

When is JIF?

2016 – 2017 Outline

Spring Time:

New Course advertised and
Completion of the Initial Enquiry Form

Summer/Autumn Time:

Individual meeting with the Priest
*A detailed programme is available on the
Parish website*

27th October 2016

Introduction and Enquiring Period

11th December 2015

The Rite of Welcome

12th January 2017

Programme resumes

4th March 2017

The Rite of Election at
St George's Cathedral

15th April 2017

Saturday Easter Vigil

Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
First Holy Communion &
Reception into the Catholic Church

4th June 2017

Pentecost Mass

Celebration of the end of the Programme, &
Social/Dinner

A date to be arranged



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Kidbrooke

Becoming and Being Confirmed a

Catholic

Journey In Faith JIF

OR

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults RCIA

Who is JIF for?

- Un-baptised individuals
- Baptised non-Catholic Christians
- Unconfirmed Christian Catholics
- Individuals curious to know more about the Christian Catholic Faith

Un-baptised individuals

- include people of other Faiths, e.g., Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, etc.; people of no faith; and those brought up in Christian traditions but never been Baptised.

Baptised Non Catholic Christians

-these include those Baptised in other Christian traditions than the Catholic

Unconfirmed Catholics

-these include individuals who were Baptised but never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Curious individuals

-include those who may want to know what a Catholic partner or friend believes.



Why Join JIF?

- To inquire about the Catholic Faith
- If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic
- To deepen your Christian Catholic knowledge and Faith



The Programme

1. The Inquiry period: (Pre-Catechumenate)

-begins when a person expresses interest in the Catholic Faith, i.e. calling the parish office, speaking to a priest, a family member or a friend. It ends with The Rite of Welcome after a few sessions.

2. The Learning period: (Catechumenate)

-the candidates participate in sessions which explore the teachings of the Church and develop close relationship with the Catholic Christian Community.

3. Becoming a Catholic: (The Elect)

-Through reflection, prayer and some rites, the faith of the elect is strengthened and affirmed, leading to the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

4. Deepening the Faith: (Mystagogy)

-The new Catholics continue to meet for a period to deepen their faith and relationships.



Who are involved the Programme?

The Parish Priest

Catechists

Supporters/Sponsors

Prayer Sponsors

Priests of the Parish are available throughout the Journey In Faith to support the catechists and candidates with theological and doctrinal input.

Catechists are active members of the Church with a proven experience in organising and running the programme, and willing to share their faith in Christ.

Sponsors are baptized active members of the community who are chosen by the candidates to 'walk' alongside them on the journey to a new life in Christ.

Prayer Sponsors -Catholics who commit themselves to pray for those following the programme