3rd March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Sacramental Program – 2022 (Covid-19 Landscape)

As we are aware, the 2022 school year will look a little different due to living with Covid-19 in our state. As always, we want to cause as least disruption to our children and families, whilst honouring the need to be safe.

One of these areas is how we ensure that a genuine sacramental program is delivered from the Parish of Saints John and Paul. Firstly, protocols that are in place for school settings vary from what churches must adhere to. From the very beginning of when Covid-19 impacted our community in 2020, Fr Thai and the Church of Saints John and Paul have adhered to all health mandates directed by the Government of Western Australia.

Fr Thai continues to ensure that the following occurs. Below is a list of measures that our parish does:

- Increased Mass times to cater for everyone: Saturdays 5pm & 6pm | Sundays 7.30am, 8.30am, 9.30am, 10.30am (2 extra Masses).
- Capacity of the Church – 150 people. People attending Mass are counted as they enter.
- Sign in to the Service WA App and sanitizing.
- Wearing of masks at all times.
- Parishioners sanitize the pews when exiting the church.

Enrolment Weekend

- Instead of all three sacraments enrolling on the one weekend, each sacrament will enrol separately. Families will collect an enrolment form from the hall after Mass. Please see dates:
  i) Year 4 Eucharist (First Communion) 19th & 20th March
  ii) Year 6 Confirmation 26th & 27th March
  iii) Year 3 Reconciliation (Penance) 2nd & 3rd April

Adult Faith Formation Nights – 7pm

- Held in the church instead of the hall. There will be around a maximum of 60 parents who can easily physically distance in a venue that is allowed to hold 150 people.
  i) Year 4 Eucharist (First Communion) Thursday, 24th March
  ii) Year 6 Confirmation Thursday, 31st March
  iii) Year 3 Reconciliation (Penance) Thursday, 17th March

Parent/Child Workshops

- Held in the church instead of the hall. There will be around a maximum of 80 people who can easily phycially distance in a venue that is allowed to hold 150 people.
  Year 4 Eucharist (First Communion) Thursday, 19th May: 5-6pm OR 6.30-7.30pm

Year 6 Confirmation Thursday, 18th August: 5-6.15pm OR 6.30-7.45pm
Year 3 Reconciliation (Penance) Thursday, 13th October: 5-6pm OR 6.15-7.15pm

As we are all aware, it is an every changing landscape that we must navigate. Thank you for your cooperation in helping our children to live 'normally' during this time whilst taking precautions to be safe.

If you have any queries, please direct them to me.

Kind regards

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