

From the Formation Team

June 2021



"The Best Catholics in the World" by Derek Scally

Three thoughts from the author to consider while reading:

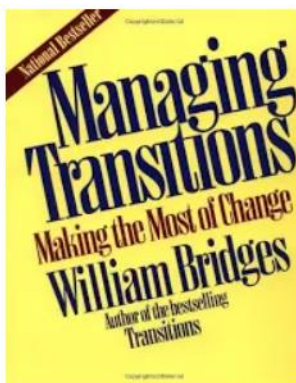


Where do I - and my family - fit into the narrative of Catholic Ireland? What options/power/agency did I/we (not) have vis-a-vis the institutional church on an everyday basis?

Where do I fit on the continuum of knowing - with abuse survivors at one extreme and perpetrators/enablers at the other end? somewhere equidistant between the two, or closer to one or the other? Why?

Given 1 & 2, how do I feel - emotionally - about this past? What is awakened in me, in my heart, by revisiting this past in my thoughts? Do I feel a sense of responsibility for the past, and my place in it, or a sense of responsibility for remembering it clearly now?

"Managing Transitions" by William Bridges



This book differentiates between change (external and internal) and is about the whole process of transitions - endings, middle spaces and new beginnings.



The model highlights **three stages** of transition that people go through when they experience change. These are: **Ending, Losing, and Letting Go.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BmW2xwQkbU>

Joan Chittister addresses the first Convocation for Catholicism in Australia. She speaks about new directions and a fresh vision.

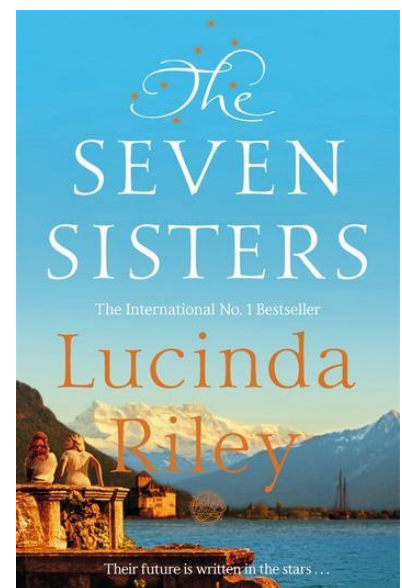
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxrwOnYBk8g>

“What is a Catholic Synod and how Synodality will apply in the Catholic Church”.

Suggested summer reading

Inspired by the Greek myth of the Pleiades, the seven daughters of Atlas and Pleione who were said to have been turned into the star constellation of the same name, the Seven Sisters books have captivated readers across the globe.

The series follows the story of seven sisters, and begins as their adoptive father - the elusive billionaire they call Pa Salt - dies, and they are each given a tantalising clue to their true heritage. Each book is the story of one of the sisters as they trace their origins all over the world in spellbinding tales of love and loss.



They need to be read in order:

The first book in the series is [*The Seven Sisters*](#); followed by [*The Storm Sister*](#), [*The Shadow Sister*](#), [*The Pearl Sister*](#), [*The Moon Sister*](#), [*The Sun Sister*](#), and the [*The Missing Sister*](#).

Lucinda battled cancer for four years and passed away on Friday 11 June 2021. RIP

Sincere gratitude to all who contributed this month. Realising that retreats and vacations will take place during the next two months we will resume our sharing again in September. If you have anything that you would like to share before then please send it and we will circulate it.

