



The Roman Catholic Church of The Holy Spirit
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What do Catholics Believe?

A new course is starting in September, for non-Catholics to find out more about the Catholic Church, in a relaxed and informal environment.

The RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a **FREE** course open to anyone who would like to understand more about the faith, teaching and life of the Catholic Church.

Starting on Thursday 23rd September at The Holy Spirit Social Centre in West Bridgford, the course offers a basic introduction to Catholicism and what Catholics believe.

Parish Priest, Father Gregory Tobin says, "The course is a series of evening sessions run weekly during school term-time for anyone who wishes to increase their faith and understanding of life in the Catholic Church. The course often attracts non-Catholics who may have a Catholic partner, people with children who attend a Catholic School or people who attend an Anglican church but would simply like to obtain a better understanding about the Catholic faith. Anyone is welcome to attend."

Elaine Gallagher from Cotgrave completed the course over a year ago and consequently chose to be baptised Catholic. She says, "I initially enrolled in the course to get a better understanding about the Catholic faith. I'd previously had no Catholic education but had got married in a Catholic church and my husband is Catholic. A family bereavement prompted me to find out more about the church and the RCIA course was the perfect opportunity to ask lots of basic questions in a friendly and supportive environment. I was never under any pressure to convert and each session was very welcoming and involved a combination of both instruction and shared discussion. It was very informal and I've also made some friends for life."

Beth Edwards, a full-time mother of three from Gamston decided to enrol for the course this term as her children attend a local Catholic school. Beth says, "Even though I went to a Catholic school when I was a girl, I still want to understand more about the teachings of the Catholic faith. I've wanted to do the RCIA course for some time now and the course sessions fit perfectly around my family commitments too."

The RCIA course starts on **Thursday 23rd September at The Holy Spirit Social Centre in West Bridgford, from 7.30pm until 9pm.** The course involves weekly sessions throughout school term-time until Easter 2011.

Father Gregory will be offering a Tour of the Church Building for anyone wishing to find out more on **Sunday 12th September 2010 at 3pm.** Anyone interested in

attending should contact Father Gregory direct by email at gregorytobin@btinternet.com or visit the Holy Spirit website at www.holyspiritwb.org.

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