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FEATURE ARTICLE: After Easter – what's next?

The period of post-baptismal catechesis, otherwise known as the stage of Mystagogia, is a period of lived discipleship as full members of the Church. The journey of conversion continues within the faith community as each of us draws closer to the Risen Christ, celebrating as one Body through Him, with Him and in Him. Mystagogia is also a time for neophytes to actively live in Catholic fellowship, no longer outsiders looking in, they now receive the abundance of Christ's love, by their unreserved participation in the Sacramental life of the Church; they now celebrate the *source and summit of Christian life*. [CCC #1324; LG 11]

The Season of Easter delivers challenging Readings from both the Gospel and Acts of the Apostles, for us all, as the early Church began to understand the true meaning of Jesus' call to 'come follow me'. As each week of Easter unfolds, we receive new demands of discipleship that deeply challenge us. The Easter Liturgies lead us to the mandate delivered by Christ at the Ascension 'Go! Make disciples of all nations ...'; and next to Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, enlivened by the gifts and fruits of the Paraclete. The Ascension and Pentecost, belong to the company of the greatest feasts celebrated by the Church, but also profoundly resonate in all involved in the ministry of Christian Initiation.

It is common for Parishes to struggle to engage with their neophytes during the period of Mystagogia, with the most frequent issues being: 'what do I do with them?', or 'they don't come back after the Easter Vigil.' Rev Father Paul Turner, from the USA, who has visited Perth, reassured us that while we continue to welcome and embrace the neophytes in our midst, 'with a mother's love and concern'. [RCIA # 47], we must also allow them room to grow in independence of faith, remembering that the relationships fostered during the neophyte's conversion journey will always be a solid foundation for their faith to continue to blossom and bear fruit, as they are now fully one with us.

The Office of Christian Initiation plans to explore the stage of Mystagogia, with the intention of developing a practical and deepening spirituality for Parishes to share with neophytes during the Easter Season; the aim being to enrich the lives of the new members of our local faith communities, and also the Parish as a whole.

By K. Hart

BOOK REVIEW: ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Mystagogia remains a stage in the process of Christian Initiation that confounds many parish RCIA Teams.

Br Patrick Cronin cfc, has researched an excellent 'RCIA Resource Book' for parish use. Titled *Encountering the Mystery of God*, the title alone captures the essence of the book. Patrick Cronin's many years of experience directing the Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, provides experiential insights for a parish framework. Cronin offers a thoroughly researched text, including the history, theology and importance of this final period of Christian Initiation, which we all share in. The Book is very readable, and includes personal accounts from neophytes interviewed, as well as statistical background evidence. Offering a pragmatic structure for how post-baptismal catechesis can be shared within the RCIA group, the text includes a seven-week plan, clearly outlining the Easter journey based on the Lectionary Readings. It also provides us a powerful reminder that the highlight of the Easter Season, fully celebrates with neophytes, by Word and Eucharist, full participation of the Paschal Mystery directing the evangelical mission of the Church. *Encountering the Mystery of God* is a worthwhile resource for any parish RCIA Team.

Book reviewed by K. Hart

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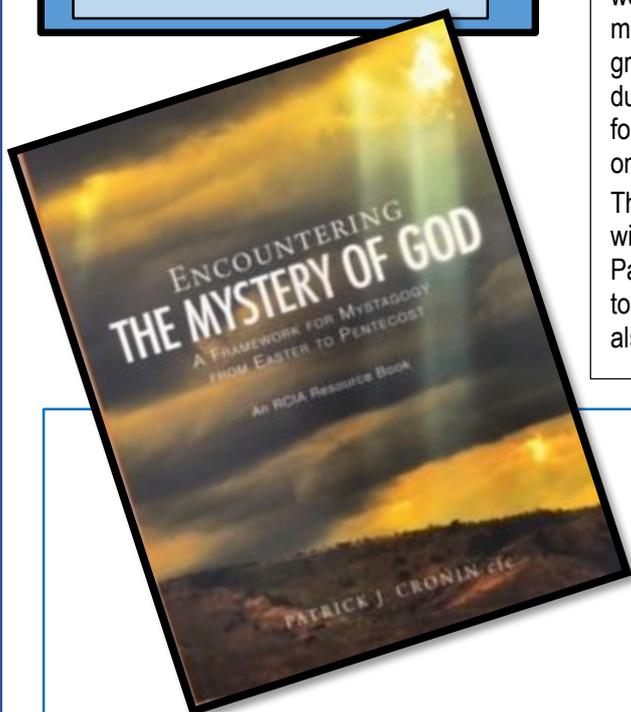
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David Haas

David Haas is one of the pre-eminent composers of liturgical music in the English-speaking world. He has produced and published over 50 collections and recordings with GIA Publications and songs such as *We Are Called, You Are Mine, Song of the Body of Christ* and *Blest Are They* are joyfully sung by Christian denominations throughout the world.

David is the director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, is the Animator for the Tatzé Prayer Community at Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is the executive director of *Music Ministry Alive*, a formation institute for young liturgical musicians.

David has written over 25 books in the areas of liturgy, religious education, youth ministry and spirituality and speaks and performs at conferences and events throughout the world. This will be his first visit to Australia since 1991.



Clare Johnson

Clare V. Johnson is Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy and Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology at Australian Catholic University (Strathfield NSW). Clare has taught at the University of Notre Dame (USA), Michigan State University (USA), the University of Notre Dame Australia (Fremantle) and Australian Catholic University. She has served as cantor, chorister and choir director in Australia and the USA and relishes the opportunity to teach, perform and direct liturgical music. She is Chair of the National Liturgical Music Board and is a member of the National Liturgical Council advising the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Liturgy.



Special Events: • Showcase Concert • Conference Mass
• Conference Dinner

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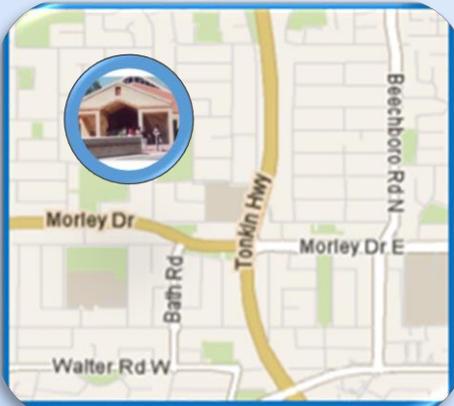


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Parish
experience of
Mystagogia
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**Session 1: Experience of
RCIA: Asia to Australian
Perspective**



Fr Gerard Totanes of Geraldton Diocese, originates from the Philippines. He offers a unique perspective of offering the RCIA process in country Australia and shares his experience of the challenges and differences of his faith experience from two different cultural perspectives, which reflects the life of the Church in WA.

**MORNING TEA
10.30 – 11.00am**

**Presentation from the Centre for Faith
Enrichment & their support for ongoing
formation of neophytes and RCIA
Teams.**

**Session 2: Exploring the
Mystery of Mystagogia**

Presentation and discussion on the Perth Archdiocese Framework for the RCIA stage of Mystagogia; with workshopping its practical application in the reality of Parish life.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Contact No:

Email:

Parish:

Dietary restrictions:

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**REMEMBER
Email in your Parish experience of
Mystagogia to share with the Conference**

Date: 13th June 2017
Time: 9.30 – 2.30pm
Understanding the Mass
Facilitator: Sr Kerry Willison rsm
Venue: Newman Siena Conference Centre
Room: S2.01
Cost: \$25 M/tea & lunch provided
Closing Registration Date: 6th June 2017

Date: 3rd August 2017
Time: 9.30 – 2.30pm
Winter Retreat
Facilitator: Children's Catechist Services
Venue: CEC St Michael's Chapel
Cost: \$25 M/tea & lunch provided
Closing Registration Date: 25th July 2017

Date: 11th October 2017
Time: 9.30 – 2.30pm
Catechist Commissioning Mass
Celebrant: The Most Reverend Bishop
Sproxtton
Venue: CEC St Michael's Chapel
Cost: N/A
Closing Registration Date: 27th September
2017

Date: 5th December 2017
Time: 9.30 – 2.30pm
Advent Retreat
Facilitator: Dr Pina Ford
Venue: CEC St Michael's Chapel
Cost: \$25 M/tea & lunch provided
Closing Registration Date: 21st November
2017

Venue Addresses:

- Newman Siena Conference Centre
33 Williamstown Road
Doubleview
- CEC St Michael's Chapel
50 Ruislip St
West Leederville

To register for any of the workshops or retreats
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