

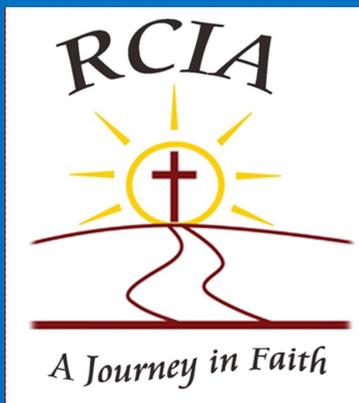
How can you **START**
your journey?

By contacting the *parish office*
at:

admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

or calling on **9622 1125**.

**Our RCIA team will
contact you promptly
with the information
required.**



MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

St Michael's Church

Mass 8:00am Mon, & Fri & 7.30pm Wed

Communion Service 8.00am Tues & Thurs

St Patrick's Church

Mass 9.00am Tues & Thurs & Sat

Communion Service 9.00am Mon, Wed, Fri

First Friday 7.30pm St Patrick's

Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)

7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)

9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)

10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

11.30 am 4th Sunday—Filipino Mass (St
Michael's)

2:00pm Sunday—Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)

5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)

6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm—7.25pm (St Michael's)

Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's
Church)

or by appointment contact Parish Office

HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm—7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's
Church)

6.30pm—7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment. Please contact office for details

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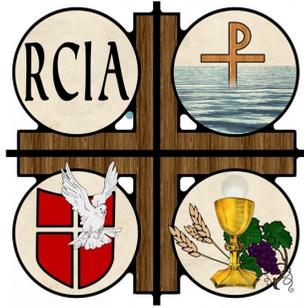
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**Rite
of
Christian
Initiation
of
Adults**

RCIA

What is RCIA ?



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the process by which women and men become members of the Catholic Church. Because the process is ongoing, people begin whenever the Spirit moves them to inquire. There is no formal “start”.

The RCIA takes place within the context of the parish community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the Sacraments of Initiation.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- RCIA is about the path to adult initiation into the Church. Enquiries undertake a journey during which they are welcomed and supported by the local Catholic community as they learn to live the message of the Gospel.
- The RCIA stresses the centrality of salvation through Jesus Christ and growth in your personal relationship with God.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

The whole parish community has a part to play in the process, particularly RCIA Team who volunteer to support the people seeking to learn about the Catholic faith.

Formation includes several areas:

- Scripture: the stories of God’s people
- Teaching: what Catholics believe and why
- Prayer: how we communicate with God
- Liturgy: how the community worships together
- Mission: How we live out what we experienced every day

WHO BELONGS IN THE RCIA?

The process of Christian initiation is for adults who:

- Want to learn more about the Catholic Church
- Are un-baptised and want to become Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Are baptised Christians (in another faith tradition or Catholic) who want full sacramental membership in the Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Go to Mass with a loved one or spouse and are not sure if the Catholic Church is for them but would like to find out.

How long is the process?

RCIA at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish usually runs from October through to the following June. Weekly meetings, in the form of faith sharing experiences explore the Scriptures and Church teaching. Beginning or completing the RCIA process is strictly up to the individual.

- The RCIA challenges us to ask: What does it mean to be a Catholic?
- It brings about renewal of the whole Church and the Catholic Community.
- It encourages small groups to pray and grow in faith together
- It help us build for the kingdom of God here and now
- It is concerned with and celebrates each person’s journey in faith.
- It emphasizes that sacraments are the celebration of God already and always present with us.

