

St Peter the Apostle

Catholic Church of Bedford/Inglewood



Sacrament of Eucharist

Sacrament of *Love*

Eucharist & Family

As a presentation of Christ's sacrifice of love for the Church, the Eucharist is a fountain of charity. In the Eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its "communion" and its "mission": by partaking in the Eucharistic bread, the different members of the Christian family become one body, which reveals and shares in the wider unity of the church.

- a summary of Pope John Paul II's exhortation on the family by
Martin Flynn Roe LC-

Family Mission in the Church

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.

EUCCHARIST

Jesus instituted the Eucharistic meal of thanksgiving at the Last Supper. A simple family meal has some of these elements. Each time we gather as a faith community to celebrate the Mass, we commemorate the Last Supper. During the consecration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ (transubstantiation). This reminds us that Jesus died for us and gives us spiritual strength to live our lives as Catholics.

2022 SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

First Communion Masses- please choose one of the following when completing your enrolment form:

- **Saturday 20th of August at 3:30pm OR**
- **Sunday 21st of August at 11:30am**

Practice and Retreat Dates to be advised closer to time

Candidates wishing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist must:

- Be baptised
- Have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- 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 6:00pm **or**
 - Sunday 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):
 - Due to COVID restrictions this will be advised closer to the date.

*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 (Marina Tassone) at stpetersstc@gmail.com to receive an enrolment form. Submission of your details is open from **now till Monday, 4th April**. In your email title/subject, please state your child's name and the particular sacrament (e.g. **Re: John Smith – Eucharist**).*

Reflection & Discussion

In preparing for the Sacrament, you could:

- *Model active participation by attending Sunday Mass every week. Go to Reconciliation with your child.*
- *Say a short prayer out loud with your family before meals, at bedtime, or any time your family is gathered together.*
- *Talk about your own First Communion with your child and share what you believe about the Eucharist. Include Godparents and Grandparents in discussions about the Sacrament.*
- *Talk with your child about what they are learning during religion lessons. Read the story of the Last Supper in the Bible (see Matthew 26:26, Luke 22:14, or Mark 14:22) with your child and talk about it with them. Remember that you are your child's best teacher.*
- *Highlight the spiritual gifts of this special occasion to your child, as well as the social aspects of the day.*
- *Recognise and acknowledge this time of Sacramental preparation as a great gift to your family and an opportunity to be closer to God.*

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: ***Marina Tassone***

Email: stpetersstc@gmail.com

Sacrament Office: Parish Hall -Currently closed due to renovations

Sacrament Coordinator Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday (*during school term time*)