

DEPARTMENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



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The Immaculate Conception, Beeches Green, Stroud, GL5 4AA

Cost of full course is £50 or £6 per session.

Sessions 7pm to 9pm including time for refreshments.

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Course Outline

Session One – Wednesday 17th April

Introduction to the Course. In this session we will meet and get to know one another, explore the faith formation course in a bit more detail and talk about some of the key themes. We will also watch the Sycamore video 'A God who Speaks' and use it as the model for the rest of our sessions together.

Session Two – Wednesday 24th April

Who is Jesus? He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus. The light of the Resurrection.

Session Three – Wednesday 1st May

The Holy Spirit and the Church - How the Holy Spirit can change your life. No one gets into heaven alone. Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments.

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Session Four – Wednesday 15th May

The Bible - What is the bible? Can we trust the bible? How the bible can change your life.

Session Five – Wednesday 22nd May

The Power of Prayer - What is prayer? Does prayer make a difference? How to pray.

Session Six – Wednesday 5th June

The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation - The power of the sacraments and the liturgy. How baptism can change your life. Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Session Seven – Wednesday 12th June

The Holy Eucharist – The meaning of the Mass. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Session Eight – Wednesday 19th June

Forgiveness Healing and Mission - Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession. Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. Christian mission and the call to share our faith.

Session Nine – Wednesday 26th June

The Christian Vocation - The meaning of vocation. Marriage and family life. Ordination and consecrated life

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Session Ten – Wednesday 3rd July

The Social Teaching of the Church - The dignity of the human person and the right to life. Christian teaching about family and society. Speaking the truth and following conscience.

Session Eleven – Wednesday 10th July

Mary and the Hope of Heaven - Death, judgment, and our longing for eternal life. Holiness, the saints, and our hope for heaven. What Catholics believe about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Session Twelve – Wednesday 17th July

Our final session will give each participant an opportunity to share a reflection on what they have received on the course and the impact it has had on their life of faith. It will be a time of review and looking at next steps for the group.

“It is beautiful to believe in Jesus, because He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6) who fills our existence with joy and gladness. This endeavour to make Jesus known as supreme beauty leads us to find new signs and ways for the transmission of the faith. The means can be different; what is important is to keep present Jesus’ style, who adapted Himself to the persons that were before Him to bring them close to the love of God. One must be able to “change,” to adapt oneself, to make the message more accessible, even when it is always the same, because God does not change but renews all things in Him. In the creative endeavour to make Jesus known, we must not feel afraid because He precedes us in that task. He is already in the man of today, and waits for us there.

Pope Francis letter for the International Symposium on Catechesis 5th July 2017