



OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH

Parish Religious Education Program 2019

Parent Information

Welcome to the Queen of Apostles Parish Religious Education Program, for children wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in 2019.

Classes are held on **Saturdays** of school terms from **9:30 - 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.

Children are encouraged to attend classes regularly and stay in the program all year round, not just in time for the Sacrament. 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 developed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Catechist Service 'Gathered in My NAME'. 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 regularly, as lessons follow-on from one another. If for some reason your child cannot attend class, please contact Ashley on class day on **0403317731**, or call the Parish Office on **61886877**, or Fr Paul on **0408410029**.
- 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. Each year Catechist teachers may also have additional requirements.
- Help your child to understand and participate at Sunday Mass by encouraging regular attendance (Mass times are Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm). At the Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 9:00am Masses 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 4:00pm – 5:00pm).

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 2nd 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 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, no later than 2nd February.

Commitment Mass: Children preparing to receive a Sacrament will need to attend any Commitment Mass on the following weekends:

Confirmation: Saturday 9th Feb at 6pm, Sunday 10th Feb at 9am or 7pm.

Reconciliation: Saturday 16th Feb at 6pm, Sunday 17th Feb at 9am or 7pm.

First Eucharist: Saturday 23rd Feb at 6pm, Sunday 24th Feb at 9am or 7pm.

These Masses are also mentioned in the PREP Sacramental Calendar which is available in the Parish Office or on our Website.

Sacramental Workshop/Parent Information Evening: The dates and times for the Workshops/Parent Information Evenings to be held at our Parish Hall are:

Confirmation: Wednesday 29th May at 6pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday 21st August at 6pm

First Eucharist: Wednesday 28th August at 6pm

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

Sacrament Rehearsal

Confirmation: Saturday 8th June at 9:30am

First Eucharist: (includes Gown Fitting):

Saturday 14th September at 9:30am, & Saturday 21st September at 9:30am

Sacrament Reception:

Confirmation: Sunday 9th June at 10:30am

Reconciliation: Tuesday 10th September at 6:30pm

First Eucharist: Sunday 15th September at 10:30am, & Sunday 22nd September at 10:30am

Other Occasions:

Stations of the Cross - Friday 12th April at 7pm

Mother's Day Mass– Sunday 12th May at 9am

Contact Details:

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Parish Website: <http://www.queenofapostleschurch.org.au/index.html>

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