

Contact:

If you are interested in having a conversation about RCIA or returning home to your Church, please contact:

Fr Richard Thompson - our Parish Priest in person or through the parish office on 6286 1908 or wodensouth@cg.org.au

You can also speak with any regular parishioner for further direction, or complete and return the following slip to the Parish Office.

By completing this slip, you are not under any contract or obligation. Your details remain confidential in our Office and you will not be contacted unless requested.

Name: _____

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MILESTONES ON THE JOURNEY

1. Enquirers make initial enquiries about the Catholic faith.
2. A period of learning the teachings of the Catholic Church and how Catholics live their everyday life.
3. A time to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation and reflect on the Easter message.
4. Having received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, the new candidates reflect on the direction of their lives.

You are invited to...

A time of enquiry

A time of questioning

A time of listening by the Church

A time of listening to the Church



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Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



We have
something worth
passing on . . .

. . . come and see!

What is the RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for preparing and welcoming new and returning members into the Catholic Church.

A Community Journey - that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit through sharing prayer and worship with the Church community.

A Personal Journey - which allows enquirers to examine their own relationship with God in an environment of Catholics sharing their own living faith and guided by the Gospel values.

How does it work?

The process of becoming a Catholic Christian is a journey in faith made in the company of other enquirers, catechists (like teachers), sponsors and clergy.

In the formal process, the enquirer journeys through up to four periods of formation involving discussions and sharing of the Gospel stories of Jesus Christ and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Enquirers are welcomed and are free to journey for as long as they wish. Some enquirers prefer a less formal, more private approach, and we can cater for that too.

How do I start?

Make contact with your local parish priest - Fr Richard Thompson is our parish priest.

How long will it take?

It will depend on where you are starting from. In most parish groups people will begin mid-year and journey through to the following Easter and conclude at the time of Pentecost. We normally meet fortnightly.

Your RCIA team will respect the uniqueness of each person and you will only take each step as you are personally ready to do so.

What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

These are the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion received by unbaptised people as they become members of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church recognises the Baptism received by Christians from a number of other Christian Churches. In these cases the people entering the Catholic church are welcomed into full Communion with the Catholic Church and would only receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. We do not “re-baptise”.

Who are Catechists?

They are practicing Catholics who share their experience of Church life and practice. They are not academics, just committed people who are willing to engage with your questions and some of the Church’s teachings.

Who are Sponsors?

They are practicing Catholics who offer special support and encouragement by walking the journey with the enquirer and providing a personal link between the enquirer and the Church community. The enquirer becomes a candidate for reception into the Church with the support of a sponsor.

Helpers on the Way

Sponsors, Catechists and other team members work to establish a friendly and sincere atmosphere to help enquirers overcome early and any uncertainties.

The parish clergy are available for personal spiritual or pastoral advice if requested.

The whole parish community is encouraged to offer support through prayer and friendly interest in your journey.

Been away from the Church for a while?

This might be the perfect way of rebooting your personal faith and your relationship with the local Church. As an already baptised Catholic you will be welcomed and gently encouraged to reconnect with your Church but you would not need to follow the whole RCIA programme. We offer individual support as each unique enquirer determines. There is no “one size fits all”.

Our Parish Mission: “All the Church, All the Gospel, All the People, All the Time