



Childrens' Sacramental Program 2019

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 First Eucharist, Reconciliation 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.

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 First Eucharist before the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please confirm these important dates on enrolment.

- ◆ St Joan of Arc and St James parent night on Wednesday 8 May at 7pm in the St Joan of Arc Church
- ◆ Classes on Wednesday at 4pm-5pm in the St Joan of Arc meeting room on: May 15,22 & 29 and June 5,12,19 and 26
- ◆ Reflection day on Thursday 18 July at St Joan of Arc and Friday 19 July at St James
- ◆ Masses for children to attend on the following weekends for both churches:
May 18 /19, 25/26 and June 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23
- ◆ **First Eucharist Masses** on the following weekends:
St Joan of Arc: July 21 and 28 , August 4 and 11
St James: July 20/21, 27/28 and August 3/4 and 10/11

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.

Classes will be held each Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm on February 27 and March 6,13,20 and 27 in the St Joan of Arc meeting room. A parent meeting will take place on Wednesday February 20 at 7pm in the St Joan of Arc Church. The sacrament will be held at St Joan of Arc Church on Wednesday April 3 at 7pm.

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 on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. Further details will be available soon.

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