

# St Peter the Apostle

Catholic Church of Bedford/Inglewood



*Life in the Holy Spirit*

## THE SACRAMENT OF 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.

The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Blessed Eucharist so complement one another that all three are required for full Christian initiation.

## 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.



# 2021 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Masses** – please choose one of the following Masses when completing your enrolment form:

- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:00pm OR**
- **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 10:00am**

The main celebrant for this year's Confirmation Masses will be the Most Rev. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe.

An **Episcopal Visitation** by the Archbishop, **Mass practices** and **Retreat** will be arranged in Term two. Details will be sent out closer to time.

**Candidates wishing to be confirmed must:**

- Be baptised
- Have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion
- Enrol with the parish Sacramental Program (Note: Enrolment form to be sent out by email).
- Make their commitment promise by attending and registering in one of the Commitment Masses below:
  - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:00pm or
  - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 8:30am or 10:00am or 5:00pm
- Complete the approved learning programme
- Attend one of the preparation sessions (workshop) with parent/guardian in the parish hall (Note: Please indicate your preferred date when completing your enrolment form):
  - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:00pm or
  - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of May at 3:30pm or
  - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May 5:00pm
- Choose a suitable Sponsor<sup>1</sup> and Confirmation Saint's Name and advise the Sacrament Coordinator by the due date.

*Note: For Parents/Guardians ONLY who have not yet provided/updated their contact details including an email address, please email the Sacramental Coordinator (Mrs. Faith Rico) at [stpetersstc@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersstc@gmail.com) no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March, providing your contact details including an email address, to receive an enrolment form. In your email title/subject, please state your child's name and the particular sacrament (e.g. **Re: John Smith – Confirmation**).*

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<sup>1</sup> The sponsor must be Catholic, over the age of 16 and are initiated with the three Sacraments of Baptism Confirmation and Eucharist. Sponsors can be godparents to retain the link with Baptism or another significant person in their lives who will guide them. *Parents cannot be sponsors.*

## 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 she/he wants to be confirmed, who would be a suitable sponsor, who is the saint/blessed they want to choose who inspires them, and which gifts of the Holy Spirit would they want to receive more.*

*Share your memories of Confirmation and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit might apply to situations in life (e.g. the gift of understanding helps us to empathise with others).*

*Decide on ways to join in and participate in parish life as a family 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 (e.g. weekly Mass).*

### **Saint Peter the Apostle Church**

95 Wood Street, Inglewood WA 6052

**Parish Priest:** *Fr. Jeronimo Flamenco*

#### **Mass Times:**

Tuesday to Friday : 9:00 am

Saturday : 6:00 pm

Sunday : 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Sunday : 5:00 pm (Family Mass)

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday : 5:00 - 5:30pm

**Parish Sacramental Coordinator:** *Mrs. Faith Rico*

**Email:** stpetersstc@gmail.com

**Sacrament Office:** Parish Hall -91 Wood Street, Inglewood WA 6052

**Sacrament Coordinator Office Hours:** 9:00am-2:00pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday (*during school term time*)