

# 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.



# **2022 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:00pm OR**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:00pm**

## **Process of Sacrament Program-Parents Information Night Meeting:**

*Due to COVID restrictions we unfortunately are unable to run this information evening for Parents.*

## **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 commitment).
- Make their promise when attending their Retreat.
- Complete the approved school learning programme
- Attend one of the preparation sessions (workshop) with parent/guardian in the parish hall (Note: This year we will not be running the parent workshops due to the COVID restrictions, but in conjunction with the school, the program will be covered during your Childs Retreat)



## 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. Marina Tassone***

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

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

Tuesday and Thursday (*during school term time*)