



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

-Katanning -

Dear **Parents** and **Students**,

St Patrick's Parish Sacramental Programme Preparation:

Our parish and school provide opportunities for our students baptised into the Catholic faith to continue with their faith journey in God. Our commitment remains the same this year to journey with our students in their reception of the Sacraments.

This journey involves student active participation in comprehensive class-based preparation programmes. An Enrolment-Commitment Mass and parent meetings form an integral part of the programme to assist everyone gain an appreciation and understanding of the whole Sacramental journey.

The parish and the school observe the tradition of celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation in the order of First Reconciliation for our Year 3s, First Holy Eucharist for our Year 4s and Confirmation for our Year 6s. We strongly recommend that students and parents consider this order of receiving the Sacraments as it provides more meaningful experience if students prepare for and receive the Sacraments with their peer group at the intended age. The preparation and the celebration of sacraments in St Patrick's Parish and School is: Family focused, Parish based and School supported.

If students however missed out on receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation within the school programme, we suggest that parents contact the Catholic Parish Office to inquire about current parish-based sacramental programmes. St Patrick's Parish aims to provide religious education and support in preparation for children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for all primary age students of our school and those who are not attending Catholic schools and any other children yet to make any of these Sacraments.

For those children outside St Patrick's School, the Parish will once again have Sacramental Programme Preparation Classes, which are held after school in the Parish Meeting Room, once a week. It is a requirement that Children attend classes for 6 - 8 weeks before their Sacrament day.

As a part of the Sacramental Programme, families are required to attend three (3) meetings and the Commitment Mass in the weeks leading up to the Celebration of the Sacrament respectively.

Here are the important dates:

14th of June 2016:

ALL PARENTS are expected to attend the 'FIRST MEETING': GENERAL INFORMATION NIGHT; 5.30 PM - 6.30 PM;
TO BE HELD AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Sacrament of Holy Communion

20th of July: Second Meeting - ADULT FORMATION NIGHT (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School

24th of July: Commitment Mass (10.30 AM) @ St Patrick's Church

27th of July: Third Meeting - Parents & Child Workshop (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School

14th of August: **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (10.30 AM) @ St Patrick's Church - Sunday**

Sacrament of Confirmation

10th of August: Second Meeting - ADULT FORMATION NIGHT (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School

24th of August: Third Meeting - Parents & Child Workshop (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School.

28th of August: Commitment Mass (10.30 AM) @ St Patrick's Church

03rd of September: **CONFIRMATION MASS (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's Church - Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20th of September: Second Meeting - ADULT FORMATION NIGHT (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School

12th of October: Third Meeting - Parents & Child Workshop (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's School.

16th of October: Commitment Mass (10.30 AM) @ St Patrick's Church

19th of October: **RECONCILIATION (6.00 PM) @ St Patrick's Church - Wednesday**

We look forward to working with you and with your children and preparing them for the Sacraments. If you would like to find out more information regarding students receiving the Sacraments outside of the school preparation programme, please contact me during school hours on 9821 4675 2281. Alternatively, contact St Patrick's School on 9821 2281.

Thank you so much and God bless!

Yours sincerely,

Fr Francis Constantino

Parish Priest

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