

DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH OF





Sacramental Programme — 2023

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:

First Reconciliation Sessions

Sunday 12th March, 4.00pm: Reconciliation Session One

Sunday 19th March, 9.30am: Family Mass (no session)

Sunday 26th March, 4.00pm: Reconciliation Session Two

Sunday 2nd April: 7.00pm: First Reconciliation (with the parish)

Confirmation & First Communion Sessions

Sunday 7th May, 4.00pm: Confirmation Session One

Sunday 14th May, 4.00pm: Confirmation Session Two

Sunday 28th May, 4.00pm: First Communion Session One

Sunday 11th June, 4.00pm: First Communion Session Two

Sunday 18th June, 9.30am: Sunday Mass + Practise for ceremony after Mass

Sunday 25th June, 9.30am: Confirmation & First Communion

(with Bishop Stephen Lowe)

Date & Time to be arranged: Follow-up Session

-- See Notes over page --

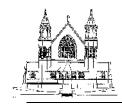
Please Note:

- 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 necessary in this instance.
 - (b) Parents are the first and 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 and which is an on-going process. It is highly recommended that attendance at Sunday Mass become a regular feature of family life as a way to become familiar with the practices of the Catholic faith and the meanings associated with them.
 - (c) **Attendance:** It is a requirement of the programme that candidates attend all catechesis sessions and that <u>at least one parent</u> attend with them. A roll will be kept of attendance.
- 2. **Cost**: There is a fee to cover the cost of books and other materials used:
 - -- \$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 8th March, 2023

Further enquiries to Stephen Bell 021 060 8561



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2023 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Enrolment Form (minimum age / level : Year 4)

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School	Attending:		. Year level:	
Catholic Parish where child was Baptised:				
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Parent/Guardian Details:				
Surname:				
Mother's Name:				
Father's Name:				
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Fee payable: \$15 First Reconciliation + \$25 Confirmation - First Communion				
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or to the parish office: 2A Albert Rd, or email to office@devonportcatholic.org.nz no later than Wednesday 8th March 2023