

Catholics Returning Home

Is a five week support programme that aims at helping Catholics return to the Church.

This programme is designed

- * to recognise the feelings of each participant
- * to help each participant to understand that they're not alone.
- * to give the participant the opportunity to view things in a new light.

For most Catholics who have been inactive, coming home to a personal relationship with God is challenging.

The Catholics Returning Home Programme will provide a welcoming space in your own Faith community to help you take that first challenging step.



The list of reasons for leaving
could be a long one;
and everyone wonders
how to start a return journey:

*Maybe it's as easy as
trusting the feeling
that you want to do something now.*

Would company help?

Here's an idea:

Perhaps you may know of a friend,
or a family member who has talked
about 'coming back'.
Why not come along together and
give support to each other.

**Comments from some previous
programme participants:**

"I didn't think it would be that easy".

*"Thank you for listening,
sharing and caring."*

"I'm back!"

*"He must increase; I must decrease."
(Jn 3:30)*

St John the Baptist
Catholic Parish
Woy Woy Peninsula

Warmly invites you
to join us

August 10, 2016

Or

February 15, 2017

For the



*"To all those who have wandered
away from their spiritual home*

I say, Come Back!

*The Church opens her arms to you!
The Church loves you!"*

Pope John Paul II
Randwick Racecourse



Catholics Returning Home 2016/2017 @ St John the Baptist Woy Woy



Hi there, I'm Fr Jack Robson, Parish Priest of St John the Baptist Catholic Church Woy Woy Peninsula.

Many of you reading this will, in recent years, have had children make one or more of their sacraments through the parish based Sacramental Programmes, and as their Parish Priest, I couldn't be more proud of these kids.

I keep them in my prayers asking God that they continue to live and grow in their faith especially in the coming, often difficult, teenage years.

I also pray for you, their parents and guardians, in the hope you are comfortable enough in your own Catholic faith to set them faith based examples to follow.

I accept that many of you, the young parents of today, have struggled with your faith across the years. Knowing this, I ask that you consider this programme, 'Catholics Returning Home', in the hope it may help you with your struggles and enable you to find a way back to your faith and the waiting arms of Jesus.

Just reading this pamphlet has been a great start!

If you do decide to come along, even if it's just for the Information Evening, you would be most welcome.

Yours in Christ, Fr Jack.

To come along, please provide the following information by email, in person or by phone, whichever works best for you.

Name	
Best Contact No.	
Best Contact Time.	
Address	
Email address	

All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

Wednesdays

August 10, 2016

Information Evening

August 17, 2016

Welcome, Introductions, Overview, Video-viewing & Discussion

August 24, 2016

The Church Today; Changes since Vatican II & Discussion

August 31, 2016

Explanation of the Mass

September 7, 2016

Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance & Discussion

Sessions will be held in the Leo Mahon Room (inside the church building) - 7.30-9pm.

What happens if one week I can't make it on the Wednesday?

Wednesdays

February 15, 2017

Information Evening

February 22, 2017

Welcome, Introductions, Overview, Video-viewing & Discussion

March 1, 2017

The Church Today; Changes since Vatican II & Discussion

March 8, 2017

Explanation of the Mass

March 15, 2017

Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance & Discussion

The Programme is being run consecutively across 5 Central Coast Parishes. If you can't make your usual Wednesday night at SJB, another parish will be holding the same session during that week but on a different weeknight.

You can attend your current weeks session on / at:

Monday evening: St Patrick's, East Gosford

Tuesday evening: Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming