

STAGE 1A -- PRE-CATECUMENATE

30th Oct	Session 7 Windows on God's World	Bringing the reality of God into our lives. What is a "Sacrament"? Why are Sacraments special? How do they differ from other forms of prayer and worship?
6th Nov	Session 8 Prayer -- just being with God	The need for prayer. Different ways of praying. Praying for the Christian is like petrol for the car. Without it we cannot make any progress in our Christian journey.
13th Nov	Session 9 Making a Commitment	The full RCIA process -- questions and discussions and what happens next. Explaining The Rite of Welcome for those who wish to make the commitment to join the Catholic Church. The role of a Sponsor
20th Nov	Session 10 Mary, the Mother of God	Who was Mary? Why do we still honour and pray to her? Mary in Scripture. Doctrines about Mary developed within Church Tradition (feasts commemorating Mary).
27th Nov	Session 11 Advent, & the Liturgical Year	Advent is the beginning of the Liturgical Year. What is this and why do we have such a formal pattern?
4th Dec	Session 12 Christmas	In Christmas we celebrate the beginning of Jesus' earthly life – the Incarnation. What happened and why is it important?