



# Childrens' Sacramental Program 2017

Welcome to the Sacramental Program which runs throughout the school year. The program will provide the formal faith education necessary to prepare your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. We aim to support you in the very important development of your child's Christian faith and values.

Classes are designed for children who reside in the parishes of St James The Great or St Joan of Arc but do not attend a Catholic school. We also offer Pre-Sacramental classes for children who have had no formal religious instruction so that they will better understand the importance of the Sacraments.

## **Pre Sacramental Classes**

These classes are for children normally in Year 2 or 3. Children need to attend these classes before being eligible to prepare for the Sacraments. The classes will be held in term four each Wednesday at 4pm to 5pm in the presbytery. Dates are as follows but should be confirmed on enrolment.

- ◆ October 25th
- ◆ November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

## **Reconciliation Classes**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of peace and healing. Through Reconciliation we are assured of God's love for us and forgiveness for the times we fail. We are renewed through Reconciliation and then able to make a fresh start. Enrolment for this Sacrament will be available at the end of 2017.

## First Eucharist Classes



The word 'communion' means to be united. When we receive Holy Communion we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ just like the disciples at the Last Supper. The celebration is known as Eucharist from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. Children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Eucharist.

Please confirm these important dates on enrolment.

- ◆ St Joan of Arc Parent Night on Wednesday May 17 at 7.30pm in the church and St James Parent Night on Thursday May 18 at 3.45pm in the St James school
- ◆ Classes on Wednesday at 4pm-5pm in the St Joan of Arc presbytery on: May 24 & 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28 and July 19 & 26
- ◆ Reflection day on Thursday August 3 at both schools
- ◆ Masses to attend on May 27 & 28, June 3 & 4, 17 & 18, 24 & 25, July 22 & 23, 29 & 30 (further details to follow).
- ◆ First Communion Masses on August 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20 (further details to follow).



## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is the Sacrament in which one is enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at Baptism and obliges us to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It is the Sacrament in which one enters into full membership of the Catholic Church. Confirmation classes are for children in Year 6 or above.

There will be two Confirmation Groups, one for each church, however all classes will be held in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room.

### St James Confirmation Group

- ◆ Parent night on June 20 at 7pm at St James School
- ◆ Classes held each Tuesday in the St Joan of Arc meeting room from 4-5pm on: June 20 & 27, July 18 & 25 and August 1. Reflection Day on Tuesday August 8 at St James School from 9am to 3pm
- ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation Masses will be at St Joan of Arc Church on Wednesday August 9 at 7pm and Thursday August 10 at 7pm.

### St Joan of Arc Confirmation Group

- ◆ Parent night on August 23 at 7.30pm in the church
- ◆ Classes held each Wednesday in the St Joan of Arc meeting room from 4-5pm on Aug 23 & 30, September 6, 13 & 20.
- ◆ Reflection Day at St Joan of Arc School on Thursday October 12. Confirmation Masses at St Joan of Arc on Thursday October 12 & Saturday October 14

*We invite you to find out more about the Sacramental Program  
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