

Welcome to the Sacramental Program for 2023 - 2024

The Program at North Harbour Parish is parish based, family centred, and school supported and aims to support you and your family while you grow together in the knowledge and expression of your faith.

This brochure sets out the dates and requirements for the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion during 2023 - 2024.

Parents new to the program are invited to attend a SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW Meeting to gain an understanding of the program, timeline, and process.

When enrolling your child in the Children's Sacramental Program please complete an online enrolment form (details of link to come) provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptised at St Kieran's or St Cecilia's Churches)

Families are encouraged to attend weekend Masses (especially those with a Children's Liturgy of the Word/family focus) particularly during the preparation period for each of the Sacraments.

If your child has special needs, we seek to accommodate them in our program so that they may be welcomed and participate in the program in the most appropriate way for them. Please contact Janette for more information (see details below).

The parish also offers a preparation program for families (where one or both parents are Catholic) with:

- children aged seven years and older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Sacramental Program.

If neither parent is Catholic, we still welcome your enquiry and we are happy to discuss this further with you.

The parish also accommodates any children/young people/adults who have been baptised Catholic who may not have received all the sacraments and parents who may wish to become a Catholic.

See website for further information about the Sacramental Program and updates to the program or contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

2023-2024

Children's Sacramental Program



**Catholic
Community of
North Harbour**



CONFIRMATION (2023)

Children must be baptised and be eight years of age or older (from Year 3). Ideally Confirmation should be the first Sacrament celebrated after Baptism.

Enrolment for 2023 -2024 Sacramental Program:

Online from 11 May until 16 June
Parents sign up to participate with their child in family group home sessions and provide documentation (including a copy of baptismal certificate if baptized outside the North Harbour Parish).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW Parent

Meeting for parents new to the program.

How do we accompany our children in the program as parents, parish and school?

(See right in box at the top of centre column)

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION FOR

PARENTS (approx. 1 hour):

Tues 30 May, 9.30am OR
Wed 31 May, 7.00pm both in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Training:

Tues 30 May, 10.30am OR
Wed 31 May, 8.00pm both in SK Church.

Family Preparation Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre from 1 June to 14 August.

Presentation Mass and Ritual of the Creed: attend any of the Masses.

Sat 5 August OR Sun 6 August.

Practice:

Tues 15 August, 4.00pm in SK OR 7.00pm in SC Church
Wed 16 August, 7.00pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Sat 19 August at 10am in SC Church
12 noon in SK Church, 3pm in SK Church and 5pm
in SC Church**

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

OVERVIEW Parent Meeting for parents new to the program

**TUES 9 MAY, 9.30am -10.30am or
WED 10 MAY, 7.00pm - 8.00pm
ST KIERAN'S CHURCH**



FIRST RECONCILIATION (2024)

Children must be nine years of age or older (from Year 4). Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession) is celebrated before First Communion. Ideally Confirmation would be celebrated first.

FIRST RECONCILIATION INFORMATION SESSION

FOR PARENTS (approx. 1 hour):

Tues 6 February, 9.30am OR
Wed 7 February, 7.00pm both in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Meeting:

Tues 6 February, 10.30 am OR
Wed 7 February, 8.00pm both in SK Church.

Family Preparation Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre from 8 February to 4 March.

Ritual of the Cross: attend any of the Masses

Sat 24 February Vigil OR Sun 25 February

Practice:

Tues 5 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wed 6 March at 7pm in SC Church

Celebration of Sacrament of First Reconciliation

**Tues 12 March at 7.00pm in SC
Wed 13 March at 4pm and 7.00pm both in SK
Thurs 14 March at 7.00pm in SK
Tues 19 March at 7.00pm in SC
Wed 20 March at 4.00pm in SC**



FIRST COMMUNION (EUCCHARIST) (2024)

Children must be nine years of age or older (from Year 4). Ideally Confirmation and Reconciliation would be celebrated first.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION SESSION

FOR PARENTS (approx. 1 hour):

Tues 7 May, 9.30am OR
Wed 8 May, 7.00pm both in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Meeting:

Tue 7 May, 10.30am in SK Church OR
Wed 8 May, 8.00pm both in SK Church.

Family Preparation Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre from 9 May to 10 June.

Ritual of Our Father: attend any of the Masses

Sat 25 May OR Sun 26 May

Practice:

Tues 11 June, 4.00pm OR 7.00pm in SC Church OR
Wed 12 June, 4.00pm OR 7.00pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of

First Communion

**Sat 15 June SK 5.30pm
Sun 16 June SC 9.00am SK 9.30am**

**Sat 22 June SK 5.30pm
Sun 23 June SC 9.00am SK 9.30am**

**Sat 29 June SK 5.30pm
Sun 30 June SC 9.00am SK 9.30am**