

Welcome to the Sacramental Program for 2017 - 2018

The Program at North Harbour Parish is parish based, family centred and school supported and aims to support you and your family while you grow together in the knowledge and expression of your faith.

This brochure sets out the dates and requirements for the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion during 2017 - 2018.

When enrolling your child in the Children's Sacramental Program for the first time, please provide the following at the Enrolment time:

- Completed Registration Form - which can be downloaded from the parish website www.northharbourcatholic.org.au;
- Photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptised at St Kieran's or St Cecilia's Church);
- Photograph of your child placed on the A5 photo card (which can also be downloaded from the website) with your child's Christian name only on the page for display.
- Enrolment fee of \$100 (for all three sacraments).

Families are encouraged to attend weekend Masses (especially those with a Children's Liturgy of the Word/family focus) particularly during the preparation period for each of the Sacraments.

If your child has special needs or a disability, we seek to accommodate them in our program so that they may be welcomed and participate in the program in the most helpful way for them. Please contact the parish for more information (see details below).

The parish also offers a preparation program for:

- children aged seven years and older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Sacramental Program;
- children/young people who have been baptised who may not have received all the sacraments.

See website for further information about the Sacramental Program and updates to the program or contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

2017-2018

Children's Sacramental Program



Catholic Community of North Harbour



CONFIRMATION (2017)

Children must be baptised and be seven years of age or older (from Year 2). Ideally Confirmation should be the first Sacrament celebrated after Baptism.

Enrolment for 2017 -2018 Sacramental Program:

Tues 6 June between 9.00am – 10.00am OR 6.00pm – 7.00pm (will take approx. 10 mins) SK Parish Centre
Parents sign up to participate with their child in family group home sessions and hand in all documentation. Enrolment Form, photo of child and a copy of baptism certificate (not required if child baptized at SC or SK Churches). Late enrolments by Friday June 23.

Confirmation Parents Information Meeting:

Tues 27 June, 9.30am OR Wed 28 June, 7.00pm in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Training:

Tues 27 June, 10.30am in SK Church OR Wed 28 June 8.00pm in SK Church.

Rite of Welcome/Presentation Mass:

Sat 22 July vigil OR Sun 23 July – attend one of these parish masses.

Sacramental Preparation Family Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre

from 17 July to 20 August.

Ritual of the Creed:

Sat 5 August vigil OR Sun 6 August - attend one of these parish masses.

Practice:

Tues 22 August, 4.00pm OR Wed 23 August, 7.00pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Peter A Comensoli

Fri 25 August at 5.30pm OR 7.30pm both in SK Church.
(Parents book in for one of the two sessions.)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS 2017

**TUES 9 MAY, 9.30am-10.30am or
WED 10 MAY, 7.00pm-8.00pm
SK CHURCH**



FIRST RECONCILIATION (2018)

Children must be seven years of age or older (from Year 3). Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession) is celebrated before First Communion. Ideally Confirmation would be celebrated first.

First Reconciliation Parents' Information Meeting:

Mon 12 Feb, 9.30am OR Tues 13 Feb, 7.00pm in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Meeting:

Mon 12 Feb, 10.30am in SK Church OR Tues 13 Feb, 8.00pm in SK Church.

Sacramental Preparation Family Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre

from 15 Feb to 18 March.

Ritual of the Cross:

Sat 24 Feb vigil OR Sun 25 Feb - attend one of these parish masses.

Celebration of Sacrament of First Reconciliation – 7.00pm (Parents book in for an evening.)

Thurs 15 March in SK Church

Tues 20 March in SC Church

Wed 21 March in SK Church.



FIRST COMMUNION (EUCHARIST) (2018)

Children must be seven years of age or older (from Year 3). Ideally Confirmation and Reconciliation would be celebrated first.

First Communion Parents' Information Meeting:

Tues 15 May, 9.30am OR Wed 16 May, 7.00pm in SK Church.

Group Facilitator Meeting:

Tue 15 May, 10.30am in SK Church OR Wed 16 May, 8.00pm in SK Church.

Sacramental Preparation Family Group Sessions:

These are held in homes/Parish Centre

from 17 May to 15 June.

Ritual of Our Father:

Sat 19 May vigil OR Sun 20 May - attend one of these parish masses.

Practice:

Tues 12 June, 4.00pm OR 7.00pm in SC Church OR Wed 13 June, 4.00pm OR 7.00pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion (Parents book in for a mass.)

Sat June 16	SK 6.00pm
Sun June 17	SC 9.00am SK 9.30am
Sat June 23	SK 6.00pm
Sun June 24	SC 9.00am SK 9.30am
Sat June 30	SK 6.00pm
Sun July 1	SC 9.00am SK 9.30am.