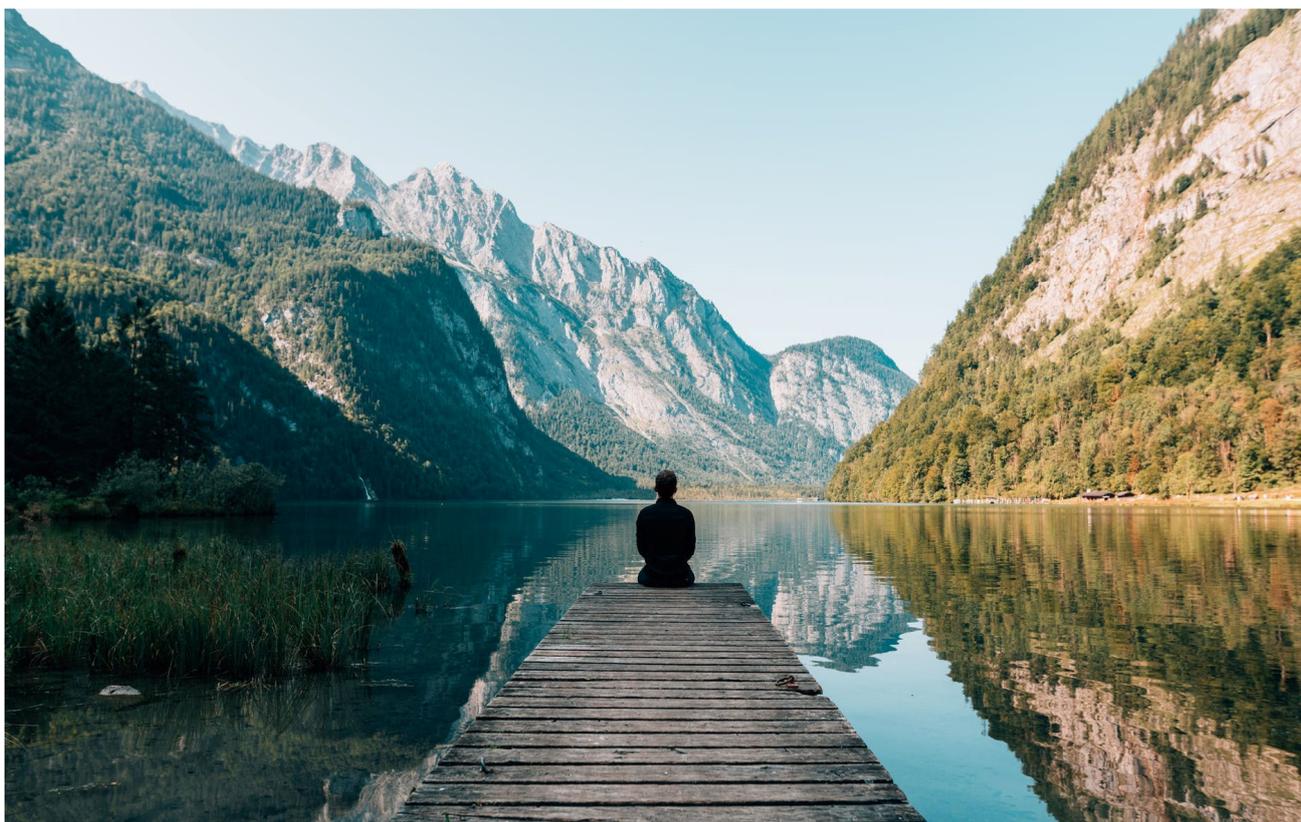


**Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?  
Come and See**



Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
Wentworthville



## What kind of person becomes a Catholic?

Anyone who has been touched or called by God.

You may be the partner of a Catholic person, or a Catholic parent wanting to baptise their child, you may be curious about the Catholic faith, or you may simply have questions about what would be involved. For whichever reason, you are invited to enquire about continuing your faith journey.

## What would be involved?

The answer to this question would depend on the person/s involved;

- Baptisms for children younger than 12 years old are celebrated on the weekend. Parents/carers are required to attend one or two Information Evenings.
- Baptisms for teens and adults are celebrated during Easter. Formation sessions within a group are organised at a time that is convenient to you.



## What do we do?

The formation sessions for baptising children are very simple. All material is provided and the baptism rite is discussed in a simple, friendly manner.

The formation session for baptising teens and adults takes place over a longer period of time – depending on your availability and interest. Groups are organised with the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Team, where we explore your questions and concerns regarding the Catholic faith.

## What is the RCIA?

The RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and it's the process used to initiate people into the Catholic faith. Groups meet at a time that is convenient for you. We read and discuss the Gospel of the week, we pray together, share our experiences, examine our understanding of our faith and observe celebrations associated with our faith journey.



## But I'm not ready to commit yet! What do I do?

Then the RCIA is the right place for you to start. You don't have to commit to anything until you've decided. And we support whichever decision you make.

*Just Come and See.*

## I'm already baptised, how do I complete my initiation?

Perhaps you've already been baptised in a Christian church (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc) and you would like to become a Catholic. Maybe you were baptised in a Catholic church, but haven't celebrated either your Confirmation and/or first Holy Communion. Regardless of where you are in your faith, you are invited to enquire about continuing your journey.

## Is there a cut-off date for enquiries?

No. Our parish offers a year-round process. When you're ready to inquire, we'll be ready to help you.

## What do I need to bring with me?

If you've already been baptised, we'll need a copy of your baptism certificate. Otherwise, come just as you are. All materials will be provided.

## What can I do today?

Until you are ready to make the step to enquiring about becoming a Catholic, there are lots of things you can do:

- Pray - always a good way to begin having a conversation with God.
- Research - there are many excellent sites to help you begin to understand the Christian community; [catholicenquiry.com](http://catholicenquiry.com), [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)
- Talk - you may like to begin talking to a parishioner, a priest or a parish staff member; they would all be more than happy to answer your questions.
- Attend a Mass – there's no better way to come and see what goes on. Mass times are:
  - Monday to Thursday - 9 am
  - Friday - 9:15 am
  - Saturday - 9 am and 6 pm
  - Sunday - 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm.



## What else do I need to know?

While each person's faith journey is a deeply personal encounter, our celebrations are community-based. Our friendly parish, RCIA team, sponsors and parish staff are supportive and understanding of your concerns.

## Where do I get more information?

Contact us via the details below, or visit [olmcwenty.org.au/enquiry](http://olmcwenty.org.au/enquiry) to get in touch through our online form. If you're visiting our parish office in person, you will find it in the priory, located between the church and school. It's open Tuesday to Friday.

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