is about applying our faith and beliefs to the situation and developing an idea about what we are called to do

4. What does your faith say about this situation? What would Jesus do here?
5. What do you think about this? How were people affected? (the consequences)

6. What should be happening? (the ideal situation)

ACT

The ACT Section is about deciding what we can do to change the situation in the way that our faith and beliefs are calling us to. Remember, it is not a true Review of Life unless the actions are carried out!

7. What exactly do you want to change? (Long term aim) What should be happening? (the ideal situation)

8. What action could you take this week that would be a worthwhile step towards achieving this change? (Short term action)

9. Who else could you involve in you action?