

# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



## Easter Reflection



## Opening Prayer

## Mystagogia

- The period of fifty days from Easter to Pentecost
- The Final phase of your RCIA process
- Means “to lead through the mysteries”.
- You are called “neophytes” meaning “new plant”.
- Discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church.
- Mystagogia helps your newly planted faith takes root.

## Mystagogia Theme

# Living Your Faith

## Palm Sunday



## Holy Thursday



## Good Friday



## Easter

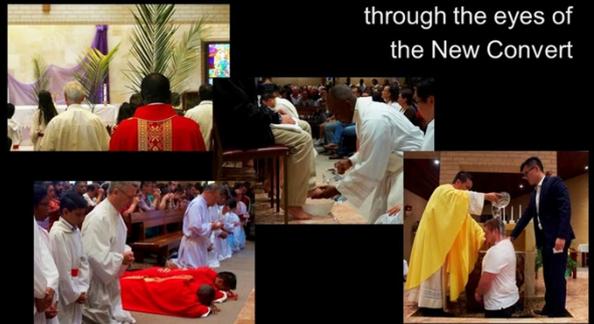


“And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”  
Luke 24:49



## Our Holy Week Journey

through the eyes of  
the New Convert



The Body of Christ



## Your First Easter



- You experience a new birth
- You took your first step into your new family
- You made your commitment to belong to this family
- You acknowledge God to be your Father, Jesus to be your Saviour and The Holy Spirit to be your Guide

## Reflection on Easter Triduum



- Preparation for your Baptism
  - How do the events of the Easter Triduum help in your journey towards Baptism?
- You received the Initiation Sacraments
  - What special memories do you have of the Easter Vigil night?

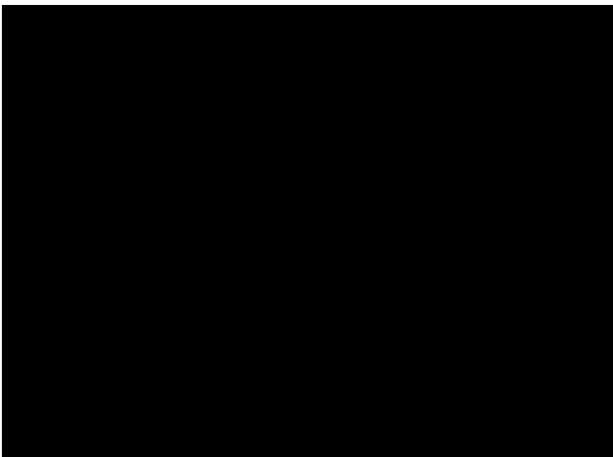
## Reflection on Easter Triduum



- What is God doing for you through the Easter celebration?
- What is God asking of you?



Tea Break



St Justin Martyr



Let it be understood that those who are not found living as He taught are not Christian- even though they profess with the lips the teaching of Christ.

## As your faith journey continues ...



How would you like to continue to encounter God?

## Encountering God through....

- Receiving the Sacraments
- Participating in the Liturgy of the Mass
- Reading and reflecting on Scriptures
- Prayer
- Church ministry: Service

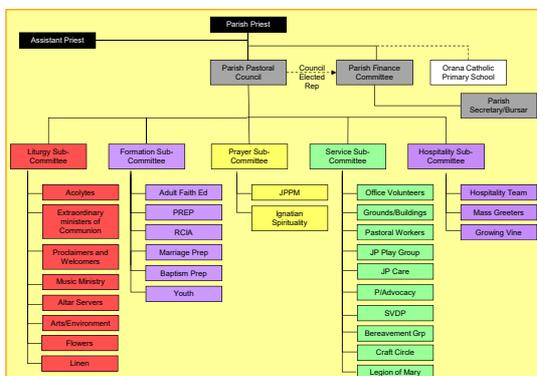
## Mission & Ministry

- "Ministry" means "Service"
- We are asked to imitate Jesus, who said that he had come to serve (Mk 10:45)
- By Baptism and Confirmation, we were all called to some form of ministry (Mt 25:31-26, 28:16-20)
- The Holy Spirit has given each of us special gifts to minister with others.

## Finding Your Ministry

- Pillars of Eucharistic Community
  - Hospitality
  - Prayer
  - Formation
  - Service
  - Liturgy

### The Church of Sts John and Paul – Willetton Catholic Parish A Eucharistic Community



## Finding Your Ministry

- Post-RCIA Activities
  - JP Prayer Ministry
  - Liturgy: Choir, Proclaimers, EOM
  - Gardening, Cleaning
  - St Vincent de Paul, JP Care
  - RCIA
- Upcoming Parish Member Sharing

## Job vs Ministry

Some people have a **JOB** in the church; others involve themselves in a **MINISTRY**. What is the difference?

If you are doing it just because no else will, it's a **JOB**.  
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a **Ministry**.

If you quit because somebody criticised you, it was a **JOB**.  
If you keep on serving, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you'll do it only as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a **JOB**.  
If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a **JOB**.  
If you stay with it even though nobody recognises your efforts, it is a **MINISTRY**.

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## Job vs Ministry

It's hard to get excited about a **JOB**.

It's almost impossible not to be excited about a **MINISTRY**.

If our concern is success, it's a **JOB**.

If our concern is faithfulness, it's a **MINISTRY**.

An average church is filled with people doing **JOBs**.

A great and growing church is filled with people involved in **MINISTRY**.

Where do we fit in? What about us?

If God calls you to a **MINISTRY**, don't treat it like a **JOB**.

If you have a **JOB**, give it up and find a **MINISTRY**.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a **JOB**, but excited and faithful to Him in a **MINISTRY**.



## Recap

- Your Easter spiritual journey
  - What did it mean to me?
  - What did it do for me?
  - What I am asked to do?
- Through Mystagogia, we enter into the mystery of our new found faith
- Finding our Mission and Ministry



## Q&A



## Missioning Mass & Shared Meal

9 Jun 2019 (Sun)

10.30 am – 11.30 am (Mass)

11.30 am – 1.30 pm (Meal)

Families and friends welcome

Bring a plate, enough for you and your company.

Leave it in the Large Meeting Room before Mass.



## Further Readings

- (TBA)



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## JESUS ROSE AGAIN

Carey Landry

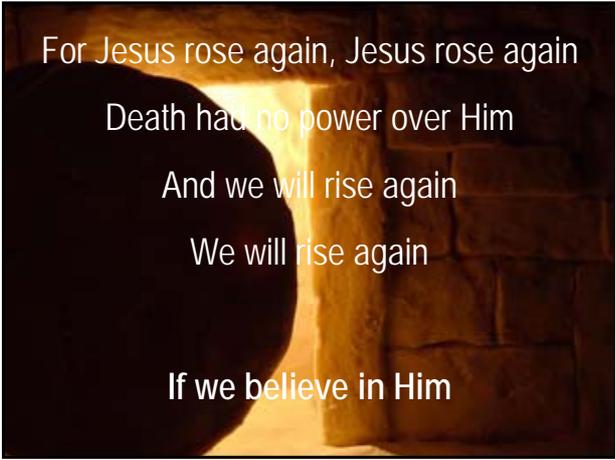
This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad  
This is the day, this is the day  
Let us rejoice and be glad

For Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again  
Death had no power over Him  
And we will rise again  
We will rise again  
If we believe in Him

Are you looking for Jesus?  
He is risen as He said  
Look for Him among the living  
Do not look among the dead

For Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again  
Death had no power over Him  
And we will rise again  
We will rise again  
If we believe in Him

This is the triumph of Jesus  
The victory of life over death  
The victory of light  
The victory of hope  
Promise of everlasting life



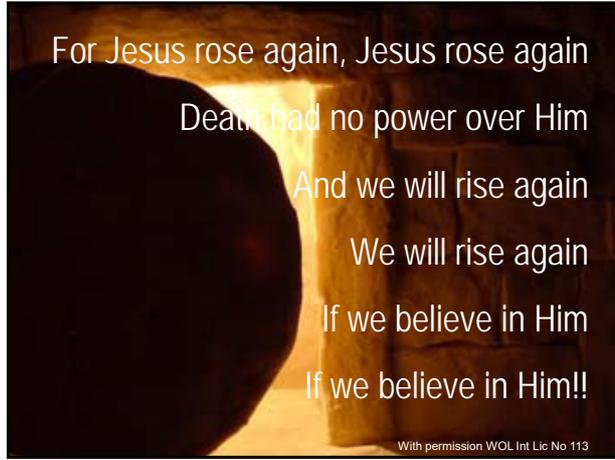
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