

Reflection

- Ordinary Time

*W*ell-known and prolific writer in the area of spirituality, Sr. Joan Chittister, writes about 'Ordinary' Time as an experience of deep contemplation between the two major celebrations of the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. These two mysteries of faith stand at the centre of our faith, and in between we have periods of time known as 'Ordinary Time' where we have the opportunity to pause and think about our faith and what we have experienced as we celebrate these two major events in our Christian lives. Ordinary Time calls us to ponder more deeply, to take it all in, to make connections with what we have celebrated and what it might mean for us in our daily lives. Through such contemplation, Chittister suggests, we meet and engage with Jesus and learn to become more responsive to the gospel, so that we can play our part in bringing the good news of the Reign of God to our troubled world. As we move through the various seasons of the Liturgical year, we are invited to conform our lives to the life and mission of Jesus, and to develop our capacity, as individuals and as community, to bring and be good news for all.

During this time, those involved in the RCIA process are walking the journey with fellow community companions. They are deepening their knowledge about and their relationship with the Lord, and they are learning the ways of the community. We keep them in mind and join our prayers with those supporting them in each parish. The season of Lent, in preparation for the major celebration of Easter, will begin soon, and this marks an important stage in the preparation of our catechumens who will be fully initiated into the Church at Easter. Other candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church will likewise be entering more deeply into their preparation.

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The Rite of Election

All parishes with catechumens preparing to be baptised into the Church at the Easter Vigil are asked to send in the names of the Elect to the Office for Worship as soon as possible so that they may be acknowledged at the Rite of Election.

Afternoon tea will follow the Rite of Election and this will take place at the Archbishop's House at West Tce. As this event will be catered for us, we also need to know of numbers attending with the candidates, so your support in seeking these details will be most helpful and may also be sent to the Office for Worship.

New Liturgical Resource - Liturgia

This online resource for liturgy planning replaces LabOra, which has been used for many years but is no longer available. Produced and managed by Liturgy Brisbane, the new application is a user friendly and simple tool for those planning liturgies.

Users purchase a yearly subscription to enable access. Features include homily notes, commentary on readings for newsletters and a library of hymn lyrics.

For more information about the application, as well as pricing please go to: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/liturgia>

RCIA State Conference

There will be a State RCIA Conference this year, on **Friday 11th October until Sunday 13th October.**

The conference will begin late afternoon on the 11th October, and will conclude at lunch on Sunday, 13th October.

Venue: The Monastery, Glen Osmond.

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. Elio Capra, SDB, and Sr. Bernadette Kiley O.P.

Further details about the Conference, costs and registration details will be available soon.

Please save the dates!



As in other years, there will be two opportunities provided for Adult Confirmation celebrations. The dates for those celebrations are:

Saturday 15 June, 6pm

Saturday 9 November, 6pm

Both celebration will take place during the 6.00pm Mass at the Cathedral.

Please make this information available in your parish communities. Potential candidates are asked to contact the Office for Worship to register and to undertake a preparation session prior to the celebration of Confirmation.

Renewal through Lent 2019

This Lenten resource, with a focus on renewing our Baptismal promises, has been produced by the Renewing Parishes Team and the Office for Worship Team. It is free and available from the Office for Renewing Parishes and would be a very useful prayer resource for individuals and groups. Stocks are limited.

Please phone 8210 8269 or email renewing@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Lenten Stational Masses:

It has long been the custom in our Archdiocese for the faithful to gather with the Archdiocesan leader and priests to celebrate the Stational Masses. The custom emerged out of the practice of the Bishop of Rome going on a pilgrimage from Church to Church during Lent and praying with the faithful in preparation for the worthy celebration of Easter.

Each Deanery of priests and deacons will gather together with as many of the faithful as possible to walk in the footsteps of Jesus during Lent, to pray together and to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Candidates who are already baptised and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church will be presented at the local Deanery Stational Mass.



Lenten Stational Masses
2019

Mid North Deanery St Bartholomew's Church 15 Walter Street, MAITLAND	Tuesday 12 March, 6.30pm
Northern Deanery St Augustine's Church 23 Commercial Road, SALISBURY	Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm
Eastern Deanery St Matthew's Church 1 Wembley Avenue, BRIDGEWATER	Tuesday 26 March, 7.00pm
Southern Deanery St Martin de Porres Church 1 Berrima Road, SHEIDOW PARK	Thursday 28 March, 7.00pm
Western Deanery Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Cnr Seaview Road & Marlborough Street, HENLEY BEACH	Thursday 4 April, 7.00pm
North Eastern Deanery Good Shepherd Church 7 St Alban's Place, CLEARVIEW	Friday 5 April, 7.00pm
South Eastern Deanery St Alphonsus' Church 83 George Street, MILLICENT	Thursday 11 April, 7.00pm

RCIA Templates

At the end of last year, at the request of some RCIA Coordinators, a template for the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance was prepared and distributed electronically, for your convenience and for use with RCIA candidates so that they were aware of how the Rite would take place and what it means.

In the light of the Rite of Election soon to be upon us, a template for this Rite will be attached with this newsletter. All of the Rites are contained in the Resource: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Study Edition) which is an essential resource for all parishes engaged in supporting Catechumens. The Resource is available from Pauline Books and Media.

Please note that in most of the Rites there are a couple of options for prayers etc., but in the template provided, a choice of those options has been made. Local parishes may prefer another of the options.