



2018 / 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist

*“Parents & our Faith Community working
together to nurture your child’s faith
formation”*

Welcome to Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Program.

The church recognises Parents/Guardians as the main educators in their children's faith development. The Wodonga Catholic Parish therefore places a strong emphasis on family involvement in the Sacramental Program which has been designed to prepare, educate and involve both candidates, and family members, in their faith journey together. Preparation for each Sacrament occurs in the parish setting for those children who have already been baptised.

As you prepare your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, you will find it is a wonderful opportunity to reawaken your own faith journey. If you have found it difficult to talk about God in your family, we hope that this program will give you some ideas and some of the language you will need as you introduce your child to these Sacraments.

Parents/Guardians need to be able to fully commit to all Sacramental events outlined below. Please ensure that your child is not involved in activities that will prevent his/her attendance.

Sacramental program information evening: This session is for parents only. It will give important details about the program. It is essential that families attend, if they wish their child to participate in the upcoming programs.

Registration: Families can register their children online via the parish website. Note: there is a small processing fee (\$2) for online payment. For paper enrolment you can either download a the enrolment form from our website, or collect a copy from the Parish Centre. \$40 is payable for each sacramental program. We ask that enrolment forms are completed by the 9th of September so that we can arrange group leaders prior to the Faith Reflection Session.

Faith reflection sessions: These sessions are to assist families in preparing for the programs they are about to embark on. These sessions are for both parents and children.

Sacramental information session: This session is run for both you and your child, giving you an introduction to the Sacrament they will prepare for and receive.

Group gatherings: This involves the formation of small groups lead by parents or parishioners. These small groups meet weekly for approximately an hour, for a period of four (4) weeks for the Reconciliation Program and six (6)

weeks for the Confirmation & Eucharist Program. Please note that both Parent and Candidate are required to attend these meetings.

Weekend mass rituals: As part of your child's preparation for the reception of the Sacraments he/she together with your family are invited to attend Mass and be involved in special blessing rituals with our Parish Community.

Retreat: The program offers a half day retreat for candidates, organised and facilitated by the Catholic College Wodonga Youth Ministry staff and students. This is a great opportunity for the older youth in our parish to support, encourage and guide your child.

Further education, information and support in faith through the home, school and parish, will help your child to grow in their appreciation of these Sacraments and strengthen his/her relationship with Jesus. Our parish has several ministries to support your family on your faith journey, including:

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Brighter (2-5yrs), Stronger (6-10yrs), Deeper (11+ yrs) – runs during school term time at 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Children of primary school age are invited to attend the program that best suits their age group at the beginning of Mass and return at the offertory. During these sessions the Scriptures of the day are read and discussed. This is often followed by an activity, which consolidates their understanding.
- **Youth Led Mass**, 5:00pm 4th Sunday of the month where the older youth of our parish assist with the preparation including music and readings followed by a shared supper.
- **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meet regularly to support and minister sensitively to those who would like to become members of our Catholic community. This group also welcomes Catholics who would like to refresh their knowledge of their faith.

If you have any enquiries about the Sacramental Program, any of the Sacraments or the above ministries, please contact one of the Sacramental Team listed on the back of this booklet or the Parish Centre on 02 6024 3366.

Kind regards,

Fr JunJun P.P. & The Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Team

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

KEY EVENT DATES

2018

- 9th Sept Reconciliation program enrolment due
- 12th Sept Faith reflection session
- 10th Oct Reconciliation information session
- 13th or 14th Oct Welcome Mass
- 14th Oct - 10th Nov Weekly group meetings
- 8th Nov Reconciliation retreat
- 10th or 11th Nov Mass commemorating baptism
- 14th or 22nd Nov Sacrament of Reconciliation

2019

- Week of 11th Feb Enrolments for Confirmation & Eucharist
- Mid March Confirmation & First Eucharist
Program commences
- 18th or 19th May Sacraments of Confirmation &
Eucharist

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM DETAILS

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM ENROLMENT

Online or paper

All enrolments to be received by Sunday **9th Sept 2018**

FAITH REFLECTION SESSION

For Parents/Guardians and Candidates

(small groups to be chosen during this session)

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Wednesday 12th September 2018, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**CONTINUING YOUR FAITH JOURNEY
RECONCILIATION INFORMATION SESSION**

Candidates receive Steps in Faith Booklet
Candidates and Parents
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Wednesday 10th October 2018, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

WELCOME MASS

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Weekend Masses
6:00pm Mass - Saturday 13th October 2018 or
8:30am or 10:30am Mass - Sunday 14th October 2018

WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS

For Parents/Guardians and Candidates
4 x weekly meetings with time & venue to be set by group leaders.
Commencing Sunday 14th October 2018
Finishing Saturday 10th November 2018

RECONCILIATION RETREAT

For Candidates during school hours
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Thursday, 8th November 2018
More details to follow

MASS COMMEMORATING BAPTISM

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Weekend Masses
6:00pm Mass - Saturday 10th November 2018 or
8:30am or 10:30am Mass - Sunday 11th November 2018

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with a liturgy.
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga 6:00pm - 7:00pm on
Wednesday 14th November or Thursday 22nd November 2018

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PARISH CONTACTS & OTHER RESOURCES

Sacramental Team

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<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/our-ministries/sacramental-team/>

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School Religious Education Co-ordinators (RECs)

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am until 3:00pm

Email: wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Websites for you and your family:

www.catholicaustralia.com.au/

www.pray-as-you-go.org

www.menalive.org.au

www.catholicfamilyfaith.org

See also '*A closer Walk with God – Faith Connections for Families*' for the Diocese of Sandhurst. Available in the foyer of the church.