



## Sacramental Programme 2023

November 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.

Our bishop, Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, is very much committed to long-standing 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.

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. This is followed by weekly meetings in which the children and yourselves meet here at our parish centre to explore the content of the preparation programme. The celebrations of the sacraments are important events in the life of your family and also of the wider Church community into which the children are being welcomed and so 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 2023** the children will need to have **celebrated Confirmation in 2022 and First Reconciliation in early 2023**. Please contact Maia Schulze-Tsang, our Sacramental Programme Coordinator at [maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto: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 to enable us as a parish to provide a Sacramental Programme Coordinator 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 2023. 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

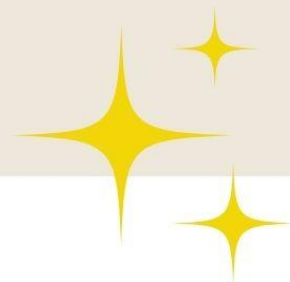
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Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

# 2023 SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

COME, LEARN AND LIVE

IN GOD'S SPIRIT!



## CONFIRMATION

FROM YEAR 3 (MUST BE BAPTISED)



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

FROM YEAR 4 - AFTER CONFIRMATION



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

FROM YEAR 4 - AFTER CONFIRMATION & FIRST RECONCILIATION

For more detailed information please visit our website

[www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/sacraments](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/sacraments)

*Is your child in Year 3 in 2023?*

## CONFIRMATION

**TERM 2**



Enrolment Period	<b>27 March to 3 May</b>
Parent Night	Tuesday 9 May 7 to 9pm at St Brigid's Hall
Session 1	Sunday 21 May 4.15 to 5.30pm followed by 5.30pm Youth & Family Mass + Rite of Enrolment
Session 2 and 3	Sunday 28 May 4 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass
Session 4	Sunday 4 June 4.45 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass + Presentation of the Apostle's Creed
Practice	Tuesday 6 June 4pm Killara and 5.30pm Lindfield
Celebration	<b>Friday 9 June 5pm Killara and 7pm Lindfield &lt;&lt; NB this has changed &gt;&gt;</b>

The Children's Sacraments begin with Confirmation which is conferred after Baptism to strengthen the work of the Holy Spirit begun in Baptism. We reignite our faith through the Holy Spirit.

*If your child is in Year 4 or above in 2023 and has completed the sacrament of Confirmation, then next step is ...*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

**TERM 1**



Enrolment Period	<b>20 January to 15 February</b>
Parent Night	Tuesday 21 February 7 to 9pm at St Brigid's Hall
Session 1	Sunday 26 February 4.45 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass & Rite of Enrolment
Sessions 2 & 3	Sunday 12 March 4 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass & Rite of Peace
Session 4	Sunday 19 March 4.15pm followed by 5.30pm Youth & Family Mass & Dinner
<b>Celebrations</b>	<b>Saturday 25 March 2pm &amp; 4pm both at Killara</b>

First Reconciliation is the sacrament where we come in contact in a profound way with the unconditional mercy and love of God. We learn about making good choice and forgiveness.

*... followed by the grand finale of sacraments...*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**TERM 3**



Enrolment Period	<b>18 June to 1 August</b>
Parent Night	Tuesday 8 August 7 to 9pm at St Brigid's Hall
Session 1	Sunday 13 August 4.45 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass & Rite of Enrolment
Session 2	Sunday 20 August 4.15pm followed by 5.30pm Youth & Family Mass & Dinner
Session 3	Sunday 27 August 4.45 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass & Presentation of The Lord's Prayer
Session 4	Sunday 10 September 4.45 to 6pm followed by 6pm Mass
Practice Killara	Tuesday 12 September 4pm & 5pm at Killara for Killara Celebration
Practice Lindfield	Tuesday 19 September 4pm & 5pm at Lindfield for Lindfield Celebrations
Celebrations-Killara	<b>Sat/Sun 16/17 September</b> at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 9am Mass
Celebration-Lindfield	<b>Sat/Sun 23/24 September</b> at the 6pm Vigil Mass & 10.15am Mass

In the journey to First Holy Communion we witness the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of our lives as Catholics. It is the climax of our initiation as Christians. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we affirm the faith that we professed in Baptism and Confirmation.

For more detailed information please visit our website

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or contact our Sacramental Coordinator Mrs Maia Schulze-Tsang on  
[maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au)





## 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 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.

In 2023 the cost for each sacramental preparation programme will be \$75 per family (not per child) + 30c Trybooking fee. If you have difficulty paying this fee, please contact Fr Colin on [colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 Lindfield Church and School grounds, 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](http://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,  
Maia Schulze-Tsang – Sacramental Programme Coordinator  
[maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au)