**St Clement of Rome Parish**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a structured program for adults wishing to join the Catholic Church, or complete their initiation into it, by celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (Holy Communion).

At St Clement of Rome Parish, we welcome everyone, especially those who are searching for a deeper connection to God in their lives. The inquiry period usually commences in August and continues for about two months. During this period, (denoted “Come and See”) meetings are held fortnightly usually on Thursday evenings. The inquirer’s questions are discussed and answered in a cordial and friendly environment together with an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic community.

Following the inquiry period, should the inquirer wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, the person is accepted for the Sacraments of Initiation and commences a journey of discovery and enrichment within the Parish community through the RCIA journey. This will continue with other Rites along the way culminating with the full reception of the person to the Catholic Church at the Easter celebrations.

The RCIA process is facilitated by a small team of parishioners. The team will ensure full support for the catechumen to participate in worship, scripture, and other ministries of our faith community. A sponsor, to accompany the inquirer on the faith journey will also be provided for the inquirer, if required.

Please contact the Parish Office (03 9850 3262) with your name and contact details and a member of the team will respond.