



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

PAGE MASS CENTRE: 12 CHEWINGS ST

ARANDA MASS CENTRE: 7 BINDEL ST

Sacramental Parent Information Meeting 2020

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 years 3 and 6. You may wish for your child to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, or First Reconciliation this year. If so, you will need to attend the parent information meeting online, or in person. The meeting will cover online registration process (via Qkr! – **opens 28th July**), COVID-19 church protocols, the retreat day, sacramental booking dates for each sacrament (via google form) and the home program. A meeting will be held in each church for up to 100 people (sign in will be required at the church foyer). 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.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parent information meeting, or if you are attending the meeting via Zoom, please send a copy to the parish office at belconnensouth@cq.org.au.

Parent information meeting:

6pm Tuesday 28th July St Matthew's School – Zoom Link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88204922042?pwd=anY4WTJZWVZTekZxRVh5RkFRamlrZz09>

6pm Wednesday 29th July St Vincent's School – Zoom Link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248635566?pwd=cEx2NWtVbkk3NVFPZnQ4Qk55TFh1Zz09>

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>).

We will continue our community approach to social 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 100 people within the church at all times.

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 sacrament team member please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr Simon Falk
Parish Priest

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South Belconnen Parish Sacramental Program 2020

South Belconnen Parish Confirmation Program 2020

		Purpose	When & Where
Confirmation	Parent information meeting Information about the requirements of the Confirmation Program (Zoom & in person options)		6pm Tuesday 28 July - St Matthew's Church, Page 6pm Wednesday 29 July - St Vincent's Church, Aranda
	Commitment mass Confirmation		The weekends 22 & 23 August St Matthew's Church The weekends 15 & 16 August St Vincent's Church
	Candidates supported by parents at home in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation		The weeks of 3 August, 10 August & 17 August Home Program Confirmation
	Candidates supported by parents in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation		6.00pm Wednesday 19 August - St Matthew's Church, Page 6pm Wednesday 26 th August – St Vincent' - TBC
	Confirmation Retreat		4 September St Matthew's Primary School 9 September St Vincent's Primary School
	Families & candidates celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation		6.00pm Tuesday 8 September, Wednesday 9 September & Thursday 10 September – St Matthew's Church 6.00pm Tuesday 15 September – St Vincent's Church

South Belconnen Parish Reconciliation Program 2020

		Purpose	When & Where
Reconciliation	Parent information meeting Information about the requirements of the First Reconciliation Program (Zoom & in person options)		6pm Tuesday 28 July - St Matthew's Church, Page 6pm Wednesday 29 July - St Vincent's Church, Aranda
	Commitment mass Reconciliation		The weekends 1 & 2 August, St Matthew's Church The weekends 8 & 9 August St Vincent's Church
	Candidates supported by parents at home in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation		The weeks of 3 August St Matthew's School The weeks 3 August 10 August & 17 August St Vincent's Home Program Reconciliation
	Candidates supported by parents for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation		6.00pm Monday 10 August, Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12 August – St Matthew's Church, Page 6.00pm Monday 24 August – St Vincent's Church, Aranda

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