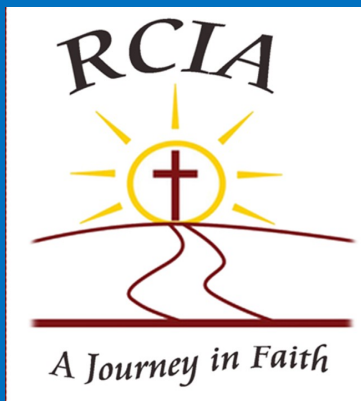


How can you **START**
your journey?

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 re-
quired.



MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

St Michael's Church
Mass 8:00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri & 7.30pm
Wed
St Patrick's Church
Mass 9.00am Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs, Sat &
7.30pm Fri

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)
Friday 7.00pm—7.25pm (St Patrick'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 Friday @ St Patrick's

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment. Please contact office for details

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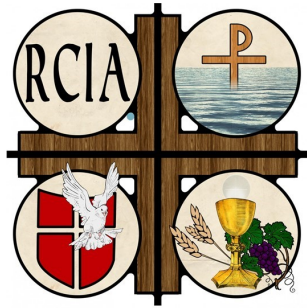
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Rite
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RCIA

What is RCIA ?



Rite of Christian Initiation for 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 BEING CHURCH. It is about journey, welcoming, belonging and questioning. It is about a community celebrating and about a commitment. It is about believing, proclaiming and living the GOOD NEWS!
- The RCIA stresses the centrality of the Paschal mystery; its focus is the life death and Resurrection of Jesus.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

The whole parish community has a part to play in the process, particularly those who volunteer to support the people seeking to learn about the Catholic faith, whether they are baptized or not.

Formation includes several areas:

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

WHO BELONGS IN THE RCIA?

The process of Christian initiation is for adults who:

- Want to learn more about the Catholic Church
- Are un-baptized and want to become Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Are baptized Christians (in another faith tradition or Catholic) who want full sacramental membership in the Roman Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Attend Catholic Church because of a loved one or spouse and are not sure if the Catholic Church is for them

How long is the process?

RCIA at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish usually goes from September through the following June, but is open for candidates around. Beginning or completing the RCIA process is strictly up to the individual.

- The Rite challenges us to ask: What does it mean to be Church?
- It is for the renewal of the whole Church
- It encourages small groups to pray and grow in faith together
- It helps build community
- It help us bring about the kingdom of God here and now
- It can become the model for all catechesis
- It emphasizes that sacraments are celebration of God already present

