

# First Reconciliation

For children in **Year 4 and above** who have been Baptised Catholic

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our focus turns to God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends and community and how we celebrate forgiveness. One of the most important 'life lessons' a person can learn is the importance of saying 'I'm sorry.'

## Information & Enrolment

To complete the enrolment process you must attend **one** of the 3 sessions below. If you cannot attend, you will need to contact the parish to make an appointment with one of our priests before the closing date for enrolments.

**Friday 13 Feb 2026 at 9:30am**

**Monday 16 Feb 2026 at 9:30am**

**Tuesday 17 Feb 2026 at 6:30pm**

**Enrolments close Tuesday 17 Feb 2026**

## Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held **5:30pm Tues and 4pm Wed & Thurs** afternoons in the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – **Tues 24, Wed 25 & Thur 26 Feb**
- Session 2 – **Tues 3, Wed 4 & Thur 5 Mar**
- Session 3 – **Tues 10, Wed 11 & Thur 12 Mar**
- Session 4 – **Tues 17, Wed 18 & Thur 19 Mar**

**No Enrichment Day.**

## Celebration of the Sacrament

Due to Easter, there will be one date with 2 sessions. Please speak to Colleen if you are unable to attend this date to make alternate arrangements. Please add your chosen ceremony time to your calendar.

- **Tuesday 24 March 4:30pm**
- **Tuesday 24 March 6:00pm**

# First Holy Communion

For children in **Year 4 and above** who have made First Reconciliation

The Eucharist is the means by which the Risen Christ becomes present in our midst. Jesus offers His life to us through bread and wine, so that we become His life in the world. Eucharist is the Sacrament of love, a sign of unity and the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

## Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held **5:30pm Tues and 4pm Wed & Thurs** afternoons in the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – **Tues 28, Wed 29 & Thur 30 Apr**
- Session 2 – **Tues 5, Wed 6 & Thur 7 May**
- Session 3 – **Tues 12, Wed 13 & Thur 14 May**
- Session 4 – **Tues 19, Wed 20 & Thur 21 May**

**Enrichment Day.**

***To be Advised***

## Celebration of the Sacrament

### On the Feast of Corpus Christi

Please choose one of the following Mass dates and times. Children will need to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the chosen Mass. We are aware that these dates fall on the June long weekend and families may have plans to be away. If the dates below are not suitable to your family, please speak to Colleen to arrange an alternative Mass time.

- **Saturday 6 June 2025 – 5:00pm Mass**
- **Sunday 7 June 2025 – 9:30am Mass**

# Confirmation

For children in **Year 3 and above** who have been Baptised Catholic

At Confirmation, the graces received at Baptism are sealed with reception of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The words Jesus shared with his disciples at Pentecost apply to each one of us at Confirmation: "you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

## Information & Enrolment

To complete the enrolment process you must attend **one** of the 3 sessions below. If you cannot attend, you will need to contact the parish to make an appointment with one of our priests before the closing date for enrolments.

**Tuesday 11 August 2026 at 7pm**

**Monday 17 August 2026 at 9:30am**

**Friday 21 August 2026 at 9:30am**

**Enrolments close Friday 21 August 2026**

## Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held **5:30pm Tues and 4pm Wed & Thurs** afternoons in the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – **Tues 1, Wed 2 & Thur 3 Sept**
- Session 2 – **Tues 8, Wed 9 & Thur 10 Sept**
- Session 3 – **Tues 20, Wed 21 & Thur 22 Oct**
- Session 4 – **Tues 27, Wed 28 & Thur 29 Oct**

**Enrichment Day.**

***To be Advised***

## Celebration of the Sacrament

**Date and Venue to be confirmed from the Bishop's Office**

### **The Confirmation sponsor:**

Godparents are the ideal sponsor if they are available, but any Catholic, Baptised person who is 16 years or older and has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion may be a sponsor. Only one sponsor is permitted for each child. Parents cannot be their own child's sponsor.

## *Important Information for Enrolment in the Sacramental Programme*

- **Expressions of Interest** should be completed online prior to enrolment sessions. To finalise the enrolment process, parents or guardians are required to attend one of the three scheduled Information & Enrolment sessions. Please note that children do not need to attend these sessions. See QR Code below to access link to 'Expression of Interest' form via our website. (Enrolment forms can be completed at the Enrolment and Information sessions.
- **Enrolment Fee:** There is an enrolment fee of \$30.00 per child, per sacrament, which helps cover the costs of programme materials for each Sacrament.
- **Enrolment Deadline:** It is essential for all children to be enrolled before the closing date. Enrolments cannot be accepted after the closing date.
- **Compulsory Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory for both the child and parent/guardian at all four sessions of the preparation programme to ensure proper preparation for receiving the Sacrament.
- **Baptism Certificate Requirement:** If this is your child's first Sacrament at Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance, and they were not baptised here, a copy of the child's Baptism certificate must be provided at the time of enrolment. Additional documentation may be required for other Sacraments not received in our parish.

*Thank you for your attention to these details. We look forward to supporting you and your child through this important process.*

**For more information follow the QR code below to our Parish Sacramental Program 2026 webpage. There you can click on the link to complete the Expression of Interest form for the current Sacrament.**



## *Structure of the Programme*

The order of reception of the Sacraments in the Diocese of Broken Bay is Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Communion). Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this order.

The Sacramental preparation program in our parish, and indeed throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay, is a parish based and family centred process. It is structured in a way for parents/guardians and their child to work through the booklet together as part of a parish sacramental group under the guidance of a group leader, and are encouraged to continue the discussion and exercises at home. Both parish and family play an important role in journeying with the children towards full initiation into the Church.

If you are unable to attend one of the four sessions you must contact me as soon as possible. I will then be able to advise you on how best to complete the missed session to suit your circumstances. All 4 sessions must be completed to be eligible to receive the Sacrament.

If you have any concerns, or difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak directly with myself or Fr Brian Moloney by contacting the parish office 4332 2216.

Office hours are 9:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday

We look forward to working with you and your family at this important time in your child's faith development.

Blessings,

Colleen Smith  
Pastoral Associate/Sacramental Coordinator

## *Contact Us*

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# *Sacramental Programme 2026*

*Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,  
The Entrance*



*Please read all the information in this flyer and check dates for clashes in your calendar.*