

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Celebrations of the Sacraments are not isolated events. They take their place within a process of growth in faith from birth to adolescence.

Discernment of a child's readiness for the Sacraments by parents and pastor is more important than the child's age or year level and might mean that the Sacraments are celebrated earlier or later than the norm.

Like the catechumenate for adults, the process of sacramental preparations is marked by prayer and ritual; catechesis and learning, conversion of life and developing sense of mission. It is a collaborative process: parish-based, family-centered and school-supported.

- The PARISH is responsible for establishing and running programs for sacramental preparation and for the celebration of the Sacraments.
- The FAMILY is where the faith is learned and lived. Parents, the first educators of their children, share with them the Catholic faith and the experience of belonging to the Church. They are best placed to discern readiness for the Sacraments and make a formal request of the parish for their child's admission to sacramental preparation.
- The Catholic SCHOOL provides catechesis on the Sacraments at each year level, before, during and after periods of sacramental preparation.

Extract from Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Some Other Important Notes!

- One of the parents must be Catholic for their child to proceed with Confirmation, First Communion and First Reconciliation
- Both parents need to sign Family Law Matters on the application form
- If you have any pastoral concerns, please make an appointment with Fr Joseph or Peter Haack. There numerous ways we can help
- You need a copy of the child's Baptism certificate from the parish of Baptism
- You need a copy of the child's confirmation certificate before First Holy Communion
- If you cannot fit in with the schedule we respectfully ask you to postpone

AT YOUR SERVICE

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CONFIRMATION

Our Faith Our Children The Sacraments



St Patrick's Parish

Sacramental

Programme

2017

“You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8)



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Congratulations on taking this step towards these most important milestones in your child’s life.

When you brought your child for the sacrament of Baptism you took the responsibility that is to take utmost care bringing your children in the life of faith. This is the time for you now to prepare your child for the sacrament of Confirmation which your child receives the gifts and Grace of Holy Spirit for the faith Journey.

Of all the gifts that we share with our children, faith has to be our first and most precious. It requires priority. The purpose of Sacraments is to make people holy, to build the body of Christ, and give worship to God. Through the sacrament of confirmation a child is signed with the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit.

We look forward with joy to the children continuing their faith journey through the sacrament of Confirmation. As your child is signed with the gifts of Holy spirit in Confirmation, God brings him to the full stature of Jesus to continue his mission in the world. Good will on everybody’s part assures us this will be year of abundant blessings.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs
Parish Priest

STEP 1 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents (one or both) must attend **ONE** of the information nights.

The family can only proceed to the next step after attending the information night.

St Patrick’s Church

Thursday 22nd June, 6:30pm

OR

Tuesday 11th July, 6:30pm



**Sacramental Policy of
the Archdiocese of
Brisbane**

Introduction

The Sacraments are before all else the action of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and alive in his Body the Church.

They are celebrated communally with the active participation of the parish under the oversight of the Bishop whose responsibility it is to control, promote and protect the entire liturgical life of the Church entrusted to [him] (Vatican II, CD 15)

STEP 2 CONFIRMATION

Rite of Enrolment (choice of either day)	15th July, 6pm Mass 16th July, 9am Mass
Renewal of Baptismal Promises (choice of either day)	29th July, 6pm Mass 30th July, 9am Mass
Family Session	13th August, after 9am Mass
Practice	13th August, after Family Session
Confirmation Ceremony	Friday, 18th August, 7pm
Parish celebration cake	20th August, after 9am Mass

THE SACRAMENTS

There are 3 Sacraments of Initiation.
Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

The process of initiation continues in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Sacrament seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Years ago, your parents made baptismal promises on your behalf. Now as Confirmation approaches, you are preparing to claim a Christian identity all of your own.

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, which we receive in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, enable us to grow in the life of Jesus.