



Reflection

As we begin this new year of journeying with those who are seeking to become part of our Catholic faith community, it is a timely reminder to all of us that the RCIA process is a wonderful way of renewing the life and faith of the whole community. The journey in search of God is a journey of faith, a journey that has begun with the prompting of a God who desires to come close and be with the individual inquirers who come seeking something beyond themselves, in the context of the Catholic community. How fitting it is that we are invited into the space of synodality to explore our faith alongside those who come seeking God, faith, community, the person of Jesus and engagement in his on-going mission of the church to the world. Underlying the whole concept of synod and synodality is the theme of journeying together on the way. This calls us to active engagement in the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the whole of creation. Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Peace in 2021, invited the whole Church to develop a culture of care which calls us to:

- A common, supportive and inclusive commitment to affirming the dignity and well-being of all creation;
- A willingness to learn the ways of tenderness and compassion;
- An ability to work together for reconciliation and healing, in all dimensions of life, and
- A commitment to mutual respect and acceptance.

In these challenging and rousing times we are experiencing, our inquirers, soon to become catechumens, are signs of hope, both now and into the future. Their journeying in faith leads them more deeply into the life of the community, and encourages us towards deeper conversion and turning towards the God of life as together, on the way, we respond to the gospel message.

Kathy Horan
RCIA Coordinator

Time line

1st Sunday of Lent
Rite of Election

2nd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of Lent
1st Scrutiny: Explanation of the scrutinies

3rd WEEK of Lent
Presentation of the Creed

This takes place during the week following the first scrutiny. The elect are invited to commit the creed to memory and will recite it publicly prior to professing their faith in accordance with that creed on the day of their Baptism.

4th Sunday of Lent
2nd Scrutiny: Conversion experience

5th Sunday of Lent
3rd Scrutiny: Sharing of experience and open discussions

5th WEEK of Lent
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

Passion Sunday 2nd April
Explanation of Holy Week liturgies

Good Friday 7th April
Celebration of the Passion

Holy Thursday 6th April
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday 8th April
Retreat

Easter Vigil
Sacrament of Initiation

This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into the Easter Vigil, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday

Upcoming Events

Christian Initiation Australia Network Webinar

will be held on **Monday, March 13th, 7.00 – 8.15 p.m. AEDT**

“*Holy Week and Mystagogy*” and will be presented by Brother Bernard Fonkalsrud and Simon Yeak, both members of the CIAN Executive. Register [HERE](#)

This webinar will be an important resource for you in the implementation of the RCIA in your parishes, and in providing rich information about ways to encourage involvement in the RCIA.

Following the webinar, copies of power-point presentations will be made available to those registered to attend.

Rite of Election (first Sunday of Lent)

Sunday 26th February, 2:30pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

All candidates, parish supporters and sponsors are invited to attend this Rite of Election at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on the 1st Sunday of Lent. Prior to this, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan would like to meet with all candidates in the Cathedral Hall from 1.30 p.m. onward. Further details will be sent out closer to the time; it would be helpful if you could let Kathy Horan know the names of your catechumens as soon as possible. The Rite of Election is open to those being presented (the elect), sponsors and parish representatives who may wish to come along.

Mystagogia Mass

(Mass for new Catholics)

Sunday 21st May, 11:00am

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Adult Confirmation

Saturday 5th August, 6:00pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

For those adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed. There will be two preparation sessions for the candidates ahead of the Confirmation ceremony. Details and dates for those sessions will be announced closer to the time.



Christian Initiation
Australia Network

Webinar:

Holy Week and Mystagogy

CIAN presents the third in a series of webinars about running the RCIA process in your parish



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MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023
7PM – 8:15PM AEDT

**Register here: [tinyurl.com/CIAN-](https://tinyurl.com/CIAN-Mar2023-webinar)
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Online Resources

Christian Initiation of Adults Network: ciannetwork.net

On this national website you will find the following resources that would be useful for RCIA groups/formation:

- Resources and tools
- RCIA for children
- Testimonials
- Network news

If you are not a member of this network, registration details and processes are available on-line at the above address. Membership allows access to a range of resources, articles, webinars etc.

National Centre for Evangelisation: nce.catholic.org.au

Catholicenquiry.com

Evangeliseaustralia.com

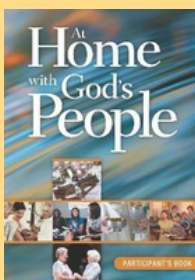
Where to from here?

If you need support in your parish to set up a team or to re-group for the coming year, please consider the following:

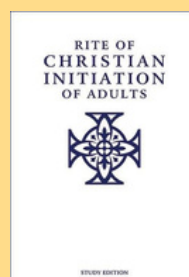
- Contact the RCIA Coordinator - Kathy Horan ph: 8210 8288 or the Office for Worship ph: 8210 8130
- Consider joining with another or other parishes in you region to share an information or inservice session around the topic of the RCIA process, how to get started, sharing good practice and resources etc.
- Think about ways of raising the profile of the RCIA process in your parish

For any other enquiries about how to get started, or how to renew the RCIA process in your parish, please contact: **Kathy Horan | khoran@adelaide.catholic.org.au | 8210 8288**

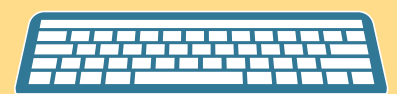
USEFUL RESOURCES FOR RCIA



'At Home with God's People'
Archdiocese of Brisbane
afl@bne.catholic.net.au



'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' -Study Edition
www.stpauls.com.au



TeamRCIA Website
Website: <https://teamrcia.com>
Note: Some areas of this website require a paid membership.