



# *OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH*

## **PREP Parent Information 2020 Parish Religious Education Program**

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Welcome to the Queen of Apostles Parish Religious Education Program, for children wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in 2020.

**Classes** are held on **Saturdays** of school terms from **9:30am to 10:30am** at Queen of Apostles Parish. The classes are designed to provide for the religious education of children outside the catholic school system and include the preparation of children to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation in Year 3, First Eucharist in Year 4 and Confirmation in Year 5/6. These are the minimum age requirements for each Sacrament, however older children who need to prepare are welcome to join. We also run classes for children in Year 1 or Year 2. The first PREP class will be on **8<sup>th</sup> Feb**.

Children are encouraged to attend classes regularly and stay in the program all year round. Failure to attend classes may result in your child not being able to receive their Sacrament. The content of the lessons for all years is based on the program 'Gathered in My Name' developed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Catechist Service. We attempt to make the classes interesting and enjoyable. The catechists are volunteers who are either teachers or who have done the Catechist training course. They deserve respect and consideration from both you and your children.

To run the program, we need your help and cooperation in the following ways:

- Ensure that your child attends classes on time and regularly, as lessons follow on from one another. If your child cannot attend class, please contact the coordinator (Ashley) on 0403317731, or Fr Paul on 0408410029, or the Parish Office on 61886877.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing and ensure the notes sent home are read and followed through.
- Ensure your child bring a pen/pencil, coloured pencils, scissors, glue stick to class every week. Your class teacher may also have additional requirements.
- Help your child to understand and participate at Sunday Mass by encouraging regular attendance. At the Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass there is a special Liturgy of the Word for children in primary school, which helps them to better understand the Readings. Encourage your child to receive Reconciliation (Saturdays 4pm – 5pm).

Thank you in anticipation of your support and cooperation. The Catechist Team and Fr Paul are looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead, as we work together for the formation of your children.

**Enrolment:** You may enrol your child anytime from now until Enrolment Day on Saturday 1st February at 9.30am. **Fees** for this year have been set at \$30 per child, and \$50 for two or more children. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish website <http://www.queenofapostleschurch.org.au/index.html> or in the Parish Office. Please complete, sign and return the form, along with the child's Baptism Certificate (if you have not already done so) to the Parish Office along with the fee.

**Commitment Mass:** Children preparing to receive a Sacrament will need to attend a Commitment Ceremony at one of these Masses:

Confirmation: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm, or Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am or at 7pm.

Reconciliation: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm, or Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am or at 7pm.

First Eucharist: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 6pm, or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 9am or at 7pm.

**Sacramental Workshop/Parent Information Evening:**

Confirmation: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm

First Eucharist: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.00pm

**Attendance at these workshops is compulsory for the child and parent/s**

**Sacrament Rehearsal / Gown fitting:**

Confirmation: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

First Eucharist: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30am

**Sacrament Reception:**

Confirmation: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am

Reconciliation: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm

First Eucharist: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am

**Other Occasions:**

Stations of the Cross - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

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