

The Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith is a series of sessions where we try and outline what the Catholic Church is, does and believes – for the benefit of anyone not a Catholic, who is interested. We will explore what we within the Church believe and do. We will explode a few [perhaps many!] common misconceptions. We will discuss our faith, scripture and the relevance of the church's teachings to our lives. It is a course, which tries to explore all aspects of the Catholic Faith.

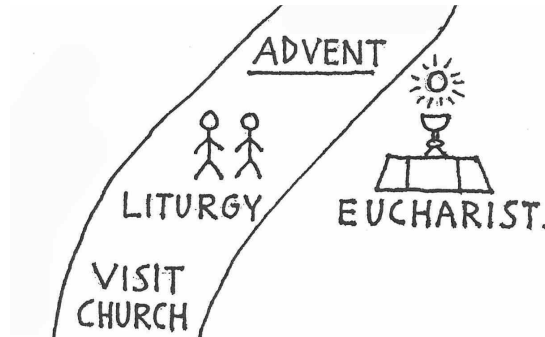
Absolutely no commitment is requested or required – we are happy always, to share our journey with you for however long or short a period you choose.



Why 'Journey'?

In the Gospels, Jesus travels to Jerusalem, teaching, preaching, healing, suffering pain and disappointment; struggling sometimes with temptation, sometimes with those around him; giving joy to those same companions and glory to God – eventually to find the Cross, a painful and humiliating death – a glorious and transforming resurrection.

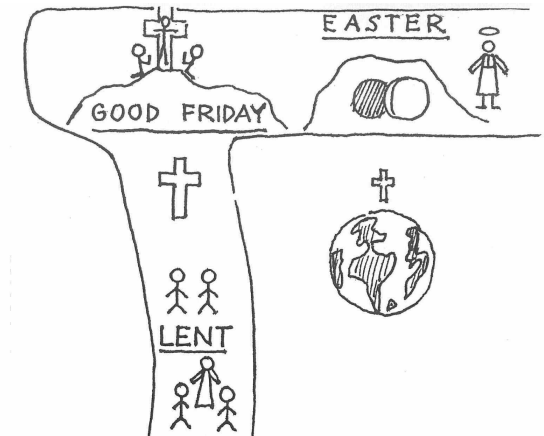
We believe that Jesus' journey, is our journey – a journey from infancy, through glimpses of understanding; through pain and disappointment, through joy and struggle – a Journey of Faith that starts for each one of us in a unique place – in our hearts, but that has, as its destination, that place reserved for all of us – to be one with the Father.



We try and keep that focus during our sessions, as we travel together along the path of the Church's beliefs and purposes.

The Church

The Catholic Church is a community of people united in their understanding that to live is to love; to love life and the creator of all life – God – his love for us, and his gift of life for us most perfectly expressed in those most perfect of symbols – the cross and empty tomb.



If you want to know more about the Catholic Church; if you are simply seeking answers; or if you are seeking more – perhaps a spiritual home or wholeness – then maybe the Journey in Faith course is for you.

You may simply want to know what we Catholics believe. Your child may come to St Peter's School and you would like to learn more in order to support them. You may have been coming to mass for years, but never gone up for communion.

You may have fallen away from your faith and not found your way back.

If you recognise yourself as any one of these [or even if you don't!] now may be the time to think about the Journey in Faith.

The Journey in Faith will try and show you more about what we within the Catholic Church believe and do. We will try and answer any and all questions you might have about our faith, about the Church, about the Journey.

I can't emphasise enough, that absolutely no commitment is requested or required – but should anyone decide that the Catholic Church seems like home to them, then the Journey in Faith course, for them, can also become the Rite by which they are received into the Church at Easter.



From late September onwards, we meet regularly on Tuesday evenings (8:00 to 9:30pm) during term time in the Milner Hall and would love to see you there.

There is some more information on our Pastoral Area Website at www.hampshiredowns.org.uk , and if you would like to know more please do contact Nick Kelly [01962 890118 or nkelly@bigfoot.com] or talk to Father Paul.

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"I came that you may have life, and have it to the full."