



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 2018, 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 has commenced, the school and work year is starting to wrap up and planning for the coming year of 2019, I'm sure, for many it 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 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 20th February 2019 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 2019 are as follows:

First Reconciliation (3 weeks): Friday 12th April.

Enrolments: 2nd - 17th March

Classes held on Sunday 24th & 31st March & 7th April

First Holy Communion (4 weeks): Sunday 23rd June.

Enrolments: 27th April - 12th May

Classes held on Sunday 19th & 26th May, 2nd & 16th June.

There will be no class on the Queens Birthday long weekend (9th June)

Confirmation (5 weeks): Saturday 21st September.

Enrolments: 20th July - 4th August

Classes held on Sunday 11th, 18th & 25th August, 8th & 15th September

There will be no class on Fathers day (1st 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.

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 2019.

God bless



Fr Richard John Green OSPPE
Parish Priest

