

LEFEVRE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

2022-2023

Belonging and Fulfilment

What is the R.C.I.A? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for preparing, welcoming, forming and supporting enquirers who wish to 'Come and See' what the Catholic community is all about. The process of the R.C.I.A may lead enquirers to faith within the Catholic Church

- Enquirers are those who come along to find out about the Catholic Church. They are not baptised and may express a desire to seek Baptism.
- Enquirers may also be people who are baptised in another Christian denomination but wish to become Catholic.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENQUIRE?

Stage 1: Period of Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate - This is a gradual process that engages individuals with the story of Jesus and the community that follows Jesus. This process, over time, may lead the enquirer to seek membership in the Catholic Church through initial conversion in faith, reflection on the story of Jesus and the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We also want to listen to the enquirer and your story, and your hopes for our programme. Future dates and content will be set after we can consult with you.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Tuesday 20 September 2022	Enquiry 1	Introducing Jesus
Tuesday 27 September 2022	Enquiry 2	Introducing the Community of Jesus
Tuesday 18 October 2022	Enquiry 3	Church Tour
Tuesday 25 October 2022	Enquiry 4	Your Questions

ENTERING INTO PRAYER WITH THE PRAYER COMPANIONS

Sunday 13 November 2022	Entering into Prayer 1	2:00pm to 3:30pm
Sunday 20 November 2022	Entering into Prayer 2	2:00pm to 3:30pm
Sunday 27 November 2022	Entering into Prayer 3	2:00pm to 3:30pm

First Ritual Step: Acceptance into the Order of Catechumenate - This first ritual step marks the beginning of the catechumenate proper, as the candidates express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God’s call to follow the way of Christ. These candidates are then known as catechumens.

Sunday XX November 2022		Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
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Stage 2: Period of the Catechumenate - This is a longer time of preparation with a focus on formation or catechesis, in duration corresponding to the progress of the individual, for the nurturing and growth of the catechumens’ faith and conversion to God; celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word and gradual involvement in the life of the community are important expressions of participating in the life of the believing community.

		Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer
		Presentation of the Creed

Second Ritual Step: The Rite of Election or Enrolment of Names - This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally acknowledges the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive these sacraments.

First Sunday of Lent 26 February 2023		Rite of Election
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3: Period of Purification and Enlightenment - This is the time immediately preceding the elect's initiation, which takes place during the season of Lent; it is a time of reflection, intensely centred on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations, and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

Third Ritual Step: Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation - This is the most important liturgical rite, celebrated at the Easter Vigil, when the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

First Sunday of Lent 26 February 2023		Rite of Election
Second Sunday of Lent 05 March 2023		
Third Sunday of Lent 12 March 2023		First Scrutiny
Fourth Sunday of Lent 19 March 2023		Second Scrutiny
Fifth Sunday of Lent 26 March 2023		Third Scrutiny
Passion (Palm) Sunday 02 April 2023		
Holy Thursday 06 April 2023		
Good Friday 07 April 2023		
Holy Week Saturday 08 April 2023	Retreat Hour for Catechumens	
Easter Vigil 08 April 2023		Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Communion)
Easter Sunday 09 April 2023		

Stage 4: Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy - This is the time, during the Easter season, following the celebration of initiation, when the newly initiated experience being fully a part of the Christian community by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. It is also a time of renewal for the whole community.

To be fixed	Mass at Cathedral for newly baptised	

SUPPORT DURING THE RCIA

- The process of Becoming Catholic through the R.C.I.A takes place over time within the context of a Catholic parish community.
- During the process, particularly in the initial stages, enquirers will be introduced to the story of Jesus and his mission to the world.
- The Catholic community plays a role in welcoming, supporting and praying for enquirers who come along. Lefevre Catholic Community has a parish team including Fr Roderick O’Brien (Parish Priest) and the coordinator (Mr Rick Favilla) whose purpose is to support enquirers, educate them and provide formation in the faith of the Church.
- Sponsors are people who take on a specific role in supporting an enquirer; they act as mentors to the enquirer.
- A prayer team will support the enquirers through regular prayer.

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