

What is *Alpha* ?

Alpha is for:

An anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Alpha is for all people of all ages and backgrounds.

Learning and laughter. It is possible to learn about the Christian faith and have fun at the same time.

Pasta and pudding. Eating a meal together gives people an opportunity to get to know each other.

Helping one another. Doing Alpha is a great way to make friends and talk over religion with them.

Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is regarded as too simple or too hostile.

Who is *Alpha* for?

- Everyone! For you—whatever you are.
- Those who feel they need answers to their children's questions.
- Those who feel that they have never learnt what being a Christian is all about.
- Newcomers to our Parish.
- New parents at our school.
- Those who want to catch up on the basics.

What's involved?

The evening Alpha begins at 7 pm with a two course dinner followed by the talk. After tea or coffee, we break into smaller groups for discussion of any issues/questions raised from the talk, finishing at 9.30 pm.

There is an opportunity to go on a week-end away. This is a key part of the course and a great way for people get to know each other.

What will it cost?

There is no charge for Alpha. A small contribution is requested for the meal each session and for the food and accommodation during the weekend.

When and where?

The next Alpha will run in Term 2, 2017

The Evening Alpha Course is starting with the Alpha Dinner Party on Thursday, 20th April, at 7.00 pm.

The Alpha course is held at:
St Francis Hall
290 Childs Rd
Mill Park
(at the back of the School Car Park)

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us: on
Phone 9407 6704

Alpha



APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly

Mr/Mrs/Miss/.....

Given Name:

Family name:

Full Address:

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Telephone: home

..... Mobile

Email

I am interested in attending
Evening Alpha starting Thursday,
20th April, 2017 at 7.00 pm

To enrol, please fill in this form and
send to St Francis Parish or School Office

Questions life asks

So, what's the point of life?

And what about when we die?

Is forgiveness possible?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?

If you would like to explore any of these questions, then *Alpha* is for you.

More than a million people all over the world have completed the *Alpha* course during the last six years.

Alpha is a great help for parents of school aged children who feel they need answers to their children's questions.

What's the Big Deal about *Alpha*

Alpha brings to the surface questions most of us carry either consciously or unconsciously about life and the Christian faith. Many of us have some background experience of Christianity; good, bad or indifferent; but often associated with feelings of anger, misgivings, or an attitude that views Christian faith as irrelevant, out of date and unadaptable to today's life circumstances. But the reverse of this is true.

To discover the meaning of being Christian is a rich journey that re-awakens our inner knowledge of who we really are, what life is all about and our purpose in the scheme of things.

With the busyness of life, Alpha is an opportune oasis time when we can stop, reflect and explore the real questions we want to ask within a friendly atmosphere.

So do yourself a favour! Come along to the next Alpha. You'll be glad you did!!

What some people are saying about *Alpha*:

"I really understand my own faith so much more now."

"I am at peace with myself, my family and friends; I am much stronger with God and the Holy Spirit."

"I thought my faith was strong but it has deepened over the last 10 weeks."

"The Alpha Course has helped me so much to deal with my personal problems....I enjoyed being part of such a wonderful group of people."

Comments by *Alpha* participants

