

Reflection and Discussion

In preparing for the Sacrament, you could :

Discuss decision making, conscience and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit can strengthen the choices we make. Ask your child why s/he wants to be confirmed, who would be a suitable sponsor and choose a saint/blessed who inspires them. Sponsors must be over 16, a Catholic and already confirmed themselves.

Share memories of Confirmation and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit might apply to situations in life eg understanding helps us to empathise with others.

Decide on ways to join in and participate in parish life and perhaps recall your childhood memories of being part of a parish community.

Identify and try some practical ways to share faith as a family eg weekly Mass.



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Sacrament Office (term time)

Location : Parish Hall

Tues 8.30- 4.30pm

Wed 8.30 – 3.30pm

St Peter the Apostle

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Sacraments – a vital sign of Catholic life

Celebrating Sacraments

Celebrating a sacrament is an important step in the life of a Catholic child. Sacraments are outward signs of grace which help us along our spiritual journey. We need to prepare candidates to receive them thoughtfully and thoroughly through parents, parishes and educators working together to support each candidate.

The Archdiocese of Perth recognised this need and developed and implemented a new model called the **Family-focused, Parish-based, School & PREP supported** approach which St Peter's began to implement in 2009. This model has now been mandated for all parishes to follow. A Sacramental team was set up including a Parish Priest, Co-ordinator, school staff and catechists.

Parents as the first educators in faith are a witness to God's presence in what they do and say. At a practical level, they help by supporting the prayer life of their child, attending Mass and being an example of loving care which mirrors our own relationship with God.

The parish is the living Christian community where faith is shared and nurtured. Parishes have a responsibility to invite families into the life of the parish and to offer their support.

Religious educators, whether in a Catholic school or a parish programme, support the candidate and the Church by helping the candidate understand the meaning of each Sacrament. Catholic schools and PREP teams work in partnership with parishes and families.

Confirmation

Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic church which began with Baptism. At Confirmation the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened and sealed during the Rite so we can continue our spiritual journey and

commit to our life as a Catholic. Our relationship with God deepens and we are invited to participate more actively in the life and worship of our parish community.

In 2018, Confirmation will be available at two Masses in June, with Bishop Don Sproxton as our main celebrant. A visit by Bishop Don and Mass practice has been arranged for **29 May** (details closer to time) Candidates wishing to be confirmed must :

- Enrol with the parish and make their commitment promise
- Complete the approved learning programme
- Attend a preparation session (workshop) with parent and possibly sponsor



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For 2018, the following dates are planned :

1. General Sacrament Meeting for parents on **Wed 28 Feb at 7pm**

2.Update/provide contact details, including an email address by **7 March** so enrolment forms can be sent out. Attend **one** preparation session (workshop) in the

parish hall – dates will be chosen when completing your enrolment form.

7 – 8.30pm Tue 15 May *or*
7- 8.30 pm Tue 22 May *or*
7 – 8.30pm Wed 23 May

3.Choose **one** of the following Masses for Confirmation when completing your form:

- 6pm Saturday 9 June *or*
- 10am Sunday 10 June

4.Attend **one** Commitment Mass and sign the register afterwards :

6pm Sat 10 March

- 8.30am Sun 11 Mar
- 5pm Sun 11 Mar
- 6pm Sat 17 Mar
- 10am Sun 18 Mar

