



Sacramental Programme 2022

1st December 2022

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.

2020 and 2021 have of course been a challenging period for us all and has certainly brought changes to our celebrations of the sacraments with the children. Our bishop, Anthony Randazzo, is very much committed to continuing our diocesan practice of celebrating the sacraments in their proper order, with Confirmation preceding First Communion. With the recent change to the entry age for Confirmation to one year older, Bishop Anthony hopes that this will help the children to more deeply appreciate the sacraments.

And as we have been doing over the last two years, we will certainly work to put the health and safety of our parishioners as top priority as we manoeuvre around this CoVid world.

The preparation for the sacraments involves enrolment and an initial parent meeting which must be attended by at least one parent for enrolment to be confirmed. The celebrations of the sacraments are important events in the life of your family and also of the wider parish community into which the children are being welcomed. 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.

Please note that to **celebrate First Holy Communion in 2022** the children will need to have **celebrated Confirmation in 2021**. The minimum age for a child beginning the sacramental programme is 8 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 Maia Schulze-Tsang, our Sacramental Programme Coordinator at maia@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. 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 the sacraments with your children in 2022. The sacraments 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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Welcome! Our programme here at Lindfield-Killara 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. Following are some guidelines to our programme:

When to enrol your child (according to the parameters set out by the Diocese of Broken Bay):

- Year 3 and older – Confirmation
- Year 4 and older – Reconciliation
- Year 4 and older – Holy Communion (must have already celebrated Confirmation & Reconciliation)

What changed in 2021?

Entry Age

The age of entry into the Confirmation programme is now 8 years old (Year 3) and older, rather than 7 years (Year 2) in previous years. This resulted in 2021 becoming an interim year where only the Confirmation programme was on offer.

Method of Programme

The sessions are typically held in groups of 5 to 7 children accompanied by one parent with each child, gathered within the parish site at Lindfield over FOUR (4) sessions.

For now, here are the expectations that each family will need to fulfil in order to complete the programme:

- Parent Information Meeting – to be attended by one or both parents (without child).
- Two Special Masses – to be attended by the child and their family.
 - Rite of Enrolment; as well as:
 - Rite of Peace (for Reconciliation);
 - Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (for Holy Communion); or
 - Presentation of the Apostle's Creed (for Confirmation).
- FOUR (4) Sessions – to be attended by child and one parent.
- ONE Practice Session before the celebration.
- ONE Explanation Mass (for Holy Communion only)
- Presentation of Certificates at a Mass following the celebration (dates to be posted in the bulletin).



*Our parish is committed to following
best Covid-safe practices.*



***Dates to put in the diary for the programme in 2022:**

Reconciliation

Enrolment Period: **9-23 February 2022**. Register using link: tbc

Parent Information Night: Wednesday 2nd March 7-9pm at Lindfield Church

Session dates on Sundays 6th, 13th and 20th March, 4pm on parish grounds, followed by Mass

Special Masses: Rite of Enrolment 6th March (after Session 1) and Rite of Peace 13th March (after Session 2)

Celebration of First Reconciliation: Saturday 26th March 2022

Presentation of Certificates: tbc (tentatively 3rd April)

Holy Communion

Enrolment Period: **25 March – 27 April 2022**. Register using link: tbc

Parent Information Night: Wednesday 11th May 7-9pm at Lindfield Church

Session dates on Sundays 15th, 22nd and 29th May, 4pm on parish grounds, followed by Mass

Special Masses: Rite of Enrolment 15th May (after Session 1); and

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer 29nd May (after Session 4)

Explanation Mass: Saturday 4th June at Lindfield Church (this is a special Mass separate to the weekly Masses)

Practices: Tuesday 14th June, 4pm at Lindfield (for Lindfield celebration); and

Tuesday 21st June, 4pm at Killara (for Killara celebration)

Celebration of Holy Communion: Saturday or Sunday 18th/19th June at Lindfield OR Sunday 26th June at Killara

Presentation of Certificates: tbc (tentatively 24th July)

Confirmation

Enrolment period: **22nd June – 20th July 2022**. Register using link: tbc

Parent Info Night: Wednesday 10th August at Lindfield Church

Session dates on Sundays 14th, 21st, 28th of August and 11th of September, 4pm on parish grounds, followed by Mass

Special Masses: Rite of Enrolment 14th August (after Session 1); and

Presentation of the Apostle's Creed 28th August (after Session 3).

Practices: Tuesday 13th September at 4pm and 5.30pm

Celebration of Confirmation: Saturday 17th September – Celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Presentation of Certificates: tbc (tentatively 16th October)

Additional events (dates tbc):

Facilitator Sessions

Social Justice Events – for the whole family

Christmas Masses and Nativity



Why Confirmation first?

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 (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) 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).

In 2021 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.

In Preparation

Baptism certificates: A copy of your child's baptism certificate must be emailed to maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au upon enrolment. If your child was baptised in the Lindfield-Killara Parish, please still email me so we know to look you up in our system.

Group Sessions: Will be held on the parish site at Lindfield, unless Covid restrictions apply and we will offer other arrangements in this case.

For Confirmation:

Confirmation Name: 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'.**

Sponsor: Your child's sponsor needs to be over 16 years old and fully initiated into Catholic Church (i.e. has received Confirmation and Holy Communion). A parent can stand in for an absent sponsor but cannot be the sponsor.

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.

I looking forward to supporting you and your children during this special time.

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

Warm regards,
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