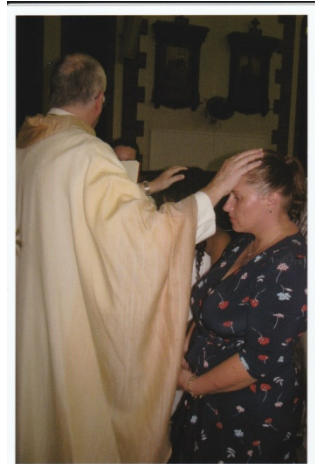




The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At Easter, the Chisholm Region welcomed the three ladies participating in the RCIA program; *Maima Nwanguma* and *Amie Walsh* at the Easter Vigil at St Joseph's East Maitland and *Sophie Merrin* on Easter Sunday at Immaculate Conception Morpeth. Maima was Baptised, Confirmed and received her First Holy Communion. Amie was Confirmed and also received her First Holy Communion.



Maima Nwanguma and Amie Walsh at the Easter Vigil at St Joseph's East Maitland



Sophie Merrin on Easter Sunday at Immaculate Conception Morpeth

Up to Pentecost Sunday 20/05/2018, the ladies and their sponsors continued to meet with the RCIA Team. During this period they learned more about the Parish “life” and considered their ongoing “journey” and involvement in their parish community. Topics discussed included various parish ministries and groups covering spiritually, evangelisation, social and the day to day “behind the scenes” organising.

Just prior to Pentecost Sunday was the annual Neophyte (New Catholics) Mass at Abermain. This celebration, led by the new Vicar General Fr Andrew Doohan, was for all the Neophytes, their families, friends and sponsors right across the Diocese. Following Mass was a light meal which provided a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners and their families to come together to welcome the Neophytes into our Catholic faith community.

If you have any enquiries regarding the RCIA process for entering into the Catholic faith, please contact Margaret on 0419 335 878 or myself on 0448 924 771 or email: mwmsmith@bigpond.com

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