

Enrolment for the First Sacrament

When enrolling your child for the first Sacrament in the program, please:

- Complete on-line enrolment via the parish website (below)
- Email to angela@chatswoodparish.org.au
 - A copy of your child's baptismal certificate
 - A photograph of your child with the child's name noted in the email, for display in the church during the program. (This is optional)

Please Note: There is a Fee to enrol in each of the 3 Sacraments to cover the cost of books, resources, medals, certificates etc.

Typically 100-120 children prepare for each Sacrament. Your co-operation by providing information by the specified due date makes the administration task of the program much easier.

If for a good reason, you cannot complete your enrolment by the due date and need to make alternative arrangements, please contact:

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Pastoral Associate for Children's Sacraments

Phone: 02 9410 9033 or e-mail: angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

**Enrolment for each Sacrament is completed
when all of the above information is received
and a parent has attended the parent meeting for that Sacrament.**

Enrolment for subsequent Sacraments

When enrolling your child for subsequent Sacraments, please :

- Complete the on-line enrolment via the parish website when enrolment for the Sacrament has opened.

Our Lady of Dolours

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Children's Sacramental

Preparation Program 2017 – 2018



May God's Spirit guide you, as parents in helping your children prepare for their Sacraments of Initiation.

At Our Lady of Dolours, which is part of the Diocese of Broken Bay, the order of the Sacraments of Initiation for children after Baptism, begin with Confirmation then First Reconciliation before receiving First Holy Communion to complete their initiation into the Church.

Therefore, the Children's Sacramental Program at Our Lady of Dolours is a three stage course that runs between **July and the following June** each year.

Enrolments for the first Sacrament in the Program - Confirmation open in June 2017.




An overview of the whole process is discussed at our **Parent Information Meeting**, which will be held on **Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church.**

At this meeting, the order of the Sacraments will be discussed and the roles of parents, children, parish and school are explained.

On top of this meeting, preparation for each of the three Sacraments include;

- Sacramental Parent Meeting per sacrament
- Four Child/Parent small group preparation sessions
- Home activities and reflections to help continue the preparation process at home
- Welcome and rituals at the Sunday Masses during the preparation phase
- A practice for the ceremony in the church
- A retreat afternoon for First Holy Communion

Children's Sacramental Program 2017 -2018

|  Confirmation |  Reconciliation |  First Holy Communion |
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| <p>Eligibility: Candidates must be seven (7 Years) of age or older. In the Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is usually celebrated before First Holy Communion.</p> | <p>Eligibility: Candidates must be seven (7) years of age or older and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.</p> | <p>Eligibility: Candidates must be seven (7) years of age or older and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Reconciliation.</p> |
| <p>Parent information evening: Wednesday 21 June 2017 in the Church at 7.30pm. Overview of the program for 'first time' families.</p> | <p>If a child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation at an earlier time or in another parish he/she can be enrolled in the Reconciliation program.</p> | <p>If a child has received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Reconciliation at an earlier time or in another parish then he/she can be enrolled in the Communion program.</p> |
| <p>Enrolment: Via the Parish Website. Opens Thursday 22 June and closes Wednesday 19 July 2017.</p> | <p>Enrolment: Via the Parish Website. Opens Monday 22 January and closes Monday 5 February 2018.</p> | <p>Enrolment: Via the Parish Website. Opens Monday 19 March and closes Wednesday 28 March 2018.</p> |
| <p>Confirmation Parent Meeting: Wednesday 26 July 2017 in the Church at 1.30pm or 7.30pm.</p> | <p>Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Wednesday 7 February 2018 in the Church at 1.30pm or 7.30pm.</p> | <p>First Communion Parent Meeting: Tuesday 3 April 2018 in the Church at 1.30pm or 7.30pm.</p> |
| <p>Four child/parent preparation sessions: Families have the choice of attending on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Each class has 4 – 6 families and one facilitator. The sessions are approx. 60 minutes.</p> | <p>Four child/parent preparation sessions: Families have the choice of attending on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Each class has 4 – 6 families and one facilitator. The sessions are approx. 60 minutes.</p> | <p>Three child/parent preparation sessions: Families have the choice of attending on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Each class has 4 – 6 families and one facilitator. The sessions are approx. 60 minutes.</p> |
| <p>Additional activities: home rituals, homework, reflections for parents so that they can continue the learning for their children and rituals at the weekly Sunday Mass.</p> | <p>Additional activities: home rituals, homework, reflections for parents so that they can continue the learning for their children and rituals at the weekly Sunday Mass.</p> | <p>Additional activities: home rituals, homework, reflections for parents so that they can continue the learning for their children and rituals at the weekly Sunday Mass.</p> |
| <p>Practice: In Church on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at either 5.00pm or 7pm (depending on which Confirmation ceremony you are attending).</p> | <p>Practice: No Practise for Reconciliation 2018.</p> | <p>Practice: In Church on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at either 5.00pm or 7.00pm (depending on which First Communion Mass celebration you are attending).</p> |
| <p>Celebration: In the Church on Friday 8 September at either 5.30pm or 7.30pm</p> | <p>Celebration: In the Church on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at either 5.00pm or 7.00pm</p> | <p>First Communion Retreat: In parish meeting rooms. Thurs 17-Sat 19 May – Two hour retreat. Various times Celebration: In the Church Sat 19 and Sun 20 May 2018 at all Parish Masses (limit of 20 children per Mass) & 12.30pm First Communion Mass (limit 50 children)</p> |