



My God and My All

2020 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM GUIDE (Parish Program)

This program is for children in our parish **who do not attend** St Francis' of Assisi Regional Catholic Primary school.

If your child attends the St Francis of Assisi Regional Catholic Primary school please refer to the program for our St Francis of Assisi students which may be found on the website or by contacting Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331 4043.

Prerequisites for all Sacraments:

- Candidates have been baptised in the Catholic tradition.
- Your family meets one or more of the following requirements:
 - You reside in the parishes of Paddington/Edgecliff
 - Your children attend one of the local public schools where our catechists provide SRE/Scripture (Double Bay, Glenmore Road, Paddington Public, Woollahra Public).
 - Your family regularly attends mass within the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Paddington or St Joseph, Edgecliff
- **All** dates are attended by the candidate (and/or parent/guardian where required) & all coursework is completed.
- *In the case of special circumstances please contact Ruth on 93314043 to discuss.*

Enrolment Forms:

Enrolment forms are available on our parish website at www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com (please visit Sacraments > 2020 Sacramental Program and select the relevant sacrament) or by contacting our parish office at sacraments@stfrancis-stjoseph.com. We ask these forms are completed and returned in advance of the initial information night.

Formation Afternoons:

Afternoon Tea: As the formation afternoons for each sacrament run from midafternoon through to the end of mass at 6:30pm we ask that you your child brings afternoon tea with them to the sessions. This ensures that all dietary requirements are met.

Parents Always Welcome: Parents/Guardians are *always* welcome. If your child will be more comfortable with you present you are very welcome to stay for the formation afternoon. Alternatively, you are free to sign your child in to the session and then return to join us for mass at 5:30pm.

Would you like to facilitate a small group discussion? As part of the formation afternoons the candidates will work together in small groups. Would you like to help facilitate a group during the formation afternoon? This can be a great way of

both supporting the parish, the program and your child. Please indicate on the enrolment form if you are interested.

Study Materials:

All study materials are provided as part of the program. We currently use the Christ our Light and Life books produced by the CCD at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Suggested Donation & Payment Methods:

While there is no fee for sacraments, we do welcome contributions to the cost of the Program. The suggested donation for the 2020 program is \$40 per segment. All donations are used to directly fund the costs of the program ensuring we provide the most enriching and special experience possible for each child and their family. Donations can be made through the parish website at www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com (please click on donations & payments > Payments > Sacramental Program and when you reach the CBA portal select Sacramental Program as your biller code). They can also be paid by cash at the information evening or prior to the date at the parish office.

Locations:

The St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall and St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church are located on the same grounds with entrances via 66 Gordon St or 463 Oxford St Paddington.

Children with special needs and requirements:

If your child has special needs or requirements which will assist them in gaining the most from their formation and the sacrament please let us know. We will work with you to make accommodations where ever possible. Please call Ruth on 9331 4043.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Friday 22nd May 2020 at 6:30pm.

Requirements:

- Candidates are in Year 2 or above.
- Enrolment form must be returned by Friday, 27 March 2020 to Parish Office.
- A copy of the baptism certificate must be provided with the enrolment form.
- Attendance at the below dates (including both formation sessions). Note, the Information evening is mandatory for **at least one** parent/guardian as well as the candidate. *Attendance by all parents/guardians is encouraged.*
- Families are asked to attend mass on a weekly basis in the period between the initial Formation Evening and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Worship with your

community is a vital part of formation and will ensure your child feels confident on the night and reduces stress/anxiety for the candidate during the sacrament.

Important Dates (attendance at all dates below is **mandatory**).

Information Evening

For Candidates & their Parents/Guardians

Thursday, 2 April, 2020

Registration from 5:30pm for 6:00pm start

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Formation Afternoon – Session #1

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday, 2 May, 2020

Sign in from 3:45pm for 4:00pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Formation Afternoon – Session #2

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday, 9 May, 2020

Sign in from 3:45pm for 4:00pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Rehearsal

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Thursday, 14 May, 2020

Sign in from 5:15pm for 5:30pm start

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday, 22 May, 2020

Candidates to meet at **6:00pm sharp.**

Sacrament to begin at 6:30pm

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Saturday 8th August 2020 at 5:30pm

Requirements:

- Candidates are in Year 3 or above.
- Candidates have previously received their first reconciliation.
- Enrolment form must be returned by Friday, 26th June 2020 to Parish Office.
- A copy of the baptism certificate & proof of first reconciliation provided with the enrolment form.
- Attendance at the below dates (including both formation sessions). Note, the Information evening is mandatory for **at least one** parent/guardian as well as the candidate. *Attendance by all parents/guardians is encouraged.*
- Families are asked to attend mass on a weekly basis in the period between the initial Formation Evening and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Worship with your community is a vital part of formation and will ensure your child feels confident on the night and reduces stress/anxiety for the candidate during the sacrament.

Important Dates (attendance at all dates below is **mandatory**).

Information Evening

For Candidates & their Parents/Guardians

Monday, 29 June, 2020

Registration from 5:30pm for 6:00pm start

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Formation Afternoon – Session #1

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday, 25 July, 2020

Sign in from 3:30pm for 3:45pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Formation Afternoon – Session #2

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday 1 August, 2020

Sign in from 3:30pm for 3:45pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Rehearsal

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Monday, 3 August, 2020

Sign in at St Francis of Assisi Parish **Hall** from 5:00pm for 5:30pm start
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday, 8 August, 2020

Candidates to meet at **Parish Hall 4:30pm sharp.**

Vigil Mass to begin at 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

CONFIRMATION Saturday, 7th November 2020 at 5:30pm.

Requirements:

- Candidates are in Year 6 or above.
- Candidates have previously received their first reconciliation and first holy communion
- Enrolment form must be returned by Friday 18th September 2020 to Parish Office.
- A copy of the baptism certificate & proof of first reconciliation and first holy communion provided with the enrolment form.
- Attendance at the below dates (including both formation sessions). Note, the Information evening is mandatory for **at least one** parent/guardian as well as the candidate. *Attendance by all parents/guardians is encouraged.*
- Families are asked to attend mass on a weekly basis in the period between the initial Formation Evening and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Worship with your community is a vital part of formation and will ensure your child feels confident on the night and reduces stress/anxiety for the candidate during the sacrament.
- Attendance at the rehearsal by the confirmation sponsor is *strongly encouraged* – if the confirmation sponsor is not available for this date a parent/guardian will be required to perform their duties during the rehearsal and then brief the confirmation sponsor prior to the sacrament.

Important Dates (attendance at all dates below is mandatory).

Information Evening

For Candidates & their Parents/Guardians

Monday, 21 September, 2020

Registration from 5:30pm for 6:00pm start

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Formation Afternoon – Session #1

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday, 24 October, 2020

Sign in from 3:00pm for 3:15pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Formation Afternoon – Session #2

For Candidates – Parents Welcome

Saturday 31 October, 2020

Sign in from 3:00pm for 3:15pm start

St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm in St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Please note: Mass is considered part of the formation afternoon and attendance is necessary, we ask parents who do not join us for the formation session to please join us in the church for the 5:30pm mass.

Rehearsal

For Candidates & their Sponsor – Parents Welcome

Monday, 2 November, 2020

Sign in at St Francis of Assisi Parish **Hall** from 5:00pm for 5:30pm start

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, 7th November 2020

Candidates to meet at **Parish Hall 4:30pm sharp.**

Vigil Mass to begin at 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington

**For more information regarding our sacramental program or to or
to discuss the needs of your family please call Ruth at the Parish
Office on 9331 4043.**