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Sacraments of Confirmation, Communion and Penance 2020 in Attadale Parish

Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to inform the Catholic children in Attadale and their parents of the dates of the Parish events which lead up to the reception of the Sacraments in 2020. If you are not in the Attadale Parish, please make contact with your Parish Priest to discuss the Parish programme.

Parents play a key role in passing on faith. Pope Francis said recently, *'Your children's "little eyes" gradually memorize and interpret with the heart that faith is one of the greatest inheritances you have received from your parents and ancestors.... And if you hand on the faith and live it well, that is where the transmission happens.'* Parents are supported in this by the Catholic School Religious Education Programme or the Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP). Parents will need to ensure that their children are attending one or the other.

Commitment and Enrolment Mass for all Sacraments

There will be a combined commitment Mass and enrolment for all Sacraments at SJP Parish church on **Saturday 22 February at 6pm and on Sunday 23 February** at all Masses. The commitment ceremony will take place during Mass and after Mass the enrolment for the sacrament will be completed. Please bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate to the enrolment. This certificate will need to be received before the child can receive the Sacrament. You are also asked to pay the \$50 fee when enrolling. At the enrolment, you will also indicate which Parent Child Workshop you wish to attend. Please include in an envelope the Enrolment form, Baptism certificate and fee of \$50. Late enrolments will not be accepted.

If you cannot attend this Mass or have any special circumstances that you would like to discuss, please contact the Parish Office at (08) 61815022 to make an appointment with Fr Don Kettle.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in the parish at a special Mass on **Sunday 31 May (Pentecost) at 11am**. Please note that this is a long weekend. Archbishop Barry Hickey will be the celebrant for Confirmation this year.

On Wednesday 6 May, Parent-Child Confirmation Workshops will be held in the Bourhill Parish Hall at 3.30pm and 5pm. A parent will need to attend one of the workshops with the child. You can select the time that is most convenient for you and your family. **Attendance at this Workshop is Mandatory.** At that workshop, a facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith and confirmation. We have always had positive feedback from the children on the workshop.

On Thursday 14 May, a Confirmation Retreat will be held for the children at the Bournhill Hall. **Attendance at the retreat is mandatory.** State schools have given children permission to attend in the past. Santa Maria has indicated that children at that school may

attend and it is our expectation that other Catholic schools will do the same. Please speak to your child's teacher about it. The programme includes a rehearsal for Confirmation.

After the confirmation all the families come together for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Sunday August 30 at 9.30am** which the children receive their certificates. There will be cake and refreshments after the Mass for the children and their families.

Sacrament of Communion

First Communion will be celebrated in the Parish at a special mass on **Sunday 14 June (Corpus Christi) at 11am.**

On **Wednesday 20 May at 3.30pm and 5pm**, a **Parent-Child Communion Workshop** will be held in the Bourhill Parish Hall. A parent will need to attend one of the workshops with the child. You can select the time that is most convenient for you and your family. **Attendance at the Workshop is mandatory.** At that workshop, a facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith and confirmation. We have always had positive feedback from the children on the workshop.

On **Friday 5 June**, a **Eucharist Retreat** will be held for the children. **Attendance at the Retreat is Mandatory.** Catholic and State schools have given children permission to attend in the past. Please speak to your child's catechist or teacher about it.

The families come together for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Sunday July 26 at 9.30am** at which the children receive their certificates. There will be cake and other food after the Mass for the children and their families.

Sacrament of Penance

The **Sacrament of Penance** will occur on **Wednesday September 16 at 3.30pm.**

On **12 August at 3.30pm and 5pm**, a **Parent-Child Penance Workshop** will be held in the Bourhill Parish Hall. **A parent** will need to attend one of the workshops **with the child.** You can select the time that is most convenient for you and your family. **Attendance at this Workshop is mandatory.** At that Workshop, the facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith, forgiveness and Penance. We have always had positive feedback from the children on the workshop.

The **Retreat** will be held at the **Schoenstatt Shrine Armadale** on Wednesday 19 August. **All children are required to attend.** It is part of their ongoing faith formation. State schools have given children permission to attend in the past and it is our expectation that other Catholic schools will do the same. Please speak to your child's teacher about it.

Following the Sacrament of Penance, all the families come together for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Sunday 20 September at 9.30am** at which the children receive their certificates. There will be cake and other food after the Mass for the children and their families.

As you can see, there are a number of events. It is very important for the children and their families to participate regularly in Sunday Mass, if they are not already doing so. The Mass is at the heart of our Catholic identity and faith. We are indeed, baptised and confirmed so that we can participate fully in the Mass.

If you have any questions or queries, please do speak to children's teachers or catechist or call the Parish Office on (08) 61815022 and Amy can direct your query as appropriate.

Sacraments are a very special moment in your child's journey of faith. The Attadale Parish Community looks forward to supporting you in the journey and in the celebration of the Sacraments.

Pax Christi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fr Donald Kettle', written over a horizontal line.

Fr Donald Kettle
Parish Priest