



Faith can move mountains

- 'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.' (Matthew 17:20)



Hope

- Without hope, we are unable to live
 - Parents hope that their children will grow up well
 - Students hope to pass their exams
 - Patients hope they will get better
- Human hope can disappoint
- Christian hope will never fail. God is ever faithful to His promises




Christian Hope

- "We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." (Romans 5:2)
- Romans 8:18-25 (Heavenly Hope)

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18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be **set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.





Love


- What is Love?
- "Love is a feeling"
- Or is it?
- Feeling is an infatuation when we experience something new.
- Love is a mystery that cannot be scientifically explained
- Love is an enduring act of will.
- Love is a *decision*.

GOD IS LOVE

- 1 John 4:16 -

1 John 4:7-21 (God is Love)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; **if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us**. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. **God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them**. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



God is Love

- We are made in the image of God
- We are made to Love




Tea Break

Dialogue with Priest

What brought you to the RCIA?

What does faith mean to you?


How is hope important to you?



What does the love of another offer you?


What does the love of God offer you?

Any question for the priest?




Discussion

- Faith
 - What does faith mean to you?
- Hope
 - How is hope important to you?
- Love
 - What does the love of God offer you?





Recap

- Faith: Seeing is *not* believing
- Hope: Christian hope *never* fails
- Love: Love is a *decision*



Q&A

RCIA Commitment

- Attendance at all evening sessions
 - Evening sessions on every Tuesday, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Please be punctual.
- Attendance at all weekend masses (from Week 7)
- Inform RCIA Coordinator (Howard) if you are unable to attend any session.
- Support and pray for each other




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Further Readings

- *At Home With God's People*
 (ISBN 0-947282-13-0)
 Chapter 11
- *Path Through Catholicism*
 (ISBN 0-7629-0971-X)
 Chapter 1, 18



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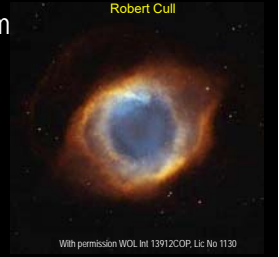
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Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
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