

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.

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Some Other Important Notes!

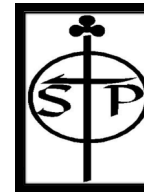
- One of the parents must be Catholic for their child to proceed with Confirmation, First Communion and First Reconciliation
- Both parents need to sign Family Law Matters on the application form
- If you have any pastoral concerns, please make an appointment with Fr Joseph or Peter Haack. There numerous 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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“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” - John 6:51



**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 Holy Communion which is the eternal nourishment 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 catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Holy Eucharist is "source and summit of the Christian life" (136) and "The other sacraments are bound up with the Holy Eucharist and are oriented towards it. For in the Holy Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church" (137).

We look forward with joy to the children continuing their faith journey through the sacrament of Holy Communion and the introduction of the sacrament of penance through the second Rite of Reconciliation. 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 the information night.

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

St Patrick's Church
Monday 24th April
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
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Rite of Enrolment	7th & 8th May
Presentation of Lord's Prayer	20th & 21st May
Family Barbecue	6pm Thursday, 8th June
Family Session with Elizabeth, Carole	6.30pm-8pm Thursday, 8th June
Celebrating God's Mercy 2nd Rite of Penance	Tuesday 13th June
First Holy Communion Parish celebration	17th & 18th June
cake	24th & 25th June
School Holidays	Friday, 30th June
Activity Day Alive in the Spirit	

THE SACRAMENTS

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

You are baptised only once, Confirmed only once but once you celebrate your First Holy Communion you may receive Eucharist every day of your life.

As parents, be aware that your child is about to enter into the life of the Church, a Church that will be there to nurture, nourish and protect them for life.

If the Sacraments are an important part of your life, so will they be in theirs. As in life your child will reflect your values.