



Our Lady's Assumption Church

Catholic Parish of Dianella

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2019

Dear Parents

This year, you and your child have the opportunity of participating in the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Penance is a step to a deeper inclusion into the life of the Christian community. Therefore, it is important for children who receive this Sacrament to participate in the life of the Church on a regular basis within their parish and school communities.

Commitment Mass

Families are expected to attend one of the following Masses in preparation for candidates receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time:

Saturday 9 March, 6.00pm OR Sunday 10 March, 7.30am, 9.30am or 5.00pm

Candidates will need to hand in their commitment form to Fr Ken at the conclusion of Mass.

Parent/Child Workshop Parent Meeting

The Parent/Child Workshops will be held on Wednesday 16 October. Two workshops have been arranged, the first workshop will commence at 4.00pm followed by the second workshop which will commence at 5.30pm. A note to register for your preferred time will be distributed closer to the date. Both workshops will be held in the Fr. O'Mara Centre and will be facilitated by a catechist consultant from CEWA. It is important that at least one parent, along with their child, attends this workshop.

Candidates' Retreat Day

Date: Tuesday 22 October

Venue: Schoenstatt Shrine

The Retreat Day will be facilitated by Sr. Lisette, all children will participate in a range of activities throughout the day, children will be allowed to wear 'free dress' for the day.

Sacrament of Penance

Date: Thursday 24 October, 6.30pm

Venue: Our Lady's Assumption Church

Please be mindful that if your child does not meet these requirements then they will be unable to receive the sacrament. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office or ex-OLA students are welcome to email Velma Erskine at vel.erskine@cewa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Rev Fr Kenneth D'Souza
PARISH PRIEST

Sacramental Records Form: PENANCE 2019

Child's Name (Please write the name in full and the way you wish the child's name to be recorded on ALL documentation.)

Child's name: _____

Year: _____

School: _____

I have included a copy of my child's Baptism certificate. **(Only if not baptised at Our Lady's Assumption Parish, Dianella)**

OR

My child was baptised in the Parish of Our Lady's Assumption, Dianella

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this form by ***Friday 8 March*** to the Parish Office.

Parish Office is open Monday - Friday from 9.00am to 12noon.

COMMITMENT PRAYER FOR SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES
(This form is to be handed to Fr after the commitment mass)

Fr Ken: Could all those children who will be making their Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation please stand?

My dear parents and children, the Parish welcomes you here today.
Let us pray,
God our loving Father, we ask you to send the Holy Spirit on each of these candidates and their families as they begin preparation for the sacraments.

Candidates, are you fully aware that you are beginning a program which will lead you to a deepening of your understanding of Christ and his Church?

CANDIDATES: Yes, I am.

Fr Ken: Candidates, are you willing to participate and co-operate in this preparation program?

CANDIDATES: Yes, I am.

Fr Ken: Parents, are you prepared to support your child in the preparation for their sacrament by word and example and also participate by actively supporting your children and attending Parish Masses?

PARENTS: Yes, I am.

Fr Ken: Candidates, on behalf of the Parish Community, I accept your enrolment as a candidate for our Sacramental program.
The Parish Community will pray for all of you during this special time of preparation.

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

PARENT NAME & SIGNATURE: _____