

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 2020 SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES WHOSE SACRAMENTS WERE POSTPONED TO 2021 DUE TO COVID 19.

Dear Parents

We've reached the last month of a year that has been so different from those that we have experienced before. If we look back to this time last year, we probably had most of 2020 planned out and ready to go - but probably most of it didn't happen in so many facets of our lives, the Sacramental Program being just one of them.

Here's what happened to the Sacramental Program:

- people registered to receive the sacraments
- we held meetings to launch the program
- the First Reconciliation classes commenced; we did the first three and then the Covid restrictions started; parents completed the fourth lesson with their children; First Reconciliation was postponed until next year
- our church was closed to 'in person' attendance
- we delivered workbooks to candidates for First Holy Communion; parents followed the lesson outlines for the workbooks with their children; First Holy Communion was postponed until next year
- we delivered workbooks to candidates for Confirmation; parents followed the lesson outlines for the workbooks with their children; Confirmation was postponed until next year
- our church reopened for 'in person' attendance with a limit of 91 attendees due to the four square metre rule

Here's what we have planned for the Sacramental Program for the 2020 candidates in 2021:

RECONCILIATION

- Monday 15th February @ either 4pm or 6.30pm (parents choose, no need to book) a zoom refresher meeting for parents and children for Reconciliation. We will send you the link to the zoom meeting the week before.
- Tuesday 16th February @ 6pm Eventbrite opens for Reconciliation bookings - MAXIMUM OF 27 CHILDREN FOR EACH SESSION
- Thursday 18th February @ 4pm Eventbrite closes for Reconciliation bookings - any child whose request has not been made will be placed in remaining available times
- Monday 1st March @ 6pm Reconciliation, 27 children, in addition each can bring a maximum of 5 'others'
- Tuesday 2nd March @ 6pm Reconciliation, 27 children, in addition each can bring a maximum of 5 'others'

FIRST COMMUNION

- Monday 22nd February @ either 4pm or 6.30pm (parents choose, no need to book) a zoom refresher meeting for parents and children for First Communion. We will send you the link to the zoom meeting the week before.
- Tuesday 23rd February @ 6pm Eventbrite opens for First Communion bookings - MAXIMUM OF 22 CHILDREN FOR EACH MASS
- Thursday 25th February @ 4pm Eventbrite closes for First Communion bookings - any child whose request has not been made will be placed in remaining available times
- Saturday 13th March @ 4pm First Communion Mass, 22 children, in addition each can bring a maximum of 7 'others'
- Sunday 14th March @ 11.30am First Communion Mass, 22 children, in addition each can bring a maximum of 7 'others'
- Sunday 14th March @ 4pm First Communion Mass, 22 children, in addition each can bring a maximum of 7 'others'

CONFIRMATION

- Tuesday 27th April @ either 4pm or 6.30pm (parents choose, no need to book) a zoom refresher meeting for parents and children for Confirmation. We will send you the link to the zoom meeting the week before.
- Wednesday 28th April @ 6pm Eventbrite opens for Confirmation bookings - MAXIMUM OF 21 CHILDREN FOR EACH LITURGY
- Friday 30th April @ 4pm Eventbrite closes for Confirmation booking - any child whose request has not been made will be placed in remaining available times
- Thursday 13th May @ 6pm and 7.30 pm Confirmation practice - child plus one parent
- Tuesday 18th May @ 6pm and 7.30 pm Confirmation - child plus sponsor plus 6 'others'.

All of the above are calculated on current restrictions, that is, two square metres per person, 182 maximum in our church. Please note, that if you will be bringing children who are family members, they will count in the total number of the others that you will be able to bring.

Kind regards

Anne Sheldrick on behalf of the Sacramental Team

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