

What happens next?

- If you have any questions, speak to Father Jonathan or one of the catechists (contact details below). We are quite happy to meet you individually to help you decide
- Reflect and pray over the summer whether this is what God is calling you to do
- Come to a second 'taster' evening on 8 September 7.30pm
- Let us know by 12 September if you want to join the programme

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If you feel you are being called to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please listen! Meetings will be on Tuesdays 7.30 to 9pm, starting on 15th September

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so I long for you my God. I thirst for God, for the living God. (Psalm 42)

God of surprises, God of the unexpected, you approach us delicately, whispering your presence amid the noise of our world. Make us sensitive to the sound of your name echoing in the quiet places where you wait for us. (Gemma Simmonds)

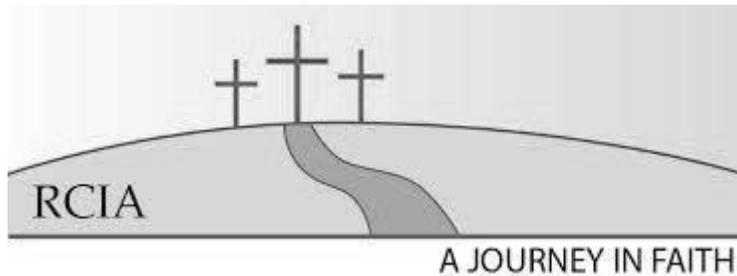
Holy Angels Hale Barns



Would you like to explore what it means to be a Catholic?



How about joining our RCIA programme this September?



What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme for non-baptised adults who want to become full members of the Catholic Church. We also include in our programme those who are already baptised Christians but not in full communion with the Catholic Church. The programme at Holy Angels is therefore open to anyone, of any denomination or none, whether or not they are already baptised Christians.

How does the programme work?

The programme is run by volunteers who want to share their faith and accompany candidates on their journey. There are several distinct parts, beginning with an 'Enquiry Period', which runs from September to Christmas. This part of the programme helps enquirers develop and strengthen a relationship with God, understand what is important to all Christians, and find out more about what Catholics specifically believe.

Enquirers are then invited to commit to whether they want to continue with the next stage.

While we hope that all those who join the programme in September will continue, it is perfectly OK to come to the Enquiry sessions but then decide the rest of the programme is not right for you at this time.

When are the meetings held?

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 to 9pm, from early September until Pentecost in May.

How do I know if this is right for me?

Talk to Father Jonathan or one of the catechists, come to one of our information evenings/taster sessions, talk to your friends or relations who are Catholic, and pray about it.

Here are some resources to help you:

Web resources

- **Becoming a Catholic. Starting points, first steps & encounters:** website that will answer some of your initial questions and gives personal accounts of others who have joined the Church (<http://www.rcia.org.uk/Enquirers/index.html>)
- **Three-minute retreat:** A site giving daily reflections on a scripture passage, with very inspiring photos and music (<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>)

Short scripture passages to reflect on

- 'I have called you by your name, you are mine...You are precious in my eyes' (Isaiah 43:1-4)
- 'You know me through and through' (Psalm 139:1-8)
- 'What do you want? Come and see' (John 1:35-39)