



Maryvale Institute

Further Education Programme

Programme Details

Maryvale offers a comprehensive range of Certificate courses in Scripture, Catechesis, the Catholic Catechism, and formation for Ministry. These courses begin each autumn at Maryvale but are also offered at different venues around the world at the invitation of parishes or dioceses. The MCC and CPMM courses are supported by two study days per year, held on Saturdays. The CCRS course has study days on weekdays to suit the teachers who take part; CCHC has three study days, and the CSC, CNTS, and CTPF courses, which are offered for Independent Study, have webinars instead of study days.

These FE courses are all level three, part-time, distance-learning courses, specifically designed to enable adults with busy family, work and parish responsibilities to undertake study. Course participants study at home in their own time following specially written course books, which act as core reading, lectures, and tutorials combined, leading students to wider reading if they have the time and interest.

For each module, the student presents a piece of written work, which is assessed and returned with tutorial feedback and encouragement.

The courses can also be chosen for Independent Study where students, who cannot attend study days because of distance or other commitments, can undertake study at their own pace, without any time constraints.

How do I apply?

Applications are welcome at any time of year.

What are the entry requirements?

Open access, unless a particular course states otherwise.

Accessibility support

The Accessibility Coordinator at Maryvale will offer the best possible support to any student with a disability, or any long-term condition to ensure support is available throughout the course of study. Disclosing a disability will not be a factor in Institute's decision as to whether or not to offer students a place on the course. However, it is important that the Institute knows if anyone has any specialist needs in order to provide them with appropriate support and facilities. This information will remain strictly confidential.

Maryvale's Further Education programme comprises seven courses:

1. Certificate in Catechesis (MCC)
2. Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)
3. Certificate in Parish Mission & Ministry (CPMM)
4. Certificate in Catholic Healthcare Chaplaincy (CCHC)
5. Certificate in the Teaching of Pope Francis (CTPF)
6. Certificate in Studies in the Catechism (CSC)
7. Certificate in New Testament Studies (CNTS)

1. Certificate in Catechesis (MCC)

Who is the programme aimed at?

The MCC course is for anyone interested in developing their own faith for the sake of explaining it to others. The course includes practical aspects of catechesis, as well as a solid foundation in key areas of theology and spirituality, so theory is reflected in practice throughout the course.

How long is the programme?

This is a two-year, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

The course starts at Maryvale each autumn and at other centres at different times of the year.

Programme information (content & structure)

This course draws from the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the General Directory for Catechesis, and relevant documents of the Second Vatican Council as key reference texts, offering a balance of theology, spirituality, and catechetical teaching skills. There are two study days each year introducing the subjects and providing support and encouragement. Eight modules are studied either over two years or as two discrete stages - Part I and Part II - which can take longer than two years:

- **Year 1: Part I**
- Formation in faith
- Jesus the Christ
- Introduction to Church History
- The Church

- **Year 2: Part II**
- Sacred Scripture
- Liturgy & Sacraments
- Life in Christ
- Ways of Praying

Assessment

A written assignment is submitted for each module, comprising of an essay of 1500-2000 words and an outline plan for a catechesis session.

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to the Documents of Vatican II

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- Knowledge of scripture, doctrine, liturgy, prayer and catechesis
- Personal growth in faith and spirituality
- Understanding of methods for communicating and sharing the faith effectively
- Appreciation of the skills needed to deliver inspiring catechesis

2. Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Who is the programme aimed at?

This is a two-year course for trainee and qualified teachers aiming to provide a basic qualification in Catholic Religious Education. It is in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Board of Studies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Certificate is awarded with the authority of the Archbishop of Birmingham.

What are the entry requirements?

You must be a trainee or qualified teacher in Birmingham Archdiocese.

How long is the programme?

This is a two-year, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

The course recommences each autumn.

Programme information (content & structure)

The course consists of eight modules, four per year, and assessment is by a written assignment. Each module requires ten hours of contact time so there are a series of compulsory study days and tutorials to attend.

Year 1:

- The Old Testament
- The New Testament
- Jesus the Christ
- Introduction to Church History

Year 2:

- The Church
- The Sacraments
- Liturgy and Prayer
- Christian Morality

Assessment

A written assignment of 1500-2000 words is submitted for each module plus a reflection on teaching praxis.

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to the Documents of Vatican II

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of the central truths of Christian faith and Church teaching
- Deeper knowledge and understanding of the sources and doctrines which are the subject of Catholic RE
- An appreciation of the principles of Catholic education
- An understanding of the role and function of RE within the whole school curriculum.

3. Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry (CPMM)

Who is the programme aimed at?

This course provides essential formation for all those interested in formation for collaborative ministry in parishes, both those already involved in parish ministries as well as parishioners who hesitate to volunteer their services without formation.

How long is the programme?

This is a four module, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

The course begins each autumn at Maryvale and at other centres at different times of the year.

Programme information (content & structure)

The Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry (CPMM) course consists of four modules, with specially prepared course books to study at home. There are also two study days, which provide interesting seminars, interactive discussions, and opportunities to meet like-minded people from different parishes, as well as the staff who will facilitate and support students.

The course provides the rationale in scripture and Church teaching for all the baptised to share in the mission and ministry of Christ by fully engaging with their parishes and local communities in outreach and service.

- The Mission of the People of God
- The Parish: Church without walls
- The Ministry of Compassion
- Ministering to young people & families

Assessment

A written assignment of 1500-2000 words is submitted for each module plus a pastoral reflection.

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to the Documents of Vatican II and other magisterial texts

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of Church teaching on the mission of the whole People of God
- An understanding of the nature and significance of ministry in the Church, together with the range of skills needed for pastoral service in a variety of settings
- An understanding and appreciation of the Church's spiritual resources, and the significance of prayer for personal development and for all in the parish
- The knowledge, understanding, qualities and skills needed to be able to collaborate successfully with clergy in building and developing parishes.

4. Certificate in Catholic Healthcare Chaplaincy (CCHC)

Who is the programme aimed at?

The course provides formation for both clergy and laity for chaplaincy roles in hospitals and other healthcare settings, as well as ministry to the sick in residential care and in their own homes.

How long is the programme?

This is a one year, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

The course begins each autumn.

Programme information (content & structure)

Three modules are studied over one year, with three Saturday study days providing practical workshops and training from experts in the field.

- **Module 1, Faith Foundations:** will provide a comprehensive overview of Catholic doctrine. Students who have completed Catholic theological or catechetical studies may be given exemption from this module.
- **Module 2, Principles of Ministering to the Sick:** explains the Christian understanding of suffering; spiritual and religious care; the patient's experience of physical and spiritual pain; the complex moral issues in contemporary healthcare situations; and the purpose of sacramental ministry to the sick.
- **Module 3, Practicalities of Ministering to the sick:** explores praxis: visiting the sick, listening and communicating with them, praying with them and their families. The practicalities of working with other Christians, those of other faiths, and people without faith adherence are examined.

Assessment

A written assignment of 1500-2000 words is submitted for each module plus a pastoral reflection. In addition, students will be asked to keep reflective journals recording their healthcare placement experiences, and will submit a final report from their placement supervisor.

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to the Documents of Vatican II

How do I apply?

Candidates need to be approved by their parish and all applicants will be required to have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, (PVG in Scotland), and to have undertaken Safeguarding training in preparation for their placements.

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- A deeper understanding of the fundamental truths of faith
- Personal growth in spiritual life and awareness of sacramental ministry
- Development of skills for the ministry of presence with anyone who suffers

5. Certificate in the Teaching of Pope Francis (CTPF)

Who is the programme aimed at?

This course is suitable for anyone interested in exploring the teaching documents of Pope Francis.

How long is the programme?

This is a five module, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

As an Independent Study course, students can enrol at any time.

Programme information (content & structure)

This course explores the breadth of insights in Pope Francis' teaching, where in accessible language and vivid imagery, the truths of faith are presented as tools to authentic Christian living. Additional material from the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and selected magisterial documents are used to illustrate the consistency of the writing of Pope Francis with the teaching of Christ and the Church.

Five modules are studied over the year, introduced by 5 webinars:

1. *Evangelii Gaudium* Study Guide
2. *Laudato Si'* Study Guide
3. *Amoris Laetitia* Study Guide
4. *Gaudete et Exsultate* Study Guide
5. *Christus Vivit* Study Guide

Assessment

A written assignment is submitted for each module, comprising of an essay of 1500-2000 words

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Study Guide
- The document

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- Deeper understanding of the contemporary teaching of the Church
- Knowledge of the breadth and continuity of Church teaching
- Personal growth in spiritual life and awareness of the vocation of all the baptised
- Development of understanding of the mission and ministry of the Church

6. Certificate in Studies in the Catholic Catechism (CSC)

Who is the programme aimed at?

The Catechism is offered to all who wish to understand better the inexhaustible riches of salvation. It is a treasury of wisdom and spirituality, as well as providing the reliable reference point for understanding and appreciating the faith of the Church.

How long is the programme?

This is a six module, part-time, distance-learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

As an Independent Study course, students can enrol at any time

Programme information (content & structure)

This course gives a thorough introduction to the teaching of the Catechism. The course can be studied at home on one's own, or as part of a parish group. Six modules are studied, presenting a complete commentary on the teaching contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1. Faith and Revelation; the Creed: God the Father.
2. The Creed: God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
3. Liturgy and Sacraments.
4. Introduction to Morality.
5. The Ten Commandments.
6. Prayer.

Assessment

A written assignment of 1500-2000 words is presented at the end of each module.

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Access to the Documents of Vatican II

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- Comprehension of sections of the Catechism, clearly showing that the content is thoroughly known and understood and its teaching made accessible
- A deeper understanding of the fundamental truths of faith
- Personal growth in faith and spiritual life

7. Certificate in New Testament Studies (CNTS)

Who is the programme aimed at?

The CNTS course is for anyone interested in developing their insights into the New Testament.

How long is the programme?

This is a six module, part-time, distance learning course.

When is the next enrolment?

As an Independent Study course, students can enrol at any time.

Programme information (content & structure)

The course studies the scriptures in the light of the Church's teaching expressed in *Dei Verbum* and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. As well as introducing the usual scholarly approaches to the New Testament texts, the course locates texts within the unity of the whole of scripture and examines the place of the New Testament texts within the Tradition of the Church. The course consists of six modules, focusing upon the Gospels and the development of the early Church through Acts and the early letters of St Paul:

1. The Gospel of St Mark
2. The Gospel of St Matthew
3. The Gospel of St Luke
4. Acts of the Apostles
5. Galatians & Romans
6. The Gospel of St John

Assessment

A written assignment of 1500-2000 words is presented at the end of each module

Resources needed

- A Bible
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Copy of the New Collegeville Bible New Testament commentary

Learning outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate:

- An appreciation of how the Scriptures underpin the liturgy, the Church's Tradition and contemporary teaching.
- An understanding of the unity of Scripture, both OT and NT.
- An awareness of the historical obstacles that the infant Church had to overcome to spread the Good News.

Independent Study

Maryvale provides a series of stand-alone modules for students who want to continue learning at their own pace. These can simply be audited, or a Maryvale Certificate award can be gained by completing a single written assignment of 1500-2000 words for each module studied. Modules available currently are:

1. **Introduction to Philosophy**

This module introduces philosophical issues of importance to Christian faith, and fundamental concepts in epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. The key encyclical on this issue, *Fides et Ratio* by John Paul II is examined and there is a brief overview of the history of philosophy in order to introduce you to key thinkers and ideas. The vital role philosophy has to play in catechesis, evangelization and dialogue with contemporary culture is examined.

2. **Introduction to Canon Law**

This module aims both to equip students with the necessary intellectual and practical tools to use ecclesiastical law as one expression of the mystery of the Church and to enable students to deepen their understanding of the various obligations and rights of the laity, especially in the particular Church to which they belong. The module investigates how the *Codex Iuris Canonici* (Code of Canon Law) of 1983 is faithful to the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council and its intention to renew Christian living.

3. **Introduction to Church History**

This module offers an overview of key events and personalities in the history of the Catholic Church, from the first Christians to the contemporary community of faith. Councils, Synods, the Christological controversies, the influence of monasticism, the Middle Ages, the Great Schism, the Reformation all evidence the presence of persecution, revolution and reform through the centuries in the Church as in the secular world.

4. **Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching**

This module aims to widen understanding of what Catholic social teaching is and to encourage reflection on where it fits into the wider mission of the Church. It provides information on the historical background from which the formal body of Catholic social teaching emerged; the first document and reasons for its development; key themes in social teaching as they have emerged over the past century; case studies reflecting on these themes in contemporary daily life, reflection questions, and ideas for further reading

5. **Introduction to Collaborative Ministry**

This module draws on the theory and practice relating to the effective use of people in organisations. It progresses from a consideration of underlying concepts of leadership and management styles, using a variety of examples from secular practice, and relates the ideas and skills to the parish. It develops the parish context from an organisational point of view and so provides a key foundation for the effective working of laity and clergy in parish ministry

6. **The Catholics of Scotland**

This introduction to the history of the Catholic Church in Scotland covers the period from the Celtic Church to the restoration of episcopal hierarchy and Catholic emancipation. That is, from the year 563 when St Columba and twelve companions founded a monastery of scattered huts on the island of Iona, to 1878 when the peace-making role of Charles Eyre made it possible for an episcopal hierarchy to be proclaimed for Scotland with little fuss.

7. **RCIA Catechesis**

This module is intended for catechists involved or intending to be involved, in RCIA in their parishes. Prior catechetical formation is necessary. The module provides a solid foundation for understanding the different catechetical, pastoral, and liturgical dimensions of the RCIA

process based on the Rites. Methods for communicating and planning effectively and for using the key sources for developing RCIA catechesis are given, as well as an explanation of the different responsibilities of those involved in RCIA and of how to equip oneself to meet these responsibilities.

Study Guides to Papal Teaching Documents

- *Redemptor Hominis* (Christ, the Redeemer of Man, 1979)
- *Dives in Misericordia* (God the Father, Rich in Mercy, 1980)
- *Familiaris Consortio* (The Family in the Modern World, 1985)
- *Dominum et Vivificantem* (The Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, 1986)
- *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendour of Truth, 1993)
- *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life, 1995)
- *Fides et Ratio* (*Faith and Reason*, 1998)
- *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church of the Eucharist, 2003)
- *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love, 2005)
- *Evangelii Gaudium* (The joy of the gospel, 2013)
- *Laudato Si'* (On care for our common home, 2015)
- *Amoris Laetitia* (The joy of love, 2016)
- *Gaudete et Exsultate* (The call to holiness, 2018)
- *Christus Vivit* (Christ lives, 2019)

Study Guides to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- Faith & Revelation; the Creed: God the Father
- The Creed: God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
- Liturgy & Sacraments
- Introduction to Morality
- The Ten Commandments
- Prayer

Study Guides to the New Testament

- 1 and 2 Thessalonians
- 1 and 2 Corinthians
- The Gospel of St Matthew
- The Gospel of St Mark
- Galatians and Romans
- The Gospel of St Luke
- The Acts of the Apostles
- The Prison Letters of St Paul: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon
- The Gospel of St John
- 1 and 2 Peter, James, Jude