



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

Children's Baptism Preparation Program (aged 7 – 11 years)

Commencing May 2017

| Sunday | Preparation | What happens |
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| 21 May 2017 10.30am | Session 1 | <p>Introduction to Baptism.</p> <p>The children learn about what it means to belong to the family of Catholics, and how God calls each of us by name. We start at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass in the SK Parish Centre.</p> |
| 28 May 2017 9.30am | Presentation and Anointing (at 9.30am Mass at SK) | <p>The children who are preparing for baptism are presented to the parish community and are anointed with sacred oil.</p> |
| 10.30am | Session 2 | <p>What it means and how it happens.</p> <p>The children learn about the symbols of Baptism, and practice what will happen at the Baptism ceremony. We meet at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass in the SK Church.</p> |
| 4 June 2017 | (There may be an additional day dependant on numbers) Celebration Baptism Liturgy | <p>The children who have attended the preparation sessions, are baptised at the <u>11.30am</u> Baptism liturgy.</p> <p>What's happened and what's next.</p> <p>The children are Catholics now! Like the other Catholic children, they continue to learn about Jesus and pray at Mass and go to Children's Liturgy of the Word.</p> <p>The children continue in the Sacramental Program and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion.</p> |

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