



ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sacramental programs 2022 and beyond.

Dear Parents

The wonderful privilege of passing on Faith in Christ Jesus our Lord has its heart in the family. Parents, you make this real when you bring your children for Baptism with great joy and hope and love. It is the start of something special for you and your family.

The Church family, centred on the Parish, shares that joy and welcomes you and your children as part of this larger family.

Now, the Parish of St Joan of Arc, eager to continue this journey with you, offers you a different approach to the next stages of the journey. It is an approach that affirms the place of parents as “the first and foremost educators of their children”¹

In practical terms, this approach will complete the Sacraments of Initiation that began with Baptism, namely First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and will include the Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation).

The program for each of the Sacraments will follow the same structure and will consist in a mixture of all-together meetings and at-home and ONLINE sessions as presented in the following page.

There will be an information page on the Parish website from 28th January. This will include explanation of some rules and regulations that need to be observed including about privacy and photography. It will have contact details, schedule of the Sacraments and enrolment forms with instructions on how to process them as well as a closing date for enrolments. Website link: <http://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/>. A reminder letter will go out at the start of Term One.

I and the Parish Sacramental Team look forward to working closely with you as your children prepare for these important stages of their growth in their friendship with Christ Jesus and their understanding of what it means to belong to His family.

Regards and blessings.

Fr Phillip Zadro.

Parish Sacramental Team Leaders

Maria Condello – Pastoral Associate

Jacky Guardascione – Religious Education Coordinator – St Joan of Arc, School

Greg Hill – Catechist Coordinator

Cindy-Anne Sarcasmo – Family Educator 2021

Anne Gray – Family Educator 2022



Footnote:

1) (Pontifical Council for the Family, *Charter of the Rights of the Family*)



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FIRST RECONCILIATION.

Enrolment, commitment and distribution of materials – One Mass on weekend of either 12/13 or 19/20 February

- 1 Meeting for all - ONLINE - Introduction and Explanation of program –7.00pm 22 February
- 2 Lesson One of Program – AT HOME
- 3 Lesson Two – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson One + input Lesson 2 7.00pm 8 March
- 4 Lesson Three - AT HOME
- 5 Lesson Four – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson three + input Lesson 4 including explanation of celebration
7.00pm 22 March
- 6 Celebration Tuesday 29 March 5.00pm and 7.30pm

Please note, that because of the variability of the date of Easter, the timing of this program will also vary.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment, commitment and distribution of materials – One Mass on weekend of either

30th April/1st May or 7th May/8th May

- 1 Meeting for all - ONLINE - Introduction and Explanation of program –7.00pm 11 May
- 2 Lesson One of Program – AT HOME
- 3 Lesson Two – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson One + input Lesson 2 7.00pm 25th May
- 4 Lesson Three - AT HOME
- 5 Lesson Four – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson three + input Lesson 4 including explanation of celebration
7.00pm 8th June
- 6 Candidates/Sponsor/Parent night in Church – reflection before celebration 7.30pm 15th June
- 7 Celebration Sunday 19th June 10.30am, Saturday 25 June 11.00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 Enrolment, commitment and distribution of materials – One Mass on weekend of either 8/9 or 15/16 Oct
- 2 Meeting for all IN CHURCH 7.00pm — 19 October
This gathering will begin with a Mass accompanied by a Commentary/Teaching about the various parts of the Mass – this will be followed by Introduction and Explanation of the program.
- 3 Lesson One of Program – AT HOME to be done by 25th October.
- 4 Lesson Two – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson One + input Lesson 2 - 7.00pm 26th October
- 5 Lesson Three - AT HOME
- 6 Lesson Four – ONLINE – Questions from Lesson three + input Lesson 4 including explanation of celebration
7.00pm 9 November
- 7 Celebration Sunday 13 November 10.30am or Sunday 20 November 10.30am
Choice to be made by families which day is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates