



# **2019 / 2020 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 Catholic Church recognises parents 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 so that the experiences can be shared as part of your family's faith journey. While our Priests and team members will support the program, the most important 'teachers' for the children preparing for these sacraments will be you, their parents and families.

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.

Our program commences with the *Reconciliation Program* in term 4 2019, followed by the *Confirmation and Eucharist Program* commencing in term 2 2020. 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. If your child misses 3 activities, we cannot have him/her continue with the program. You may have to re-enrol your child for the next year's program.

Both programs include the following activities:

**Sacramental Program information session:** 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.

**Enrolment:** Families can register their children online via the parish website. Paper enrolment can also be downloaded from the parish website, or collected from the back of the church. A donation of \$40 is suggested for each program to cover the costs of resources. Note: there is a small processing fee (\$2) for online payment.

**Weekly group meetings:** All candidates and their parents/guardians will gather weekly for approximately an hour, for a period of six (6) weeks

for the Reconciliation Program and seven (7) weeks for the Confirmation & Eucharist Program. Please note that both Parent and Candidate are required to attend these meetings.

**Weekend Mass attendance:** While particular weekends are set down in the program calendar, it is our hope that all children preparing to receive the Sacraments in 2019/20 will see attendance and participation at Mass as a priority, every weekend, whether it is specified in the sacramental program or not.

**Retreat (Optional):** The program offers a half-day retreat for candidates, organised and facilitated by the Catholic College Wodonga Youth Ministry staff and students.

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of a liturgy during their 6th weekly group meeting. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend this liturgy.

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist:** In the Sandhurst Diocese, children celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during the same mass.

**Further education, information and support** will help your child to grow in their appreciation of the 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) Children are invited to attend at the beginning of Mass and return during the offertory.
- **Youth Led Mass** - 4th Sunday of the month commencing at 5pm, where the youth of our parish are actively involved in the Mass.
- **Alpha Program** - is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

If you have any enquiries about the Sacramental Program or the above ministries, please contact a member of our Sacramental Team or the Parish Centre.

Kind regards,  
Fr JunJun P.P. & Wodonga Catholic Parish Sacramental Team

# KEY EVENT DATES

## 2019

5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Reconciliation Program enrolments open
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Program information session for parents
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reconciliation enrolments close
8 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Weekly group meetings commence
12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Welcome Mass
15 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Weekly group meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Weekly group meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> / 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Weekly group meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Weekly group meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reconciliation retreat at CCW (Optional)
10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Commitment Mass
12 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Candidates Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation

## 2020

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Confirmation & Eucharist Program enrolments open
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Confirmation & Eucharist enrolments close
14 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Weekly group meetings commence
18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Weekend Mass
21 <sup>st</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Weekly group meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Weekly group meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Weekend Mass
5 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekly group meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekly group meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend Mass
19 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Weekly group meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend Mass
26 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekly group meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Sacramental Mass Rehearsal
30 <sup>th</sup> / 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist
TBC	Confirmation & Eucharist retreat at CCW (Optional)

# RECONCILIATION PROGRAM DETAILS

## **RECONCILIATION PROGRAM ENROLMENT**

Online or paper

All enrolments to be received by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019

## **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION EVENING**

For Parents/Guardians and Candidates

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## **COMMENCE WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS**

### **RECONCILIATION INFORMATION SESSION**

*Candidates receive Steps in Faith Booklet*

Candidates and Parents

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 4:00pm - 5:00pm OR

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

## **WELCOME MASS**

*Candidates receive Prayer Book*

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Weekend Masses

6:00pm Mass - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 OR

8:30am OR 10:30am Mass – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## **CONTINUE WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS**

**Working through 'Steps in Faith' booklet**

For Parents/Guardians and Candidates

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

4 x weekly meetings on the following dates:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 4:00pm - 5:00pm OR

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 4:00pm - 5:00pm OR

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 4:00pm - 5:00pm OR

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 4:00pm - 5:00pm OR

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

# RECONCILIATION PROGRAM DETAILS (Continued)

## **RECONCILIATION RETREAT**

Optional for Candidates,  
Catholic College Wodonga, Wodonga  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
(Additional details to be confirmed when available)

## **COMMITMENT MASS**

***Candidate bring 'Sorry prayer card'***

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga - Weekend Masses  
6:00pm Mass - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 OR  
8:30am OR 10:30am Mass – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## **CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with a liturgy  
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 4:00pm - 5:00pm      OR  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

*As mentioned earlier, to ensure your child is adequately prepared to receive the sacraments, it is essential for your child to attend all activities.*

*If your child misses 3 activities (excluding the optional retreat), we cannot have him/her continue with the program. You may have to re-enrol your child for the next year's program.*

# NOTES

# PARISH CONTACTS & OTHER RESOURCES

## **Sacramental Team**

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

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Anna Moran

Mobile: 0400 434 285

Anne Tremethick

Mobile: 0407 008 842

## **School Religious Education Co-ordinators (RECs)**

Ronnie Mayhew – St Augustine's Primary School

Suzie Patrala – St Francis of Assisi Primary School

Katalin Young – St Monica's Primary School

Chris Telford – Catholic College Wodonga

## **Wodonga Catholic Parish Centre**

Beechworth Road, Wodonga

Ph: 02 6024 3366

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am until 4:00pm

Email: [wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:wodonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## **Websites for you and your family:**

[CatholicAustralia.com.au](http://CatholicAustralia.com.au)

[TogetherAtOneAltar.catholic.edu.au](http://TogetherAtOneAltar.catholic.edu.au)

[Pray-As-You-Go.org](http://Pray-As-You-Go.org)

[MenAlive.org.au](http://MenAlive.org.au)

[CatholicFamilyFaith.org](http://CatholicFamilyFaith.org)

*Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist  
lay the foundations of every Christian life.  
We are born anew by Baptism,  
strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation,*



*and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.*