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An invitation: come and see.

Christian faith is a journey and an adventure. When a child is baptised in the Catholic Church, the priest says to the child and everyone around: 'the Christian community welcomes you with great joy'. We find the same joy when any adults explore whether they would like to join our Church and become part of our local community of faith.

If you have found yourself asking questions about Catholic faith or perhaps you already know that you want to belong, the Church offers a pathway into membership. In formal terms, this is known as the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In practice, it is a process of learning and growing together over a period of 6-8 months.





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In this parish, we are calling our RCIA programme the Faith Journey Group, because that is what happens. Those who join the group will be invited along a journey into faith, accompanied by friends and supporters. For some it may be new faith; for others it may be a deeper faith building on what is already there.

Along the way there will be celebrations and teaching. There will be sharing of experience and of questions. We will learn from each other to discover what God is doing in our lives and in our community. It is a journey with different stages, but everyone goes at their own pace. There is no obligation to continue or to reach a particular point. But we hope it may lead to baptism or to being received into the Catholic Church.

Who is the Faith Journey Group for?

- People who are not Catholic and who want to find out more about the Catholic faith.
- Those who already know they want to join the Catholic Church and be baptised.
- Those who were baptised Catholic as infants but never received religious education or the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion.
- People who were baptised in another Christian Church who would now like to become full members of the Catholic Church.



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The Faith Journey Group: practical details

The first step is to let us know you are interested. It will be helpful if you can let us know that you are interested and plan to come. Send an email to annunciation@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The faith journey meetings will normally take place on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Holy Spirit social centre hall. There will always be simple refreshments.

The group then continues over these stages:

<i>Beginning the journey</i>	29 th September 6 th , 13 th October 3 rd November
<i>Learning about Catholic faith and life</i>	10 th , 17 th and 24 th November 1 st , 8 th and 15 th December 5 th , 12 th , 19 th and 26 th January 2 nd , 9 th February
<i>Going deeper into a spiritual life</i>	23 rd February 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd March
<i>Exploring the life of the parish</i>	Several Tuesdays after Easter

As we journey together, we especially encourage everyone to participate in the liturgies of Advent and Lent, which will help us to prepare our hearts for the great feasts of Christmas and Easter.

Key days of Lent 2027:

- 10th February- Ash Wednesday
- 14th February- 1st Sunday of Lent (Rite of Election)



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- 21st March – Palm Sunday
- 25th March – Maundy Thursday
- 26th March – Good Friday
- 27th March – Holy Saturday (Rites for Baptism and the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation)
- 28th March – Easter Sunday



If you would like to join the group and begin or continue the journey of faith, but there is something you are unsure about, or dates you can't manage, or any other difficulties, please let us know and we can see what we can do to help. You can either contact,

- Parish Office: Margaret Joby
annunciation@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 0115 9814271
- Faith Journey Programme Leaders: Ceci Li
ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk and Pat Jones.

Companions on the journey

A journey in faith should never be made alone. We need each other. The faith journey group needs help and support so that it can be the best experience possible. If you have read this leaflet and you would be interested in helping in the group as a catechist or in other practical ways, please let us know.

