



Holy Family Church
2 Highfield Rd, Lindfield

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
76A Fiddens Wharf Rd, Killara

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

8th November 2018

Dear Parents,

The sacraments of **First Reconciliation**, **Confirmation**, and **First Holy Communion** are important and wonderful steps on your children's faith journey and their welcome into the Church community.

This letter sets out the dates involved in the celebration of these sacraments in 2019. Please note the dates in your diaries, especially the due date for enrolment, and please be aware that more detailed information regarding each sacrament will appear in the parish bulletin, in a letter to our local schools and on our website a week or so before enrolment begins.

The preparation for each of these sacraments involves enrolment and an initial parent meeting which *must* be attended by at least one parent for enrolment to be confirmed. **In 2019 we will continue our new format for our Sacramental Programmes which we hope makes them more engaging and spiritually fruitful occasions for both parents and children.** One benefit for busy families is that we have reduced the number of weekends on which sessions need to be attended. The trade-off is that some sessions are longer but they will include some fun breaks and enrichment activities. Thus, we will still devote the same amount of time to helping you and your children prepare for these great occasions of faith, though the number of days affected will be reduced.

The celebrations of these sacraments are important events in the life of your family and also of the wider parish community into which the children are being welcomed. On the attached timetable you will see that in addition to the meetings there are also a number of special celebrations **at Sunday Masses** in the weeks prior to the celebration of each sacrament – **attendance** at these celebrations is an **essential** part of your participation in the preparation programme. There is also a short afternoon gathering for a special Mass for both children and parents towards the end of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion – attendance at this Mass by the children and at least one parent is an absolutely essential part of the First Holy Communion preparation programme as we will use this opportunity to deepen the children's understanding of the Mass and its various parts.

Children must be **baptised** before enrolling in the sacramental programme. If your child was baptised in any parish other than Lindfield-Killara, a copy of their baptism certificate needs to accompany the enrolment form. Unfortunately we cannot accept enrolments without this documentation.

Please note that to **celebrate First Holy Communion** the children need to have **celebrated Confirmation *and* First Reconciliation**. The minimum age for a child beginning the sacramental programme is 7 years – though as parents you know your child best and may wish to wait a little longer if you feel that they are not yet ready. Please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood, the Sacramental Co-ordinator on sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au if you have any questions.

We do hope that you will understand that the parish needs to make a charge for each sacramental programme to cover the costs of providing this time of preparation. This amount has been calculated to cover the cost of employing our paid Sacramental Coordinators and the various costs in running the programmes, providing materials etc. It is not intended to be a fundraising source – merely a charge to enable us as a parish to give you the best support and experience for your children during their time of preparing for the sacraments.

I look forward to joining you for the celebration of these sacraments with your children in 2019. These celebrations are beautiful moments of grace when, as a Church, we share the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord with these precious young members of the Church.

Yours sincerely,

(Father) Colin Blayney, Parish Priest, Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

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Sacramental Programme Dates 2019



A warm welcome to our Parents,

The Sacramental Team is very much looking forward to meeting you and your children. The Programme is parish based and family centred and aims to support you and your family while you grow together in the knowledge and expression of your faith.

When to enrol your child:

Our parish encourages families to enrol for the Sacraments as follows:

- **Yr 2 and older** – Confirmation
- **Yr 3 and older** – Reconciliation
- **Yr 3 and older** – Holy Communion (must have celebrated Confirmation & Reconciliation)

PLEASE NOTE ALL THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW AS BEING ON HOLIDAY DURING THE TIMES OF OUR PREPARATION PROGRAMMES MEANS YOU CAN'T COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME.

- Please understand that it will not be possible for your child to celebrate the particular sacrament unless they have attended all preparation days and you have attended the parent meeting.

Children who have received Confirmation & Reconciliation are invited to prepare for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment period	11th April - 8th May 2019		http://www.trybooking.com/FGRP
Saturday 18th May	Parent Meeting & Session 1 & Session 2 (all meet in Lindfield church)		
	3.30 - 4.30pm	For Parents: Parent Meeting	
	4.45 - 5.15pm	For Children: <u>Session 1</u> in groups led by Catechists	
	5.15 - 6pm	Social gathering and Games with refreshments	
		For Parents & Children: <u>Session 2</u> to be led by Parent facilitator	
Saturday 25th May	Session 3 + Rite of Enrolment		
Session 3 Sat 25 May	5-6pm	<u>Session 3</u> for Parents & Children at Lindfield	
Rite of Enrolment Sat 25 May OR	6pm OR	<u>Rite of Enrolment during Mass</u> at Lindfield OR	
Rite of Enrolment Sun 26 May	9.15am	<u>Rite of Enrolment during Mass</u> at Killara	
Sunday 2nd June	Session 4 + Rite of Presentation of the Lord's Prayer		
NOTE: this session is on SUNDAY	4.45-5.30pm	<u>Session 4</u> for Parents & Children at Lindfield	
	5.30pm	<u>Presentation of the Lord's Prayer</u> at 5:30pm Youth Mass at Lindfield	
	6.30pm	<i>Dinner and wine offered in the hall above the church</i>	
		<i>- take the night off, you don't have to cook</i>	
Saturday 15th June	Special Explanation Mass		
	3.45-4.45pm	Special Mass with explanation to be held in Killara church	
		<i>- this must be attended & can be your weekend Mass - please bring your family</i>	
<i>Practice Dates:</i>	Practice in Church		
Tuesday 18th June	3.45pm Lindfield	For Saturday 22 June Lindfield 6pm Vigil Celebration	
	5.15pm Lindfield	For Sunday 23 June Lindfield 10.15am Celebration	
Tuesday 25th June	3.45pm Killara	For Saturday 29 June Killara 5.30pm Vigil Celebration	
	5.15pm Killara	For Sunday 30 June Killara 9.15am Celebration	
<i>Celebration Dates:</i>	Celebrations of First Holy Communion		
Saturday 22nd June	6.00pm	at Lindfield	
Sunday 23rd June	10.15am	at Lindfield	
Sunday 30th June	9.15am	at Killara	
Sunday 7th July	Receive Certificates		
	At the evening Youth Mass at Lindfield - <i>Dinner offered in the hall - relax, you don't have to cook</i>		

Saturday celebrations have a simple celebration afterwards as you will probably go straight out to dinner.

Sunday celebrations have a more elaborate, seated celebration for the children afterwards.

Details re the Sacrament of Confirmation follow on the next page



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Children who are 7 years and older (Yr 2 in our Diocese) are invited to prepare for:

The Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**

Enrolment Period	12th – 28th August 2019	
Saturday 7th September	Parent Meeting + session 1 + Rite of Enrolment (all meet at Lindfield Church)	
	4.00 – 5.00pm	For Parents: Parents Meeting in Lindfield church For Children: Session 1 in groups led by Catechists
	5.00 – 5.55pm	Social Gathering and Games with tea and biscuits
<i>Rite of Enrolment</i> Saturday 7 th	6pm	Rite of Enrolment during Mass at Lindfield
Saturday 14th September	Session 2 + Presentation of the Apostle's Creed	
Session 2	4-6pm	Session 2 for Parents & Children at Lindfield
Rite Sat 14 Sept	6pm	Rite during Mass at Lindfield
Saturday 21st September	Session 3 & 4	
	3.30 – 4.30pm	For Parents & Children: Session 3 to be led by Parent facilitator
	4.30 – 4.45pm	Break time for tea and biscuits
	4.45 – 5.45pm	For Parents & Children: Session 3 to be led by Parent facilitator
Tuesday 15th October	3.45pm	At Lindfield
Practices in each church	5.30pm	At Killara
Saturday 19th October (Please note that this is a changed date from what was advised earlier in the year)	1.30pm	At Killara
	3.30pm	At Lindfield
Sunday 3 November	5.30pm	At the monthly Youth and Family Mass at Lindfield
Receive Certificates		Dinner, wine offered in the hall afterwards – relax you don't have to cook.

The information that follows should help you to complete the enrolment process:

In our diocese we follow the traditional order of the sacraments, with First Holy Communion being the final of the above three sacraments to be celebrated. The celebration of First Reconciliation and Confirmation therefore precede First Communion. A fuller explanation of this practice is found on the parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments', where you can download the booklet 'The Sacraments of Initiation'.

How to enrol:

Enrolments and Payments are done online through **Trybooking.com**. You will receive a letter through your local school or at the back of the church a week before the enrolment period (the details will also be on the website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments' and will be in the Parish bulletin).

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In 2019 the cost for each sacramental preparation programme will be \$73 per family (not per child) + 30c Trybooking fee. If you have *difficulty paying* this fee, please contact Fr Colin on colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au or (02) 9416-7195. All children are very welcome and if you have any concerns if your *child has difficulties*, please contact us and we will make a plan together. We do hope that you will understand that the parish needs to make a charge for each sacramental programme to cover the costs of providing this time of preparation. This amount has been calculated to cover the cost of employing our paid Sacramental Coordinators and the various costs in running the programmes, providing materials etc. It is not intended to be a fundraising source – merely a charge to enable us as a parish to give you the best support and experience for your children during their time of preparing for the sacraments.

Baptism certificates: A copy of your child's baptism certificate must be **emailed to maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au** during enrolment or brought to the Parent Meeting. If your child was baptised in the Lindfield-Killara Parish please still email Maia to let her know so we know to look you up in our system.

Confirmation Name and sponsors: If you are **enrolling** for **CONFIRMATION**, please think of and research a Confirmation Name with your child, before the enrolment dates, as you will need this to enrol online. Our diocese asks that the Confirmation name be a Canonised Saint's name since your child is choosing that saint as a model to follow in their own Christian life. Your child may also choose to be confirmed with their original Baptism Name (if it is a Saint's name). Saints names that will be accepted are found on the Parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments' → at the bottom of the page see the link under - 'Choosing the name of a Saint for Confirmation'. Your child's sponsor needs to be over 16 years old and fully initiated into Catholic Church (i.e. has received Holy Communion). A parent can stand in for an absent sponsor but cannot be the sponsor.

Our preparation programmes are a combined effort of our whole parish made up of our two communities centred on our churches at Killara and Lindfield. Due to logistics, all **Group Preparation Sessions** will be held at **Lindfield** and the groups will be allocated rooms at the church and classrooms in the school. We will all meet inside the Lindfield church for the parent meeting and Sessions 1. The children's books will then be labelled with the rooms where you are allocated for sessions 2-4.

You can form your own group/ part of a group of 6 candidates or we will place you in a group after you enrol.

To enrol as a group, first select a parent facilitator and then all enrol your child individually, using this facilitator's name while enrolling and this will link your group.

Other information:

For your convenience, the **Piety Shop for Sacramental gifts** is located in the parish office (1st floor, above the Lindfield church). We stock gifts including Bibles, religious books, rosary beads, figurines, prayer cards and much more.

Please see the Parish website for **Mass times** and other Parish information: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au.

The Sacramental team is looking forward to supporting you and your children during this special time.

Your attendance, dedication and assistance is an imperative part to the success of this programme. Please email me if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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