



**ST MATTHEW'S & ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH  
SOUTH BELCONNEN**

ARANDA MASS CENTRE: 7 BINDEL ST  
PAGE MASS CENTRE: 12 CHEWINGS ST

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

**Parent and Candidate  
Sacramental Information Meeting 2021**

Parish Based – Family Centred – School Supported

Dear Parents,

This letter is being sent to all Catholic families connected with St Matthew's and St Vincent's South Belconnen Parish, who have children in Year 6. You may wish for your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. If so, you will need to attend the parent and candidate information meeting online, or in person. The meeting will cover online registration process (via Qkr!, *(please download app before attending the meeting)*), COVID-19 church protocols, the retreat day, sacrament booking dates for each sacrament (via google form) and the home program. A meeting will be held in St Vincent's Church for up to 200 people (sanitising hands and sign in will be required at the church foyer with the CBR Check In app). The meetings will also be held via Zoom (limited to 100 logins, 1 Zoom login per family).

To attend the parent information meeting via Zoom, you will need to download the Zoom app on your preferred device and select the link provided below to enter the meeting.

We will continue our community approach to physical distancing. This means all Sacramental Masses will have limited seating including only immediate family, and Confirmation sponsors. In line with government restrictions **at present**, we will be limited to a maximum of 200 people within the church at all times.

**Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and First Holy Communion certificate** to the parent information meeting. We will be allocating time during the session to complete your child's Qkr! Registration. If you are attending the meeting via Zoom, please send a copy to the parish office at [belconnensouth@cq.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cq.org.au).

**Parent information meeting:**

**6pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** St Vincent's Church ARANDA (Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89518502980?pwd=dC9VcEdTRktHTVhpNDUxbzNaMXYwQT09>)

If you are not able to attend in person, or via Zoom, the meetings will be recorded and made available on the parish website (<http://cq.org.au/belconnensouth/Home.aspx>).

While the gift of God's grace is freely given, it helps cover costs of the sacramental preparation program if families are able to make a financial offering. The custom has been \$50 per sacrament. We understand families' situations vary, especially after disasters this year. So another reasonable amount is still gratefully received. Please enter the amount you are able to pay when registering on Qkr!.

We ask for your patience and flexibility as we move forward in making plans for sacraments. If you wish to speak with a Sacramental Team member please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr Simon Falk  
Parish Priest

Shahanie Burns  
Parish Sacramental Coordinator



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### TERM 2- Dates for Confirmation 2021

WHERE & WHEN	WHAT	PURPOSE
<b>St Vincent's Church ARANDA</b> 21 April Wednesday 6.00 pm	<b>Parent and Candidate Faith Formation Meeting</b> Prepare for Confirmation	Information about the requirements of the Confirmation Program. Faith Formation and Reflection.
<b>St Matthew's Church PAGE</b> 24 April Saturday 6.00 pm or 25 April Sunday 8:30 am  <b>St Vincent's Church ARANDA</b> 25 April Sunday 10.00 am	<b>Commitment Masses</b>	Request by parents and candidates for the reception of the Sacrament for their child.
<b>Home Program</b> 26 April -10 May	<b>Family Centred Sacramental Preparation Program Sessions 1-3</b>	Parents work with children at home to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
<b>St Matthew's Church PAGE</b> 22 May Saturday 6.00 pm or 23 May Sunday 8.30 am  <b>St Vincent's Church ARANDA</b> 23 May Sunday 10.00 am	<b>Commitment Masses</b>	Candidates supported by parents for the reception of the Sacrament for their child.
<b>St Vincent's School</b> 16 June Wednesday (all day)  <b>St Matthew's School</b> 18 June Friday (all day)	<b>Retreat Day</b>	Prayerfully bringing together all the preparation
<b>St Matthew's Church PAGE</b> 22 June Tuesday 6.00pm  <b>St Vincent's Church ARANDA</b> 23 June Wednesday 6.00pm	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	Families and candidates celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

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