

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2010 and it's time to start Confirmation classes once again.

CONTACT DETAILS

The contact details of those facilitating the sessions in 2010 are as follows:

1 st years	Aldina Santos	For contact details please phone Parish Office	Monday	18h00 – 19h00
2 nd years	Robert Boule	For contact details please phone Parish Office	Monday	19h30 – 20h30
	Clement Nicholls	For contact details please phone Parish Office	Monday	19h30 – 20h30
3 rd years	Kyle Jason	For contact details please phone Parish Office	Thursday	18h00 – 19h00
4 th years	Aldina Santos	For contact details please phone Parish Office	Thursday	18h00 – 19h00

PREREQUISITES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In order for the candidates to be confirmed they need to do the following:

- ✝ Attend at least 80 % of the classes. Candidates will not be allowed to progress to the next year unless they have completed 80 % of the classes.
- ✝ Attend Mass every weekend. All candidates must attend their class masses (these dates can be found on the attached schedule). The 6pm Sunday evening mass is considered to be the youth mass and therefore these class masses are held at this time. On these days candidates are to be at church by 17h45.
- ✝ Receive the sacraments on a regular basis (this includes The sacrament of Reconciliation aka confession)
- ✝ Commit themselves to taking on an active role in the Parish (eg youth group, folk liturgy group, reader, assisting the junior catechists with classes, sacristan, soccer etc.).
- ✝ Attend all retreats and other class activities such as Stations of the Cross and Novena.

In order for the candidate to be confirmed at Holy Redeemer the families of the candidates must be registered in this parish. Parish registration forms are available from the office or at the back of the church.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FORMS

Please update your teen's registration form.

The registration fee for the year is R60 per candidate.

BEHAVIOUR

We ask that you ensure that your teenagers are on time for class and that they bring along their own pens, a bible and their workbook and journals. Should your teen not be able to attend class, please let the facilitator know by sending him / her a SMS.

We would also like inform you that there are a number of the teens that have no respect for their facilitators and are disruptive in class. We only have an hour a week with them and we find we waste our time trying to control them. Please note that should your teen be disruptive he or she will be kicked out of the session and will only be allowed back once he /she has been to see Fr Martin along with you, the parent or guardian. Please would you address your teen on the topic of behavior and respect for others (that includes their peers).

Cell phones are not allowed during the sessions. May I suggest that your child leave his/her phone at home. If your child needs to call you to fetch him/her, we will be more than willing to lend him/her ours or he/she can make use of the phone at the monastery. . Please make sure that you pick up your teen on time as the facilitators have families of their own that they need to get home to

REFLECTION JOURNAL

One of the initiatives that we will implement this year is a reflective journal. The candidates need to reflect at least two to three times a week on their faith and where they are in their lives. The facilitators will take in these journals periodically.

PARENT-CANDIDATE MEETINGS

Parent meetings have been organised for February. These are combined Parent –candidate meetings. The dates can be found on the attached schedule.

YOUTH CAFÉ

As mentioned in the last letter of 2009 we will be running 2 sessions of YOUTH CAFÉ instead of Confirmation sessions for a period of six weeks. The first session will be for the 3rd and 4th Years and will be run on Wednesday nights from 14th April to 19th May from 19h30 – 21h00. The program will be led by members of the Y2C group so the candidates will have a break from us. During that period there will be no Confirmation classes. YOUTH CAFÉ will replace Confirmation for those six weeks. All candidates have to attend. Register will be taken. Please remember that in order to progress to the next year, candidates need to have 80% attendance.

The first and second years will attend YOUTH CAFÉ in the second half of the year. Dates are still to be set.

Should you have any queries in connection with the Confirmation program please do not hesitate to contact me via Parish Office

Yours in Christ

Aldina Santos

(Confirmation program Co-ordinator)

HOLY REDEEMER CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2010

DATE	GROUP	ACTIVITY	TIME
Week of the 18 th Jan	All	Sessions commence	See letter for times
24 th Jan (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass - Robert	17h45 for 18h00
25 th Jan (Monday)	1 st years	NO SESSION for 1 st years as Aldina is away on business	
28 th Jan (Thursday)	4 th years	NO SESSION for 4 th years as Aldina is away on business	
31 st Jan (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass - Clement	17h45 for 18h00
7 th Feb (Sunday)	3 rd years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
8 th Feb (Monday)	1 st & 2 nd years parent meetings	Meetings Candidate & Parents: First year group no session but must attend meeting	19h30
11 th Feb (Thursday)	3 rd & 4 th year parent meetings	Normal session @ 18h00 followed by Parent-candidate meeting @ 18h30	18h30
14 th Feb (Sunday)	4 th years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
17 th Feb (Wednesday)	All	ASH WEDNESDAY	
21 st Feb (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
28 th Feb (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Robert RITE – ENROLMENT of NAMES	17h45 for 18h00
7 th March (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass	17h45 for 18h00
14 th March (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Clement RITE – ENROLMENT of NAMES	17h45 for 18h00
19 th March (Friday)	All	Stations of the Cross	19h00 – 20h00

21 st March (Sunday)	3 rd years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
22 nd March (Monday)	All	Penitential Service	18h30
28 th March (Sunday)	All	Palm Sunday Youth Mass	17h45 for 18h00
Week of the 12 th April	1 st and 2 nd years	Sessions commence for the second term	Usual day & time
14 th April (Wednesday)	3 rd and 4 th years	Youth Café (session 1)	19h30 – 21h00
18 th April (Sunday)	4 th years	Group Mass – RITE OF SOLEMN PRAYERS I	17h45 for 18h00
21 st April (Wednesday)	3 rd & 4 th years	Youth Café (session 2)	19h30 – 21h00
22 nd April (Thursday)	4 th years	Meeting: Parents, candidates and sponsors	18h30 followed by Novena
25 th April (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass – RITE OF PRESENTATION	17h45 for 18h00
28 th April (Wednesday)	3 rd & 4 th years	Youth Café (session 3)	19h30 – 21h00
2 nd May (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass	17h45 for 18h00
5 th May (Wednesday)	3 rd & 4 th years	Youth Café (session 4)	19h30 – 21h00
9 th May (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Robert	17h45 for 18h00
12 th May (Wednesday)	3 rd & 4 th years	Youth Café (session 5)	19h30 – 21h00
16 th May (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Clement	17h45 for 18h00
19 th May (Wednesday)	3 rd & 4 th years	Youth Café (session 6)	19h30 – 21h00
22 nd May (Saturday)	4 th years	Confirmation Rehearsal	14h00 – 16h00
23 rd May (Sunday)	4 th years	PENTECOST SUNDAY Group Mass – RITE OF SOLEMN PRAYERS II	17h45 for 18h00
29 th May (Saturday)	4 th years	Confirmation Rehearsal & Confession	8h30 – 12h00

30 th May (Sunday)	4 th years 3 rd years	CONFIRMATION 2010 Organize Confirmation Tea	14H30
6 th June (Sunday)	All	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Youth Mass	17h45 for 18h00
Week of the 7 th June (Sunday)	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd years	Last session for the second term	17h45 for 18h00
Week of the 13 th July (Sunday)	All	Sessions commence for the third term	Usual day & time
18 th July (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass CHURCH's PATRONAL FEAST DAY	17h45 for 18h00
25 th July (Sunday)	3 rd years	Group Mass – Presentation with Creed	17h45 for 18h00
1 st Aug (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
8 th August (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Robert	17h45 for 18h00
15 th August (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass - Feast of the Assumption	17h45 for 18h00
22 nd August (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Clement	17h45 for 18h00
29 th August (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass Presentation with the Bible	17h45 for 18h00
5 th September (Sunday)	3 rd years	Group Mass – Presentation with the Our Father	17h45 for 18h00
12 th Sept (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Robert	17h45 for 18h00
19 th Sept (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Clement	17h45 for 18h00

Week of the 20 th Sept	All	Last sessions for the third term	
Week of the 4 th Oct	All	Sessions commence for the fourth term	Usual day & time
10 th October (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
17 th October (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Robert	17h45 for 18h00
24 th October (Sunday)	All	Matric Mass	17h45 for 18h00
31 st October (Sunday)	2 nd years	Group Mass – Clement	17h45 for 18h00
7 th November (Sunday)	1 st years	Group Mass Presentation with the Beatitudes Feast of All Saints	17h45 for 18h00
14 th Nov (Sunday)	3 rd years	Group Mass	17h45 for 18h00
Week of the 15 th Nov	All	Last sessions for the fourth term	
28 th Nov (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass: Thanksgiving	17h45 for 18h00
5 th Dec (Sunday)	All	Youth Mass: AIDS Mass	17h45 for 18h00