



ALPHA



Our parish will be starting an **Alpha Course** on 22nd May. Meeting every Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the parish centre at Our Lady of Ransom, the course will run for 11 weeks and will additionally entail an away retreat (Saturday morning to Sunday lunchtime). Each evening will begin with a meal, followed by a film on key aspects of our Christian faith, after which there will be an opportunity for questions and small-group discussions.

Alpha is widely acknowledged as an outstanding programme for teaching the Christian faith and drawing us into a closer personal relationship with Jesus. It has become one of the most popular and powerful evangelising tools for deepening and enriching our Christian faith. It is aimed especially at people who don't go to church or those who may be lukewarm, questioning or curious about aspects of their beliefs. But even for active and committed Christians, **Alpha** is an excellent refresher for your own faith and a great opportunity to invite friends and family who are searching for meaning about the 'purpose of life' or a happiness that endures.

Just some of the course themes are:

- **Is there more to life than this?**
- **Who is Jesus and why did He die?**
- **How can I have faith?**
- **Why and how do I pray?**
- **Why and how should I read the Bible?**
- **How does God guide us?**
- **Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?**

If you are interested in giving **Alpha** a try, please complete one of the Alpha invitation cards that will be available at the back of the church over the course of the next few weeks. So that adequate arrangements can be made for catering, please make sure that you return your completed form to the parish office **by no later than Sunday 6th May.**



FULL ALPHA PROGRAMME



- 22 May **Is there more to life than this?**
- 29 May **Who is Jesus?**
- 5 June **Why did Jesus die?**
- 12 June **How can I have faith?**
- 19 June **Why and how do I pray?**
- 26 June **Why and how should I read the Bible?**
- 3 July **How does God guide us?**

RETREAT WEEKEND (SATURDAY MORNING TO LUNCHTIME SUNDAY)

- 7 & 8th July **Who is the Holy Spirit?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
How can I make the most of the rest of my
life?**
- 10 July **How can I resist evil?**
- 17 July **Why and how should I tell others?**
- 24 July **Does God heal today?**
- 31 July **What about the Church?**