



# RCIA

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

The Ten Commandments:  
6, 9, 7 & 10




Opening Prayer

Deuteronomy 5:7-21 (The Ten Commandments)

7 You shall have no other gods before me.

11 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

12 Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

16 Honour your father and your mother.

17 You shall not kill.

18 Neither shall you commit adultery.

19 Neither shall you steal.

20 Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.

21 Neither shall you covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbour's.



## The Ten Commandments

1. Honour God
2. Honour God's name
3. Honour God's day
4. Honour your father and mother.
5. Do not kill
6. Do not commit adultery
7. Do not steal
8. Do not lie
9. Do not wrongfully desire your neighbour's wife
10. Do not wrongfully desire your neighbour's goods

Relationship with God (commands 1-4)

Relationship with our neighbours (commands 5-10)




## The Seventh Commandment

- Do not steal

## The Tenth Commandment

- You shall not desire your neighbour's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
- In other words, do not wrongfully desire your neighbour's goods.



## The Seventh & Tenth Commandments

- 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Do not steal
  - Addresses the act
- 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Do not covet (i.e. wrongfully desire) ...
  - Addresses the thought



## Stealing

- Taking something from another against his/her reasonable will.
- It would not be a sin if we:
  - Take something from someone who would not normally refuse
  - E.g. steal a loaf of bread to stay alive
- Gravity depends on:
  - Circumstances
  - Value of the object




## Restitution

- Before we can be forgiven, we need to make a best effort on restitution
  - Return to owner, with or without revealing identity
  - Give to owner something of equivalent value
  - As a last resort, give something of equivalent value to charity
- Restitution is a concrete sign of repentance
- One may be excused from restitution if it will cause severe hardship, substantially graver than that of the injured party.



## Money & Riches

- Is it a sin to be and get and be rich?
- Matthew 25:14-30 
  - It is not a sin to get rich

### Matthew 25:14-30 (Not a sin to get rich)


14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

### Matthew 25:14-30 (Not a sin to get rich)

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



## Money & Riches

- Not a sin to be and get rich
- However, riches can become an obstacle to God's kingdom
  - Matthew 19:16-26 
- Riches is a gift from God and need to be used to do God's will
- Need to develop a sense of detachment

**Matthew 19:16-26 (Riches as an obstacle)**

16 Then someone came to him and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' 17 And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.' 18 He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' 20 The young man said to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?' 21 Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' 22 When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, 'Then who can be saved?' 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.'

**Matthew 22:15-21 (Detachment from Riches)**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'



**Money & Riches**

- E.g. of a sense of detachment  
In Sep 2007, WA billionaire Andrew Forrest donated about \$80 million from his personal fortune to The Australian Children's Trust, a charity he set up 10 years before that. He said, "I am encouraged by the work of the Rockefeller Group and I have studied what Melinda and Bill Gates have done and I have listened very closely to the words of Warren Buffet that in some small way he hoped that his actions would assist the thinking of others in an equally fortunate position to use that wealth to help others in a very, very small way. We're following in their footsteps and I would be thrilled to the core if others choose to follow ours. I feel very fortunate that I have been in a position where I can make a decisive move towards philanthropy."



**The Seventh & Tenth Commandments Forbid ...**

- Theft: stealing of goods
- Cheating/Scam/Swindling
- Greed/Avarice
  - Miserly desire to gain and hoard wealth
- Envy
  - Jealousy of another's possessions



**What about?**

- Unjust wages
  - Stealing of employee's time
- Unjust performance
  - Stealing of employer's wages
- Software/Movie/Music Piracy
  - Stealing of intellectual property



**What about?**

- Gambling
  - Not a sin if it is done within one's means and control
  - Compulsive gambling is stealing from one's family, oneself, and others one could have help
- Trading in shares
  - Not a sin if it is done
    - Within one's means and control
    - For investment purposes
  - Compulsive speculative share trading is a form of compulsive gambling



### The Sixth Commandment

- Do not commit adultery

### The Ninth Commandment

- Do not covet (i.e. wrongfully desire) your neighbour's wife



### Sex

- Sex is a gift from God.
- Sex
  - Demands commitment and dedication
  - Made available through the Sacrament of Marriage
  - Can only be achieved with God's grace
- Any voluntary sex outside marriage is objectively and gravely wrong.

#### Deuteronomy 22:22-24 (O.T. laws on adultery)

22 If a man is caught lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman as well as the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel. 23 If there is a young woman, a virgin already engaged to be married, and a man meets her in the town and lies with her, 24 you shall bring both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death, the young woman because she did not cry for help in the town and the man because he violated his neighbour's wife. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

#### Leviticus 20:10 (O.T. laws on adultery)

10 If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbour, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death.

#### Deuteronomy 22:28-29 (O.T. laws on adultery)

28 If a man meets a virgin who is not engaged, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are caught in the act, 29 the man who lay with her shall give fifty shekels of silver to the young woman's father, and she shall become his wife. Because he violated her he shall not be permitted to divorce her as long as he lives.



### The Sixth & Ninth Commandments

- Old Testament: (Deuteronomy 22:22-24, 28-29, Leviticus 20:10)
  - Adultery with another's wife is punishable by death (by stoning)
  - Adultery with a virgin is permitted if the man then takes the woman as his wife and be faithful to her.
- What's wrong with these rules ?
  - Fundamentally wrong, very male centric
  - Moses allowed them because the Israelites "were so hard-hearted" (Matthew 19:8)

#### Matthew 19:3-9 (N.T. laws on adultery)

3 Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?' 4 He answered, 'Have you not read that the one who made them **at the beginning** "made them male and female", 5 and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh**"? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' 7 They said to him, 'Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?' 8 He said to them, 'It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but **at the beginning** it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery.'

**Matthew 5:27-28 (N.T. laws on adultery)**

27 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**No divorce: see also Matthew 5:31-32**



**The Sixth & Ninth Commandments**

- The misunderstanding of adultery in O.T. is corrected by Jesus' teachings on this topic
- New Testament:
  - Adultery of any form is unacceptable
  - Lustful thoughts are not permitted
  - Divorcees who remarry commit adultery:  
"What God has joined together, let no one separate." (Matthew 19:6)



**The Sixth & Ninth Commandments**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Do not commit adultery
  - Addresses the act
- 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Do not covet (i.e. wrongfully desire) ...
  - Addresses the thought
  - "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:28)



**Sex**

- 2 facets of sex
  - Unitive  
"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh."  
(Genesis 2:24)
  - Procreative  
"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." (Genesis 1:28)
- The 2 should not be separated



**The Sixth & Ninth Commandments Forbid ...**

- Masturbation: Sex with oneself, pleasure without procreation.
- Fornication: Sex outside marriage
- Pornography: Demeaning of sex, adultery of the thoughts
- Polygamy: Sex without devotion



**Where Church and Society Diverges**

- Divorce and remarriage
  - As a last resort, the Church permits separation
- Homosexuality: Unnatural sex, pleasure without procreation
  - The Church sympathises with people born with the inclination, and deplore all discrimination, including that directed at homosexuals
- Contraception

Jesus referring to the beginning (Matthew 19:3-8)

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## Marital Union

- In the beginning ...
  - Matthew 19:3-8
  - "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)
- Man and woman is one creation, joined by God in marriage to share His power of creation.



## Marital Union

- The married couple creates a new person materially. God completes the creation by adding the soul.
  - "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." (Genesis 4:1)
  - Arbitrary human decisions must not limit divine providence.

## Wrongful Desires

1 John 2:15-16

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; 16 for all that is in the world - the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches - comes not from the Father but from the world.

Proverbs 6:25

25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart ...

Sirach 9:8

8 Turn away your eyes from a shapely woman, and do not gaze at beauty belonging to another.



## In the beginning ...

- "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)
- "So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Genesis 2:21-24)



## In the beginning ...

- "And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed." (Genesis 1:25)
- "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." (Genesis 1:28)
  - "... in the image of God he created them" (Genesis 1:27)
  - "... he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image" (Genesis 5:3)
  - "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2:23)
  - "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." (Genesis 4:1)



## Contraception

- Union without the possibility of procreation
- Men may reduce women “to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of [their] own desires”
  - “Communion of the body” – the body is an object of love not an object of desire.
- Sex without consequences lead to a “general lowering of moral standards”
  - May lead to abortion: as a medical side effect; or as a fallback
- Therapeutic means necessary to cure diseases is permitted if infertility is not directly intended.



## Natural Family Planning Methods

- Abstaining from intercourse during certain parts of the menstrual cycle.
- Permitted.



## NFP Versus Contraception

- NFP uses a faculty provided by nature.
- Contraception obstructs the natural development of the generative process.
- In NFP, “husband and wife are ready to abstain from intercourse during the fertile period as often as for reasonable motives the birth of another child is not desirable.”
- Practice of NFP involves:
  - Abstinence
  - Respect for the woman and her natural cycle, a creation of God.
  - Accepting children lovingly from God, should any results.
  - Does not result in medically inducing an early-stage abortion.



## Natural Family Planning Resources

- Australian Council of Natural Family Planning
  - Funded by Commonwealth and some State Governments
  - Teaches the Symptothermal Method and the Lactational Amenorrhoea Method
  - See [www.acnfp.com.au](http://www.acnfp.com.au)
  - Contact 1800 114010
- Billings Ovulation Centre
  - Teaches Billings Ovulation Method, pioneered by Australians Dr John and Evelyn Billings in 1950s
  - Taught in >100 countries
  - See [www.billings-ovulation-method.org.au](http://www.billings-ovulation-method.org.au)
  - See <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/organisations/html/bomc.html>
- Fertility Care
  - Teaches Creighton Model FertilityCare System
  - See [www.fertilitycare.com.au](http://www.fertilitycare.com.au)



## Medically-Assisted Pregnancy

- IVF (In Vitro Fertilisation)
  - Not permitted
  - Fertilisation outside the body – playing God
  - Sperms is collected via masturbation – no loving union between couple
  - What to do with excess eggs?
  - What to do with “excess” embryos?
  - What to do with multiple pregnancy?



## Selective Termination

- Selective killing of one or more foetus in a multiple pregnancy
  - Termination of an abnormal foetus
  - Pregnancy reduction, when drug-induced ovulation led to a higher than desirable number of foeti
- Injection of potassium chloride into the unwanted foetal’s heart
  - Mummify the foetus



**A baby is a gift from God.**

**A baby is not a commodity.**



### Medically-Assisted Pregnancy

- GIFT (Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer)
  - Permitted if practise correctly
  - Sperms needs to be collected through loving union of the couple
  - After preparation, sperms and eggs transferred into the Fallopian tubes where fertilisation occurs
  - Excess eggs needs to be discarded
  - Does not suffer from the moral pitfalls of IVF



### Medically-Assisted Pregnancy

- GIFT (Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer)
  - Slightly lower success rate compared to IVF
  - More intrusive procedures (requires a laparoscopy)
  - More inconvenient, especially if practised in accordance to Catholic teachings



### For More Info & Advice ...

- L J Goody Bioethics Centre
  - [www.bioethicsperth.org.au](http://www.bioethicsperth.org.au)
  - Phone (08) 9242 4066

### 2 Timothy 3:16-4:2 (Teaching and Correction)

16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful **for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness**, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent **whether the time is favourable or unfavourable**.




### Three-Fold Concupiscence


- Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world - the **desire of the flesh**, the **desire of the eyes**, the **pride in riches** - comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 John 2:15-16)

6<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Commandment

7<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Commandment




**Tea Break**



**Discussion**


- What do you think of the following:
  - Finder's keeper
  - Being given extra change after a purchase
  - Using office equipment for personal use
- You are watching a "normal" movie and inadvertently, a sex scene appears and you are aroused. Have you sinned?

Story:  
Confession of a man with unclean thoughts




**Recap**

- The Seventh/Ten Commandment: Do not steal  
Do not wrongful desire others' goods
  - Unjust wages/performance, software piracy
- The Sixth/Ninth Commandment: Do not commit adultery  
Do not desire others' spouses
  - Masturbation, sex outside marriage, divorce, homosexuality, contraception



**Q&A**





**Family Fellowship**  
**(Morning Tea)**  
RSVP Howard by 8 Jan 2011

**28 Jan 2011 (Sat)**  
**9.30 am – 11.30 am**




(Would anyone like to host this?)

**Families are welcome**  
**Bring a plate, enough for you and your company.**




**Further Readings**

- *Path Through Catholicism*  
(ISBN 0-7829-0971-X)  
Chapter 20
- *Man and Woman He Created Them – A Theology of the Body*  
(ISBN 0-8198-7421-3)  
Part 1: Chapter 1, 2
- Encyclical Letter *Humanae Vitae* of the Supreme Pontiff Paul VI



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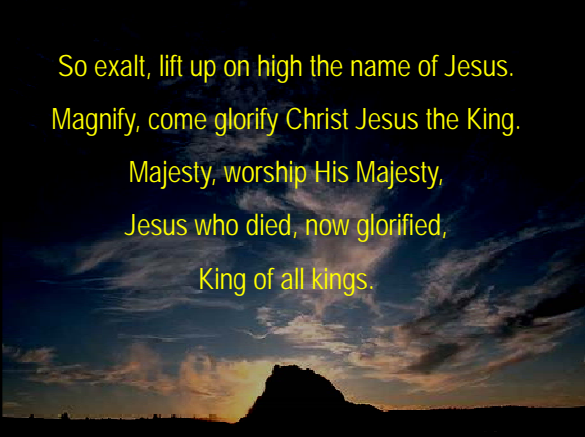
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## MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His Majesty,  
Unto Jesus, be all glory, honor and praise!  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from His throne,  
Unto His own, His anthem raise.



So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship His Majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.