

Using Scripture in the Weekly RCIA Meeting

Lectionary-Based RCIA Method

This is a suggested model for tying the Sunday Readings to themes a group might wish to explore in RCIA.

Example: Year A (*all texts from Matthew's gospel unless noted*)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Gospel Text</i>	<i>Liturgical Theme</i>	<i>Meeting Theme</i>
Advent 1	24: 37-44	Unexpected Coming	<i>Hope of salvation; Eternal Life; Morality; Advent as a season</i>
Advent 2	3: 1-12	John the Baptist	<i>Old Testament; Justice; Baptism</i>
Advent 3	11: 2-11	The Expected Messiah	<i>Jesus</i>
Advent 4	1: 18-24	Annunciation to Joseph	<i>Jesus (or Old Testament); Christmas</i>
Epiphany	2: 1-12	Visit of the Magi	<i>Church; Mission; Worship & Prayer</i>
Baptism	3: 13-17	Jesus' Baptism	<i>Baptism; Jesus</i>
Ordinary 2	John 1: 29-34	John's Witness	<i>Mission; Baptism;</i>
Ordinary 3	4: 12-23	Early Mission	<i>Vocation; Call; Faith; Old Testament</i>
Ordinary 4	5: 1-12	Beatitudes	<i>Morality; Social Teaching</i>
Ordinary 5	5: 13-16	Salt & Light	<i>Social Teaching; Confirmation; Church; Mission</i>
Ordinary 6	5: 17-37	"Antitheses"	<i>New Testament; Morality; Marriage;</i>
Ordinary 7	5:38-48	"Love your Neighbour"	<i>Morality</i>
Ordinary 8	6: 24-34	Providence	<i>Faith as Attitude</i>
Ordinary 9	7: 21-27	The Two Houses	<i>Faith as Response</i>

Period of Purification & Enlightenment

Lent 1	4: 1-11	Temptations	<i>Sin & Repentance; Lent as a Season; Jesus as Human</i>
Lent 2	17: 1-9	Transfiguration	<i>Death & Resurrection; Faith; Jesus as Divine</i>
Lent 3	John 4: 5-42	The Woman of Samaria	<i>Baptism (Faith; Mission)</i>
Lent 4	John 9: 1-41	The Man Born Blind	<i>Sin & Healing - Penance & Anointing; Faith</i>
Lent 5	John 10: 1-45	Lazarus Raised	<i>Death & Resurrection (Faith; Prayer; Eucharist)</i>
Palm Sunday	26:14-27:66	The Passion	<i>Reflecting on Holy Week & Easter; Jesus' Cross, Suffering & Resurrection</i>

Period of Mystagogy

Easter 2	John 20: 19-31	Easter Appearance	<i>Resurrection; Easter as Season; The Vigil Rites Revisited; Mystagogia</i>
Easter 3	Luke 24: 13-35	Road to Emmaus	<i>The Sacraments; The Liturgy (Mass); Eucharist & Faith</i>
Easter 4	John 10: 1-10	The Gate of the Sheepfold	<i>Vocation; Priesthood & Religious Life; Pastoral Activity</i>
Easter 5	John 14: 1-12	The Way, Truth & Life	<i>Getting Involved; Living Faith; The Way of Perfection</i>

Easter 6	John 14: 15-21	Promise of the Spirit	<i>Holy Spirit; Confirmation; Faith as Attitude; Prayer</i>
Easter 7	John 17: 1-11	Jesus' Priestly Prayer	<i>Prayer; Priesthood; Reviewing the RCIA Journey;</i>
Pentecost	John 20:19-23	Easter Appearance	<i>Holy Spirit; Baptism & Confirmation; Sacraments; Mission</i>

Although many Sundays may fall outwith the period a parish RCIA group might meet (after Pentecost but then over the summer break), there may be a case for continuing some kind of (whole-parish?) Sunday gospel reflection, along the lines of the RCIA meeting. It may prove helpful for those who chose not to enter the church at Easter, or as a continued reflection for neophytes – or indeed anyone in the parish!

Ordinary 10	9: 9-13	Calling sinners	<i>Reconciliation; Forgiveness</i>
Ordinary 11	9: 36-10:8	The Twelve & their Mission	<i>Church; Holy Orders</i>
Ordinary 12	10: 26-33	Witnessing for Christ	<i>Confirmation; Mission; Church</i>
Ordinary 13	10: 37-42	The Reward for Mission	<i>Church; Mission; Holy Orders</i>
Ordinary 14	11: 25-30	“Come to me”	<i>Anointing of the Sick; Prayer</i>
Ordinary 15	13: 1-23	The Sower	<i>Faith; The Kingdom of God</i>
Ordinary 16	13: 24(-30)-43	More parables	<i>Kingdom of God; Prayer</i>
Ordinary 17	13: 44-52	More parables	<i>Kingdom of God; Church; Scripture</i>
Ordinary 18	14: 13-21	Feeding of the 5000	<i>Eucharist;</i>
Ordinary 19	14: 22-33	Walking on Water	<i>God; Jesus; Faith</i>
Ordinary 20	15: 21-28	Canaanite Woman	<i>Anointing of the Sick; Church Unity;</i>
Ordinary 21	16: 13-20	Peter's Confession	<i>Creed; Church; Papacy</i>
Ordinary 22	16: 21-27	Peter's Failure	<i>Suffering; Cross; Discipleship</i>

Ordinary 23	18: 15-20	Ask in faith	<i>Liturgy; Prayer</i>
Ordinary 24	18: 21-35	Forgiveness	<i>Reconciliation; Forgiveness</i>
Ordinary 25	20: 1-16	Working in the Vineyard	<i>Faith as response; Mission; Vocation</i>
Ordinary 26	21: 28-32	Doing the Father's Will	<i>Faith; Morality; Conversion; Penance</i>
Ordinary 27	21: 33-43	Parable of the Tenants	<i>Jesus; Old Testament; Cross & Resurrection; Sacrifice</i>
Ordinary 28	22: 1-14	Parable of the Banquet	<i>Church; Faith as Response; Eternal Life; Eucharist</i>
Ordinary 29	22: 15-21	Paying Tax to Caesar	<i>Prayer; God; Faith as Attitude; Social Teaching; Ethics & Politics</i>
Ordinary 30	22: 34-40	The Greatest Commandment	<i>Morality; Commandments; Old Testament;</i>
Ordinary 31	23: 1-12	“Practice what you preach”	<i>Old Testament; New Testament; Priesthood; Humility</i>
Ordinary 32	25: 1-13	The Ten Bridesmaids	<i>Judgment; Death & Eternal Life; Discernment</i>
Ordinary 33	25: 14-30	The Talents	<i>Human Nature; Morality; Work & Ethics; God-Images</i>
Ordinary 34	25: 31-46	The Last Judgement	<i>Social Teaching; Morality; Baptism; Mission; Eternal Life</i>