

First Reconciliation

For children in **Year 4 and above** and have been Confirmed

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.' The Sacrament of Reconciliation presents an opportunity to teach this essential life lesson to your child, in the context of our Catholic faith tradition. God grants us pardon and peace and calls us to a life of conversion, "the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15).

Information & Enrolment Evening

Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7 pm

If you cannot attend, please phone the Parish Office to make an appointment **before** the close of enrolments.

Enrolments close Thursday 22 February 2024

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 5:30pm – 6:30pm
or Thurs afternoons 4pm – 5pm at the
Parish Centre.

Please choose preferred day to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 27 & Thur 29 Feb 2024
- Session 2 – Tues 5 & Thur 7 March 2024
- Session 3 – Tues 12 & Thur 14 March 2024
- Session 4 – Tues 19 & Thurs 21 March 2024

No Enrichment Day

Celebration of the Sacrament

Due to Easter, there will be one date with 2 session times. Please speak to me if you are unable to attend this date to make alternate arrangements. Please ensure that you add this time to your calendar.

- **Friday 22 March** 4:30pm
- **Friday 22 March** 6:00pm

First Holy Communion

For children in **Year 4 and above** who have been Confirmed and 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. The Eucharist brings us, therefore into communion with the Lord and with one another who gather as disciples of the Risen Lord. Eucharist is the Sacrament of love, a sign of unity and the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

Information & Enrolment Evening

Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 7pm

If you cannot attend, please phone the Parish Office to make an appointment **before** the close of enrolments.

Enrolments close Friday 26 April 2024

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 5:30pm – 6:30pm
or Thurs afternoons 4pm – 5pm at the
Parish Centre.

Please choose preferred day to attend to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 30 Apr & Thur 2 May 2024
- Session 2 – Tues 7 & Thur 9 May 2024
- Session 3 – Tues 14 & Thur 16 May 2024
- Session 4 – Tues 21 & Thurs 23 May 2024

Enrichment Day

Thursday 30 May 2024

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. Please ensure that you add this time to your calendar to arrive on time. If the dates below are not suitable to your family, please speak to our Sacramental Coordinator to arrange an alternative Mass time.

- **Saturday 1 June 2024** – 5:00pm Mass
- **Sunday 2 June 2024** – 9:30am Mass

Confirmation

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

At Confirmation, the graces received at Baptism are sealed with reception of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Sacrament allows your child to participate more fully in the worshipping life of the Church. 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 Evening

Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 7pm

If you cannot attend, please phone the Parish Office to make an appointment **before** the close of enrolments.

Enrolments close Thursday 22 August 2024

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 5:30pm – 6:30pm
or Thurs afternoons 4pm – 5pm at the
Parish Centre.

Please choose preferred day to attend to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 27 & Thur 29 Aug 2024
- Session 2 – Tues 3 & Thur 5 Sept 2024
- Session 3 – Tues 10 & Thur 12 Sept 2024
- Session 4 – Tues 17 & Thurs 19 Sept 2024

Enrichment Day

Thursday 14 November 2024

Celebration of the Sacrament

Will be held at
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance
Friday 15 November at 7pm.

The Confirmation sponsor:
Godparents are a great 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 Each Sacrament

- Enrolment will be at the Information evenings. At these evenings parents/guardians will be able to enroll their child to prepare for the current Sacrament and meet with the Parish Priest and Sacramental team. If you are unable to attend this evening, you will be required to phone the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the Sacramental team before the close of the enrolment date.
- An Enrolment Fee of \$25.00 per child is required to help cover the cost of the programme materials for each Sacrament. This fee can be paid in cash or by EFTPOS on the Information and Enrolment night. If, however, you have any difficulties in paying this fee please don't hesitate to speak with Fr Brian or Colleen Smith.
- All children must be enrolled one week before lessons commence and the parent must have met with a member of the Sacramental team if unable to attend information and enrolment night.
- At least one parent, or legal guardian, must attend the Information & Enrolment evening or meet with a member of the Sacramental team to enrol the child. Children are not required to attend.
- Attendance at all 4 sessions of the programme is compulsory for both child and parent/guardian to adequately prepare the child to receive the Sacrament.
- If this is your child's first Sacrament here in the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance and the child was not baptised here, a copy of the child's Baptism certificate is to be provided at the time of enrolment.
- Children will be presented at parish weekend Masses during the preparation time before receiving the Sacrament, so we encourage families to attend weekend masses.
- All events will be held at the parish precinct unless otherwise advised.

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).

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 and their child to work through the booklet together as part of a parish sacramental group under the guidance of a group leader, and 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.

Parents must contact the Parish Sacramental Coordinator if they miss a session as all 4 sessions must be completed to be eligible to receive the Sacrament. The Sacramental Coordinator will be able to advise on how best to complete the missed session.

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

2024

*Our Lady of the Rosary
Parish,
The Entrance*



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