

Parish Sacramental Program

Celebrating Sacraments

Celebrating a Sacrament is an important step in the life of a Catholic Child.

Each time people receive a Sacrament there is a deeper response to the call of Jesus to discipleship.

Sacraments are not just important conversion movements for those preparing to receive them for the first time, but for the entire Parish community which is invited to come to renew and deepen its spirituality in the Sacrament.

Since Sacraments are so important they are taken very seriously and there is a need to prepare them thoughtfully and thoroughly. In this is a challenge for parents, Parishes and educators to work together and to support the preparation of each candidate.

When children experience loving care, when they are challenged to be the best person striving for healing and reconciliation, then children really learn about who God is.

Parents are, whether they realise it or not, the 'Sacrament' of God's presence to their children. In what they say and do parents witness to God's presence. At a practical level they help by supporting the prayer life of their child, attending Mass and showing their child how they can grow in their faith.

Likewise the Parish has a responsibility to invite families into the life of the Parish, to offer support through communal and personal prayer, challenging and enriching each member's faith and by giving witness to Christian life.

Religious educators, whether in a school or Parish setting, support the Sacramental life of the Church by helping candidates learn and understand the meaning of each Sacrament.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018

Confirmation

- 3pm Saturday 19 May
- 6pm Saturday 19 May
- 10am Sunday 20 May

First Holy Communion

- 6pm Saturday 28 July or 8am or 10am Sunday 29 July
- 6pm Saturday 4 August or 10am or 5pm Sunday 5 August
- 6pm Saturday 11 August or 8am or 10am Sunday 12 August

Reconciliation

9:00-9:45am or 9:45-10:30am

- Saturday 20 October
- Saturday 27 October
- Saturday 3 November
- Saturday 10 November

For further information regarding Sacraments or to register for the Parent/Child workshops please visit the [Mater Christi Parish website](#)

