

St Peter the Apostle

Catholic Church of Bedford/Inglewood



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is an ongoing sacrament of healing. The church recognises that sometimes we make poor choices that lead us away from God. Through Reconciliation, we are forgiven and we restore our friendship with God. We can experience the healing power of God's forgiveness whenever we go to Reconciliation.

This experience of being reconciled with God is explained to us by Jesus in the parable of the Prodigal Son; the experience of a child being restored to the loving care of his or her parents. Reconciliation becomes therefore a celebration: of God's love for us, of his boundless forgiveness and the joy of "coming home" to a happy, whole relationship with him.

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 RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Days- please choose one of the following when completing your enrolment form:

- **Tuesday 21 September at 6:00pm OR**
- **Wednesday 22 of September at 6:00pm**

**Process of Sacrament Program-Parents Information Night Meeting:
Wednesday 31 March, 6:30pm at Saint Peter the Apostle Church.**

(Parents who wish to enrol their child to the Sacrament of Reconciliation are encouraged to attend the Parents Information Night above).

Candidates wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must:

- Be baptised
- 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 24 of July at 6:00pm **or**
 - Sunday 25 of July 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):
 - Wednesday 23 of June at 5:00pm **or**
 - Saturday 26 of June at 3:30pm **or**
 - Monday 28 of June at 5:00pm

*Note: For Parents/Guardians ONLY who have not yet provided/updated their contact details including an email address, please submit your details to the Sacramental Coordinator (Mrs. Faith Rico) at stpetersstc@gmail.com to receive an enrolment form. Submission of your details is open from **Thursday, 25 March to Monday, 29 March**. In your email title/subject, please state your child's name and the particular sacrament (e.g. **Re: John Smith – Reconciliation**).*

Reflection and Discussion

In preparing for the Sacrament, you could:

Discuss the importance of loving and forgiving relationships, both within our families and communities and with God, our Father.

Share your own experiences of the peace Reconciliation can bring and how it restores our relationship with God.

Decide on ways to join in and participate more actively in the life and worship of the parish community.

Identify and try some practical steps for sharing faith as a family.

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*)