

WELCOME to the St Thomas More Religious Education Programme. Classes are held each Wednesday afternoon between **4.00pm & 5.00pm** at Yidarra School, Corner Dean & Marsengo Roads in Bateman and commence with **assembly in the Church**. Parents are invited to stay for the assembly if they wish.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

DROPPING OFF AT 4PM

We request that children be dropped off at the church any time between 3.50pm-4.00pm and instructed to gather in the church foyer or courtyard area. Any other areas are considered unsafe.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT 5PM

At the conclusion of classes years 1 – 3 are to be collected from their classroom (please park outside Yidarra Administration area). At 5.10pm any remaining students will be taken up to Church area. There is no parking permitted in the area between the School and Church as this is a student access area. Could parents please advise **in writing** if students need to arrive late or leave early from class. No student will be permitted to leave class before 5pm without a note.

THE TEACHERS in our Programme are volunteers who enjoy sharing their faith with your child. They have completed a Catechist Training Programme at the Catholic Education Office or are teachers in Catholic Schools. Some of our teachers (catechists) are parents of students enrolled in the Program. They all have Working with Children Clearance. We invite you to consider joining the Catechist Team.

YOU CAN HELP BY

- (a) Making a commitment to attend the Programme regularly.
- (b) Praying with your children.
- (c) Celebrating the Eucharist regularly as a family.
- (d) Taking an interest in what your child is learning.
- (e) At least one parent attending parent teacher meetings held during year.
- (f) **Providing your child with A4 display folder, glue, scissors and pencils to be used in class.**

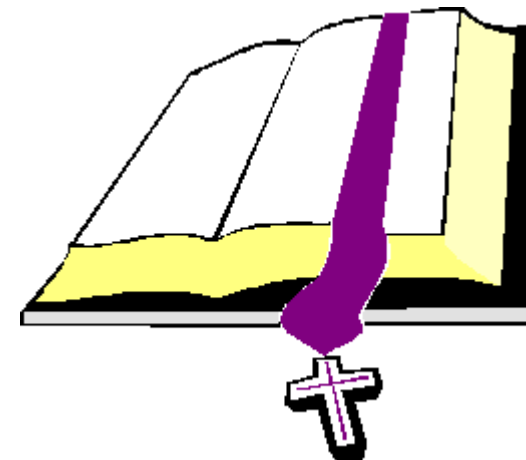
ENROLMENTS are required for administration purposes. Please attach a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate to the enrolment form. You will need to re-enrol each year. Please be sure to notify us if your details have changed. **One enrolment form is required per child.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS occur within the overall Religious Education Program and are offered to students in the following Year Groups who have previously attended R.E. for at least one year. **Reconciliation** (Year 3 and above), **Eucharist** (Year 4 and above) and **Confirmation** (Year 6 and High School). It is essential for both parents and children to fully accept and fulfil the commitment involved in the Sacrament Programme. Students are required to attend R.E. regularly for the full year of the Sacramental Program. Parents of children participating in Sacramental Programs are required to attend a series of preparation evenings. Also required is a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. Without Baptism your child cannot partake in other sacramental programmes.



FEE STRUCTURE We request a **yearly** fee of **\$35** per child or **\$45** per family to help cover the cost of the workbooks and materials used in our programme. Each sacrament also carries a small fee, to cover retreats, busses, and booklet costs.

DISCIPLINE during the first few lessons the children will work with their teacher to develop a discipline policy. Children who come to R.E. are normally very well behaved. However, if a child chooses to behave in an unacceptable manner, their teacher will remind the child of the class discipline policy. If the situation continues the Co-ordinator will inform the parents and the child may be required to spend some time with a younger/older class group and reflect on their behaviour.



MASS OR PARALITURGY Throughout the year each class will be involved in at least one mass or paraliturgy and we invite you to join us on these occasions.

COMMUNICATION We encourage an open line of communication between parents, catechists and students. Please make yourself known to your child's teacher. Parents are welcome to contact Margaret at the Presbytery (Tuesday 10am – 2pm, Wednesday 10am – 5pm and Thursday 10am – 2pm). If your child is unable to attend R.E. due to illness etc., please phone the Presbytery and your message will be passed on to your child's teacher.

THANKS: The Bateman Parish would like to thank Yidarra Catholic Primary School for making their classrooms and amenities available to our Programme and requests that students respect the property of the school at all times. Students are not permitted to look inside desks or remove objects from classrooms.



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CATHOLIC PARISH
WELCOMES YOU



St. Thomas More Religious Education

Programme

for children



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