



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each year the Sacramental programme is organised by the Parish in order to help the children (in the Catholic, Private and Public school systems) receive the Sacraments of initiation in the Catholic community. This past year of 2019, there has been great success in the changes made to the order of the Sacramental programme and there has been better organisation and participation all round.

As term 4 is coming to a close, the work year is starting to wrap up and planning for the coming year of 2020, has already started. I am well aware of the demands of life and the various commitments that families have with one thing or another, therefore planning for the year ahead is a crucial element in anyone's life especially that of the children.

The enrolment period for a particular Sacrament will precede the first lesson by approximately 2 - 3 weeks to allow adequate time for forms to be taken, filled out and returned. This will be possible at the weekend Masses or from the Parish office during the specified enrolment period. The form in which the Sacramental programme will take, is on Sunday at Saint Paul's, Moss Vale, commencing with the 10am Mass of which attendance is compulsory followed by a light morning tea and the lesson will start at 11.15am in the school hall. The lessons will go for about an hour.

There will be a parents and caregivers information evening on **Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 6.30pm** in the School Hall (St Paul's, Moss Vale) in order to explain in more detail, information regarding the Sacramental Programme and to answer any questions or queries that may arise. This will also allow the Sacramental team a chance to gauge how many children may be expected at a particular sacrament. Attendance is highly encouraged.

The dates for the Sacramental Programme for 2020 are as follows:

First Reconciliation (3 weeks): Friday 3rd April.

Enrolments: 22nd February - 9th March

Classes held on Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th March

First Holy Communion (4 weeks): Sunday 14th June.

Enrolments: 18th April - 27th April

Classes held on Sunday 3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st May

There will be no class on Mother's day (10th May) and the Queens Birthday long weekend (7th June).

Confirmation (5 weeks): Saturday 19th September.

Enrolments: 18th July - 3rd August


Classes held on Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August & 13th September

There will be no class on Fathers day (6th September).

The order and the structure of the programme is to allow for proper planning for the coming years events as well as a chance for children who have missed a particular sacrament due to a valid reason the chance to join the group making that sacrament in one of the neighbouring Parishes. Please be aware that you are not forced to present your child/children for the sacraments. The sacraments are celebrated annually therefore if the dates do not work for one reason or another or you feel that your child is not ready then you are always welcome to come back for the following year.

Once again thank you for your support and cooperation in the Sacramental Programme and I look forward to meeting the children and yourselves in the coming year of 2020.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard', followed by a horizontal line and the acronym 'OSPPE'.

Fr Richard John Green OSPPE

Parish Priest