

ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH  
FRAMEWORK FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
RESOURCE FOR PARISH TEAMS



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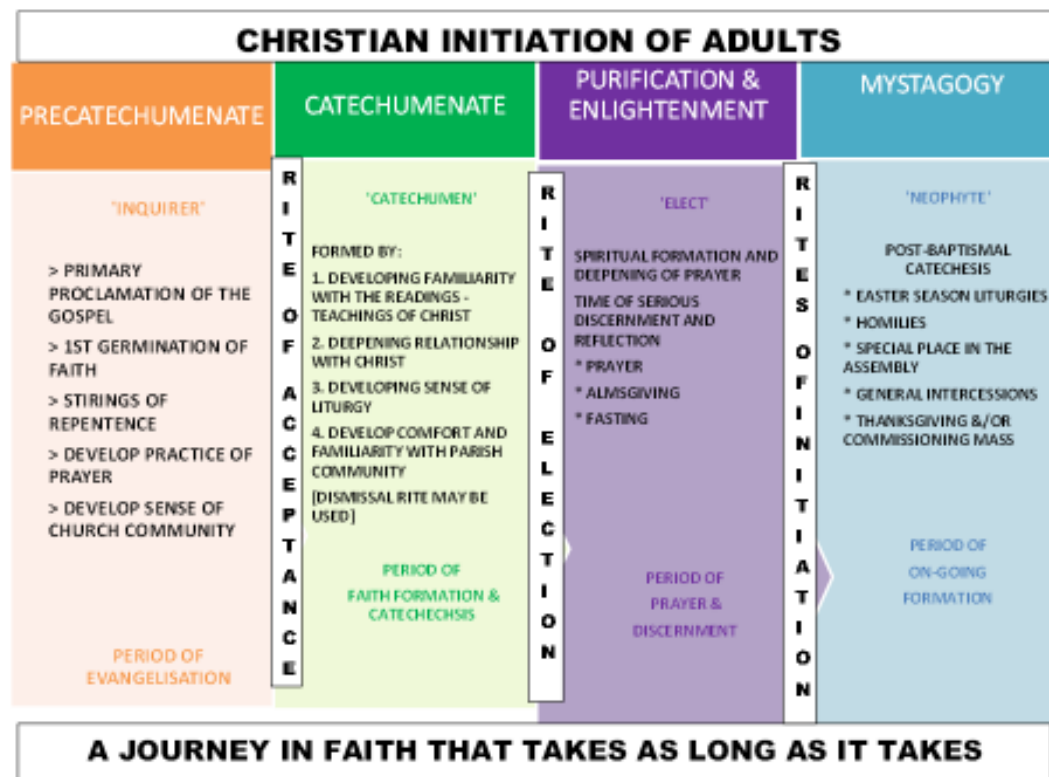
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## RESOURCES:

1. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults St Paul's Publications N.S.W.
2. The Parish Companion to the RCIA James Goold House Publications Melbourne Archdiocese
3. Come & See – Elio Capra SBD Desbooks Thornbury 3071

## OPTIONAL RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

1. At Home with God's People Brisbane Liturgical Commission
2. Path Through Catholicism Resources for Christian Living Mark Link, S.J.
3. Catechism of the Catholic Church
4. Catholic Enquiry Centre: Catholic Story pamphlets: [catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story](http://catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story)
5. The Summit Journal on-line: catechumenate journey; Gospel reflections; other: [cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://cam.org.au/evangelisation)



## **NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF AN RCIA MEETING**



MEETING TIME FRAME: 1 – 1.5  
HOURS



WELCOME/HOSPITALITY:  
COFFEE/TEA/ETC



OPENING PRAYER



BREAK OPEN SUNDAY READINGS



SHARING TOPIC OF CATHOLIC  
TENETS OF FAITH



SHARING THE LITURGY: RELATING  
TO THE READINGS OR TOPIC OF  
CATHOLIC FAITH



CLOSING PRAYER

- ❖ Each person's conversion journey is unique and must be respected.
- ❖ The meeting time frame should be watched.
- ❖ If one person dominates the group, this will require tactful monitoring.
- ❖ If questions arise which cannot be answered, offer reassurance they will be answered next week.
- ❖ If a particular topic is not finished you can always revisit it the following week.

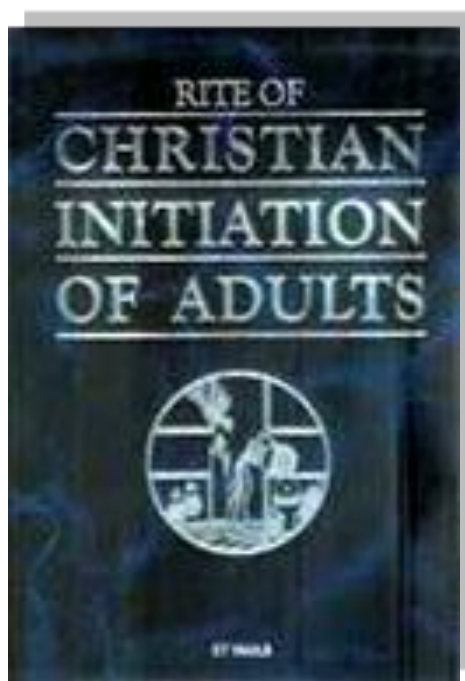
## **THE INTENTION OF THIS RESOURCE**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was revived by the Second Vatican Council as a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. This journey recognises a conversion of the mind and heart of each catechumen (unbaptised) and candidate (baptised in recognised Christian denomination). Each convert has a unique personal relationship with Christ, which they hope to explore and deepen within a supportive Parish community of faith; while deepening their understanding of how Catholics live, gather, pray, worship and serve others in Christ.

Within the Archdiocese of Perth, this process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith should follow guidelines approved by the Archbishop, in keeping with *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. The Archdiocese also acknowledges that each convert's journey must be acknowledged as unique and their own personal response to Christ's invitation of love to 'come and see' what the Catholic community of faith has to offer them. A definite sense of welcome, belonging and acceptance is essential, involving the whole parish.

This resource offers a framework of topics to support the evangelical ministry of Parish RCIA groups, while offering a uniform process of initiation, approved by the Archbishop. Parishes will naturally provide welcome and hospitality that reflects the culture and environment of their particular parish community.

Care has been taken not to enforce a rigid timeline of initiation. The framework offers guidelines for Liturgical, Lectionary and Instructional Catechesis with resource materials to begin sharing the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith. Parish RCIA Teams are also required to develop a process that meets the needs of those seeking initiation.



## USING THIS RESOURCE

This framework has been developed for all converts to receive a common understanding of the essential beliefs and values of the Catholic faith. The breakdown of the topics is not offered on a weekly basis, since Parish RCIA Teams are encouraged to plan and offer Christian Initiation according to their strengths, abilities and resources, while meeting the needs of those on the journey of conversion.

To support the fullness of the Catholic faith being shared, three forms of catechesis are offered: Lectionary, Liturgy and Instructional based formation.

1. Lectionary Catechesis breaks open the coming Sunday's Readings. The Summit Journal, which is now an online resource is free to download and offers the Gospel with reflective questions, to encourage those in the conversion process to prayerfully consider the Sunday Gospel in their daily lives. Parishes are also encouraged to include these questions in the Parish Bulletin, enabling all parishioners to journey with the RCIA and enrich their own faith, as they live the Gospel.
2. Instructional Catechesis introduces converts to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Reference materials to support RCIA Teams preparation for RCIA meetings and topics have been noted in blue in the Framework. The texts used are already commonly used within Parishes: *'At Home With God's People'* and *'Pathway Through Catholicism'*. Also, The Catholic Enquiry Centre provides a free website with brochures to download on Catholic tenets of faith. This may be of particular assistance for missed meetings. In addition, it is recommended that RCIA Teams prepare for topic discussions by reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs as noted in purple, to familiarise themselves with official Church teaching. It is advised that the *Catechism* be only used as supporting reference for RCIA Teams. Parish RCIA Teams may in addition already have a wealth of supporting material for topics they can draw upon.
3. Liturgical Catechesis shares the prayer-life and worship of our faith. Experience is the best teacher. Parish RCIA Teams are encouraged to share as many prayer experiences as they are able with the converts. Converts should be invited to gather as a community of faith for Sunday Mass and other parish celebrations. However, as catechumens and candidates, they are not yet Catholic and are under no obligation. As the RCIA journey unfolds, expectation of Sunday Mass obligation should be seen to grow with careful discernment.

**PARISHES TO DEVELOP  
THEIR OWN SCHEDULE  
AND TIME - TABLE**



**PRE-CATECHUMENATE/ENQUIRY  
FRAMEWORK PRE - READING  
RCIA TEXT # 1 - 40**

TOPICS	SUB-HEADINGS
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our story + their story joined with Jesus' story</li> <li>• Scripture &amp; tradition</li> <li>• Covenant old and new</li> <li>• Law old and new</li> </ul>
<b>Meet the Bible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Bible was put together</li> <li>• Bible as library of different genres</li> <li>• Look at index</li> <li>• Hebrew Scripture: The Fall; Abraham; Moses; Prophets; History; Wisdom</li> <li>• Jesus continues the Hebrew story</li> <li>• New Testament fulfils Hebrew Testament</li> </ul>
<b>Trinity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God The Father</li> <li>• God The Son: human &amp; divine</li> <li>• God The Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Outline basic Creed</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Gospels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who wrote the Gospels</li> <li>• When were they written</li> <li>• Who were they written for</li> <li>• How were they put together</li> </ul>
<b>Tour of Church</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief explanation of symbols and gestures: genuflection; bowing; Sign of The Cross</li> <li>• Baptismal Font: Introduce idea of Initiation; &amp; Nurturing relationship with Christ.</li> <li>• Altar: Brief explanation</li> <li>• Tabernacle: <u>briefly</u> explain any symbols and Catholic belief.</li> <li>• Sanctuary Flame: explain – examples of secular understanding e.g. Shrine of Remembrance Memorial Flame</li> <li>• Candles and Paschal Candle: significance and meaning.</li> <li>• Stations of The Cross in brief</li> </ul>

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**Group sharing /**

**Team reference material: Catechism references & RCIA text**

**Path Through Catholicism: 'Handing on Revelation' p. 23-27**

(ref: Luke 4:16-30)

**At Home with God's People p.25-28**

**Life of the Church CCC # 131-132**

**Nourishment of Life CCC #141**

**Bible: compare Catholic & Protestant texts – deuterocanonical or apocryphal**

**At Home with God's People p.24-25**

**Christ the fulfilment: CCC #2763**

**God the author CCC #105; 136**

**Word of God CCC # 104, 135**

**Truth CCC #107**

**Matt 5:17; Deut 6:5**

**Come & See – (Elio Capra SBD) p. 47-48; 60-61**

(ref: PTC Ch 4 New Testament p.50-61; Ch 5-7)

**Centrality: CCC # 232, 234, 237, 261**

**Path Through Catholicism p. 52-53**

**At Home with God's People p.30-33**

**Who wrote Gospels CCC #515**

**Formation CCC #126**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Strathfield, NSW: St Paul's Publications, 2003) #36-40 p. 15 -16**

**Offer brief explanation to demystify the actions and gestures of Catholics in Mass.**

**Complete contact details – including details of marriage? Past marriages? Spousal past marriages? This is very sensitive and may require a confidential meeting with the Parish Priest.**

**Church & unity CCC # 814-822**

**Church & Creed CCC #811**

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<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>SUB-HEADINGS</b>
<b>Sacraments</b>	Briefly explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is a Sacrament</li><li>• Scripture reference</li><li>• Instituted by Jesus</li></ul>
<b>Discernment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deepening relationship with Christ?</li><li>• Developing familiarity with Gospels</li><li>• Developing practice of prayer &amp; worship</li></ul>

**PRE - READING RCIA TEXT BEFORE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE  
# 41 – 47**

**PRE – READNG OUTLINE OF RITE OF ACCEPTANCE  
#48 – 74**

Refer: [www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/rcia/resources](http://www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/rcia/resources)

RE: Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome pro-forma



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**At Home with God's People p.70-75**

**Efficacious Sign CCC # 1127**

**Action of The Holy Spirit CCC # 1116**

**Participants readiness for Rite of Acceptance/Welcome**

**RCIA Text #36-47**

**Catechumenate CCC # 1247-1248**



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**CATECHUMENATE FRAMEWORK  
Pre - Reading: Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults # 75 - 101**

<p><b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal</p>	<p><b>LITURGY</b></p>	<p><b>INSTRUCTION</b>  <b>God's initiation of love</b></p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading Lectionary Cycle</b></p>	<p>Prayer</p>	<p>Conversation with God Prayer: conversation with God; speaking &amp; listening; personal intentions;</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading Lectionary Cycle</b></p>	<p>Explore the Mass</p>	<p>The God of Revelation</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading, reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>1st Reading link with Gospel</p>	<p>Hebrew Scripture: The Covenant Begins; Creation and the Fall: Catholic context of free will, human choice, responsibility and privilege of living the Covenant.</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Liturgical Cycle Explain different postures of prayer in the Mass</p>	<p>New Testament: The Covenant continues: Jesus is God's self-communication to us. Introduce 4 Gospels: main themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who wrote them</li> <li>• who they were written for,</li> <li>• when were they written</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Liturgy of The Word 'Universal Prayer': Order 1.Church 2.Public authorities 3.Salvation of whole world 4.Particular concerns 5.Local community</p>	<p>Mass of Catechumens The Word directs us to the Eucharist Different parts of the Liturgy of The Word</p>

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**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 216 – 223  
At Home with God's People 'Prayer' p. 15-22  
CCC # 2743, 2566 – 2567, 2616, 2735 – 2745

Pathway Through Catholicism - Ch 2  
At Home with God's People: 'The God of Revelation' p.37-42; 'The Structure of The Mass'  
p. 95-100  
How the Mass Began: Adelaide Publication  
CCC – Sacred Scripture # 101 – 104;  
Knowledge of God According to the Church#36– 38;  
Scripture & Tradition # 80 - 82

Pathway Through Catholicism 'Faith Journey' p.14-15  
Pathway Through Catholicism 'Abraham' p. 32-45  
At Home with God's People: p.25  
CCC – The Fall # 283 – 289, 385

Pathway Through Catholicism 'New Testament' p.50-61  
At Home with God's People: p.27 – 28  
CCC New Testament # 124 – 130

At Home with God's People: p.96 – 97  
John 1:1  
CCC # 1348 – 1349

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<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Mass: The Opening Prayer &amp; link to the Gospel theme</p>	<p>The Church: God's People; Prayer; Images of Church Models of Church</p>
<p><b>1 Cor 12: 12-26</b></p>	<p>The Sign of Peace</p>	<p>The Church: Body of Christ</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Liturgy – cycle &amp; seasons</p>	<p>Prayer/worship/colours/symbols</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Why is a Crucifix essential in a Catholic Church</p>	<p>The cross and the crucifix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucifixion: death in order to Resurrect. sacrifice for salvation</li> <li>• How is The Cross understood in other Christian denominations?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Sacraments celebrations that reflect life. Instituted by Christ. Sacramental grace</p>	<p>What is a Sacrament: revisit topic from Enquiry Period? Overview of Sacraments: Living a sacramental life: pilgrim journey; discernment &amp; its challenges; walking with Jesus in discipleship; converting mind &amp; heart</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Baptismal font Baptism formulae Trinity &amp; Blessing of the Sign of the Cross.</p>	<p>Baptism Why was Jesus Baptised? What is original sin? Link to The Fall: freedom of our choices</p>

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**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 102 – 109; p.112 *Prayer*  
At Home with God's People: p.50 - 51  
CCC #866 - 870

Pathway Through Catholicism p.160  
At Home with God's People: p.52 – 53  
CCC # 787- 791

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 121-123  
CCC # 1145 – 1163

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 58-59  
At Home with God's People: p.9 – 10 ; 32  
CCC # 561, 618, 627, 629- 630

Pathway Through Catholicism p.10-12  
At Home with God's People: p. 69-80  
CCC # 1212, 1113 – 1116, 1123, 1131

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 128-131  
At Home with God's People: 'Baptism' p.72, 82-85; Genesis Ch 3  
CCC # 1246 – 1262, 215, 397 – 402  
RCIA Text #198 – 207

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<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Pentecost</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit Gifts &amp; Fruits (Virtues) of The Spirit</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Confirmation Invitation Laying on of hands Oil of Chrism</p>	<p>Chrism: new mission of witness I. Priest II. Prophet III. King</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Confirmation Bearing Witness</p>	<p>Four graces of Confirmation: I. Perfects II. Deepens III. Strengthens IV. Commission of the Spirit received in Baptism</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Eucharistic Prayers Anamnesis</p>	<p>Eucharist: Passover &amp; The Last Supper</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Invocation of the Holy Spirit – (epiclesis )</p>	<p>Eucharist: Feeding the Five thousand</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Sacrifice &amp; Salvation</p>	<p>Eucharist: Jesus washes the disciples' feet Serve others</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Paschal Mystery</p>	<p>Eucharist: The true Bread from Heaven Real Presence</p>

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**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism. p. 92-97

At Home with God's People: p. 75 - 77

Acts 2: 1-13; Jn 14: 15-21; Mt 28: 16-20; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Gal 5: 22-26; CCC # 1302 – 1303, 1121

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 142-144; p. 87

Acts 2: 1-13

CCC # 1286 – 1289 RCIA Text # 208 – 210

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 140-141; 145

At Home with God's People: p.87

Acts 8:5-17; Acts 10:44-48

CCC # 2472

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 151, 157

At Home with God's People: p. 90

Ex 20: 1-21; Mt 26: 26-29; Mk 14: 22-25; Lk 22: 14-20 CCC # 1333 - 1340

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 158

At Home with God's People: p. 93

Lk 9: 10-15; Jn 6: 1-15; 1 Cor 10:17; CCC # 1104 – 1107, 1353 - 1354

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 150 – 151

At Home with God's People: p.91-92

Jn 13: 1-20; CCC # 1397, 2184

Pathway Through Catholicism p.156 – 157

At Home with God's People: p.92

Jn 6: 50-58 CCC # 1333 - 1336

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<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>The Institution of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>Eucharist: The Eucharistic Liturgy <i>'Do this in memory of Me'</i></p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>God's mercy and love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confession</li> <li>• Penance</li> <li>• Reconciliation</li> </ul>	<p>Sacrament of Healing: Process of healing Different names of the same sacrament, why?</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>'Peace be with you' Jn 20:21</p>	<p>Sacraments of Healing: Forgiveness</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Absolution</p>	<p>Sacraments of Healing: Confessing to a Priest</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>The Rite of Reconciliation</p>	<p>Sacraments of Healing: What happens and why</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Healing; comfort; support; belonging, recognition and the community of faith</p>	<p>Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of The Sick</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Role of the Priest: Persona Christi</p>	<p>Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders</p>



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Pathway Through Catholicism p. 156 – 161  
At Home with God's People: p. 90  
1 Cor 11: 23-26; CCC # 1337 –1344, 2180

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 166 – 170  
At Home with God's People: p. 101-104  
Lk 15: 1-10  
CCC # 1420 – 1424, 1446

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 175  
At Home with God's People p. 102  
Lk 15: 11-32; Lk 6: 27 – 36; Jn 8: 1-11; Mt 18: 21-22; Jn 20:22-23;  
CCC # 1430, 1434 1435, 1450 - 1454

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 174  
At Home with God's People p.106-107  
Lk 19: 1-10; CCC # 1459 - 1467

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 170 – 174  
At Home with God's People p. 104-107  
Lk 9: 1-6; CCC # 1468 – 1470

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 180-187  
At Home with God's People p.123-126  
John 6:54; James 5: 10, 14; CCC # 1526 – 1532

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 204-208  
At Home with God's People p.115-122  
Lk 10: 1-12; Jn 13: 1-20 CCC # 1577 – 1580

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<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Eucharistic Prayer: Pope, Archbishop and Bishop named	Sacraments of Service: The Pope & Infallibility
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Covenant & grace	Sacraments of Service: Marriage
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	The ritual & rite	Sacraments of Service: Marriage & Interfaith marriages
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Sacraments of Service: Marriage	Prerequisites of a valid marriage Annulment
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Mary Intercession Rosary	Titles given to Mary: e.g. Mother of God Mary is venerated, not worshipped. Explain the Rosary

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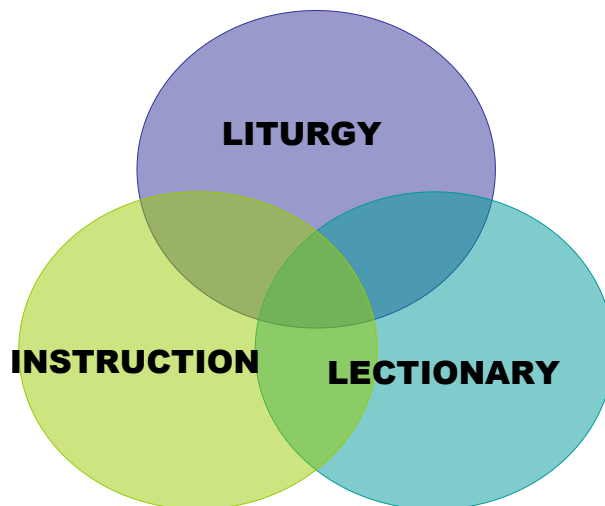
Pathway Through Catholicism p.208-209  
At Home with God's People p. 55-60  
Jn 13: 1-20; CCC # 2035, 891

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 192 – 195  
At Home with God's People p.95 – 97  
Mt 19: 1-12; CCC # 1641 – 1645

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 196 – 199  
At Home with God's People p.97 – 99  
1Cor 7: 12 – 16; CCC # 1633 - 1637

At Home with God's People p. 99 – 100  
CCC # 1625 – 1632

Pathway Through Catholicism p.292 - 295  
At Home with God's People p.61 – 68  
Mt 1:18 – 2:12; Lk 1 – 2:52; Jn 19: 26-27; Acts 1: 12-14  
CCC # 484; 499; 501; 721-725



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<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Living in communion Beatitudes Mt 5:1-12	Christian Morality and love of neighbour
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Communion of the spirit	Christian Morality and love of God Jesus' Golden Rule Commandments 1-3
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Communion of the spirit	Christian Morality and social justice Commandments 4 - 10
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Full, active and conscious participation & discipleship	Moral Conscience
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Intercession: 'pray for us'	Saints: Example/hope for our eternal salvation Link to Confirmation Name

**DISCERNMENT & REFLECTION**

**When:** Prior to The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Candidates.

**What:** Discernment offers time for catechumens and candidates to reflect on the conversion journey thus far and their readiness to begin the next stage of Purification and Enlightenment.

**PREFERRED OPTION: BREAK  
OPEN THE WORD PRIOR TO  
PROCLAMATION IN THE MASS**

**CATECHUMENATE FRAMEWORK**  
**Pre - Reading: Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults # 75 - 101**

**RESOURCE  
GROUP SHARING**

**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism p.252 - 271

At Home with God's People p. 133-144

CCC # 2044 – 2046, 2196 - 2200

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 240 247

At Home with God's People p.147-152

Genesis 1:26 'made in the image and likeness of God'; CCC # 2083 - 2097

Pathway Through Catholicism p.252 – 271

At Home with God's People p. 153 – 162

CCC #1928 – 1933, 1905 - 1912

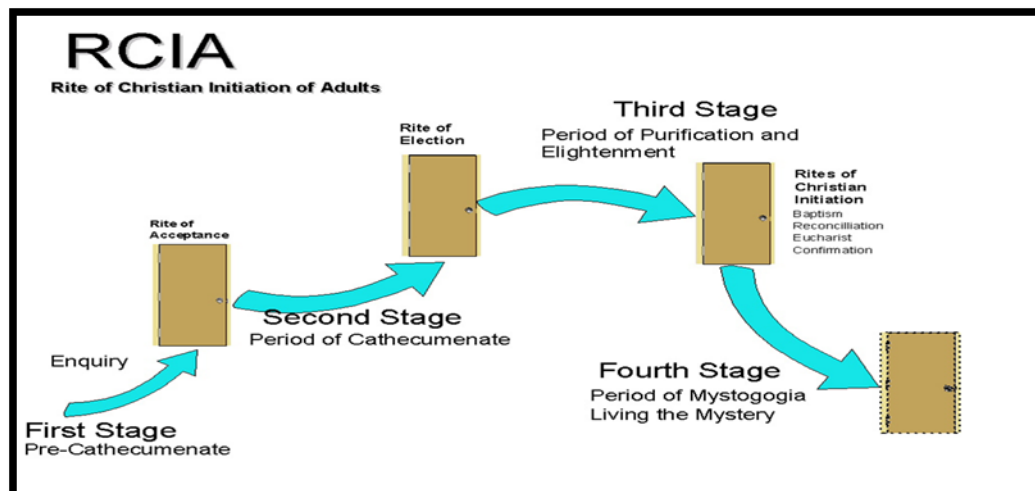
Pathway Through Catholicism p. 276-283

CCC # 1776 – 1789

Pathway Through Catholicism p. 288-294

RCIA Text # 208 – 210

CCC # 2030, 2156



**LENTEN CALENDAR: PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT  
PRE-READING RCIA TEXT #125 - 136**

<p>(ASH WEDNESDAY) <b>LENT WEEK 1</b> <b>HOPE</b></p>	<p><b>LENT WEEK 2</b> <b>TRUST</b></p>	<p><b>LENT WEEK 3</b> <b>INTENT</b> <b>LAUDETE SUNDAY</b> <b>ROSE</b></p>	<p><b>LENT WEEK 4</b> <b>ATTITUDE</b></p>	<p><b>LENT WEEK 5</b> <b>FAITHFULNESS</b></p>
<p>1st Sunday of Lent Parish Mass RITE OF SENDING/ RECEPTION OF NAMES</p>	<p>Read RCIA Text: other options for Presentations of The Creed and Our Father RCIA #134 are possible <i>Also</i> Scrutiny Retreat Packs are available : <a href="http://www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au">www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au</a></p>	<p>SCRUTINY 1 RCIA #128-133; 137-143 PRESENTATION OF THE CREED RCIA #144 - 150</p>	<p>SCRUTINY 2 RCIA #128-133; 151-157</p>	<p>SCRUTINY 3 RCIA #128-133; 158-164 PRESENTATION OF THE OUR FATHER RCIA # 134-136; 166-171</p>
<p>Scripture: YEAR A: MT 4:1-11 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT) YEAR B: MK 1:12-15 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT) YEAR C: LK 4: 1-13 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT)</p>	<p>Scripture: YEAR A: MT 17:1-9 (TRANSFIGURATION) YEAR B: MK 9: 2-10 (TRANSFIGURATION) YEAR C: LK 9: 28-36 (TRANSFIGURATION)</p>	<p>Scripture: YEAR A: JN 4:5-42 (SAMARITAN WOMAN) YEAR B: JN 2: 13-25 (JESUS ANGER IN THE TEMPLE) YEAR C: LK 13:1-9 (PARABLE OF FIG TREE)</p>	<p>Scripture: YEAR A: JN 11:1-45 (RAISING LAZARUS) YEAR B: JN 12: 20-30 (PARABLE OF GRAIN OF WHEAT) YEAR C: JN 8: 1-11 (THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN)</p>	<p>Scripture: YEAR A: JN 11:1-45 (RAISING LAZARUS) YEAR B: JN 12: 20-30 (PARABLE OF GRAIN OF WHEAT) YEAR C: JN 8: 1-11 (THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN)</p>
<p>1st Week of Lent St Mary's Cathedral RITE OF ELECTION RCIA #125-127</p>	<p>PRAYER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; PARISH LENT PROGRAM OTHER</p>	<p>PRAYER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 1 PARISH LENT PROGRAM OTHER</p>	<p>PRAYER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 2; PARISH LENT PROGRAM OTHER</p>	<p>PRAYER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 3; PARISH LENT PROGRAM OTHER</p>

**LENTEN SEASON –  
PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT  
PRE – READING RCIA TEXT #125 - 136**

TOPIC	INSTRUCTION	LITURGY	LECTIONARY	RESOURCE
Discernment	I. Prayerful reflection on personal journey II. Deepening closeness to Christ III. Developed familiarity of Gospels IV. Desire to participate in the Eucharist and worship with the community of faith V. Discernment of sin and desire for repentance	Parish Rite of Sending	YEAR A: MT 4:1-11 YEAR B: MK 1:12-15 YEAR C: LK 4: 1-13	
Rite of Election		Rite of Election		RCIA #125-127
Presentation of The Creed	Meaning and understanding Discernment NB: Presentations may be scheduled during Catechumenate (Refer RCIA #79, 103-104; 134)	Presentation of the Creed		RCIA # 134-136; 144-150 Meaning: CCC #188 Components Of the Creed: CCC #190-192
Presentation of the 'Our Father' *	Discernment and preparation for Easter Vigil NB: Presentations may be scheduled during Catechumenate (Refer RCIA #79, 103-104; 134)	Presentation of the 'Our Father'		RCIA # 134-136; 166-171 Centre of Scripture CCC # 2762-2764 Church's Prayer CCC #2767-2772
1st Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	1st Scrutiny YR A	John 4: 4 - 26 (Samaritan Woman)	RCIA #128-133; 137-143
2nd Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	2nd Scrutiny YR A	John 9: 1 - 41 (Man born blind)	RCIA #128-133; 151-157
3rd Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	3rd Scrutiny YR A	John 11: 1 - 45 (Raising of Lazarus)	RCIA #128-133; 158-164
Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation	<i>Ephphetha Rite 'be opened'</i> Anointing with Oil of Catechumens *NB: Presentation of the 'Our Father' is possible as part of the preparation Rites (Refer RCIA #136)	<b>1st Reconciliation (candidates)</b> <b>Rehearsal of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for The Elect</b>		RCIA #172-233 Doctrine of: CCC # 1114-1116 Grace of salvation CCC # 1127-1129

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION & FULL COMMUNION INTO THE CHURCH**

Easter Vigil	Sacraments of Initiation & Full Communion	Baptismal Rite Rite of Confirmation Receiving First Eucharist	Easter Vigil Readings	RCIA #211 – 233 Roman Missal p.378 - 423
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## Useful Websites

### ❑ Archdiocese of Perth

[www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm)

- Find a Mass
- Archbishop's Homilies
- All Catholic Agency information
- Other

### ❑ Office of Christian Initiation Archdiocese of Perth

Website: <http://initiation.perthcatholic.org.au/>

- Brochures for those *Thinking About Becoming Catholic*
- Sponsor information and brochure
- Parish Resources
- Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome pro-forma
- Lent Scrutiny Retreats
- Other

### ❑ Catholic Enquiry Centre: Catholic Story pamphlets

[catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story](http://catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story)

- 18 FREE Brochures on Catholic tenets of faith for enquirers

### ❑ The Summit Journal – FREE NOW ONLINE

[cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://cam.org.au/evangelisation)

- catechumenate journey
- Gospel reflections
- Children's Liturgy
- Other

### ❑ Jesuit Communications Australian Catholics

[editor@australiancatholics.com.au](mailto:editor@australiancatholics.com.au) OR

[SundayConnection@LoyolaPress.com](mailto:SundayConnection@LoyolaPress.com)

- Parish resources
- Gospel Reflections

### ❑ The Mass

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings/>

- Includes text of Readings