

DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH  
OF  
*St Francis de Sales & All Souls*



**Sacramental Programme -- 2022**

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion** are known as the **Sacraments of Initiation** because they complete the process which began when the child was baptised into the faith at an earlier age.

Confirmation is the reception of the spiritual gifts and graces promised by the risen Christ, and this is what 'confirms' the child as a member of the Church. The process is completed in the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith, where the person is received into full communion with the Body of Christ.

The Church asks that all children receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** before completing the Sacraments of Initiation.

The **minimum age / level** for enrolment in the programme is **Year 4** and above.

**Schedule:** (Please note that the Sunday morning sessions begin at 8.00am sharp)

**First Reconciliation**

**Parent Session: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm** for one hour max.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00am: Reconciliation Session One

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00am: Reconciliation Session Two

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 8.00am: Reconciliation Session Three

**First Reconciliation (Rite2) Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April : 5.00pm** (with the parish), TBC

**Confirmation & First Communion**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm: **Parents' Session**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 4.00pm: Confirmation Session One

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 4.00pm: Confirmation Session Two

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: no session

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 4.00pm: First Communion Session One

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 4.00pm: First Communion Session Two

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June: no session.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30am: Sunday Mass + Practise for ceremony after Mass

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am: Confirmation & First Communion** (with Bishop)

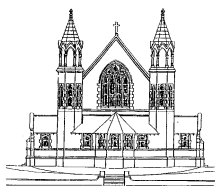
Date & Time to be arranged: Follow-up Session

**-- See Notes over page --**

**Please Note:**

- 1 (a) **Baptism:** A prerequisite for enrolment in the parish Sacramental Programme is that the candidate has been, or is preparing to be, baptised in the Catholic Church. A valid Christian baptism received in a non-Catholic rite (eg Anglican, Presbyterian, etc) can be acceptable provided it is understood that reception of these Sacraments involves being received into the Roman Catholic Church. A preliminary discussion with the parish priest is requisite in this instance.
  - (b) **Parents** are regarded as the primary teachers of the faith to their children. The programme of instruction provided by the parish is there to supplement and support the learning that occurs in the home. It is therefore essential that every effort is made to attend the designated 'Parent Meetings'.
  - (c) **Attendance:** It is a requirement of the programme that candidates attend **every** catechesis session and that at least one parent attend with them; the Sunday morning sessions (First Reconciliation) include attendance at the parish Sunday Mass, mindful of Covid restrictions applying at the time. A roll will be kept of attendance. If it is necessary for a child to be absent because of sickness or some other serious reason it is recommended that one parent will attend the session anyway.
2. **Cost:** There is a fee to cover the cost of books and other materials, etc.:
    - \$15 for the First Reconciliation Programme, and \$25 for the Confirmation & First Communion Programme.The fee is payable at the time of enrolment.
3. **Closing Date** for enrolments is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (at the Parent Meeting).

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2022 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME  
**Enrolment Form** (minimum age / level : Year 4)

Candidate's Full Name:..... Date of Birth:.....

School Attending:..... Year level: .....

Catholic Parish where child was Baptised:.....

**Note 1:** For enrolment in the sacramental programme it is necessary to verify the candidate's Baptism in the Catholic Church. If the child was baptised somewhere other than Devonport please supply a copy of their Baptismal Certificate; if you do not possess one you will need to apply to the parish of baptism for a copy of their record. These are usually supplied free of charge.

If your child has not been baptised in the Catholic Church but you wish to enrol, please speak with the Parish Priest about this as soon as possible.

**Note 2:** For children attending state schools it is preferable that they have attended Education In Faith (EIF) classes during the year prior to enrolment.

**Sacraments enrolling for:** ✓

FIRST RECONCILIATION

CONFIRMATION

FIRST EUCHARIST

**Parent/Guardian Details:**

Surname:.....

Father's Name:.....

Mother's Name:.....

Address:.....

Email:.....

Phone: (Hm) ..... (Wk) ..... (Mob) .....

Fee payable: \$15 First Reconciliation + \$25 Confirmation - First Communion

Payment included: \$ ..... (Cash or direct credit only, no cheques )  
( Direct Credit: 02 0100 0120958 16 Ref: SacProg )

Please leave the completed enrolment form, with a copy of Catholic baptism certificate attached (if not baptised in Devonport), either at the St Leo's School Office, or to the parish office: 2A Albert Rd, no later than Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022