



Lumen Christi Sacramental Program 2023

An invitation to all parents and children

24 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In collaboration with St Brigid's and Good Samaritan Parish Schools we invite all parents and children in our Parish and State schools to be part of our Parish Sacramental 2023.

Earlier this year we asked parents and carers who undertook the Sacramental Program for 2022 to provide feedback and suggestions for the improvement of our Sacramental program. The Lumen Christi Parish, St Brigid's and Good Samaritan now offers all children a renewed Sacramental Program that will be more engaging, educationally appropriate, and formative in liturgical worship.

If your child has been baptised in the Catholic Faith, you have already begun preparations for their reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. From the moment of their birth, you have shared your Faith with your children in your love, words, actions and prayers. This is an essential component in their faith formation.

Receiving the Sacraments is a very blessed time in our journey of faith, and it is the means by which baptised children can complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. They are community events, which remind us of the role of the parish community in the development of our life of faith, hope, and love. Our Catholic Schools and Parish are here to help you as parents in your vocation to make known the light and love of God to your children.

Please read the following pages for further information about how to enrol your child.

We look forward to seeing you all during the Lumen Christi Sacramental Program 2023 and celebrating this joyful and blessed time for your child, your family and our parish community.

**Very Rev Bernard L Gordon VG
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

**Mrs Toni Sillis
GOOD SAMARITAN PRINCIPAL**

**Ms Kathy Uroda
ST BRIGID'S PRINCIPAL**

HOW DOES THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORK?

- Students seeking the Sacraments are invited to enrol in the Sacramental program through the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal. Go to: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
- A compulsory information session for all parents is conducted with the Parish Priest, the School Principal and the Religious Education Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Primary Schools at the commencement of the program.
- Students from the **two Parish Schools** (St Brigid's Gwynneville and Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow) will complete their Sacramental program over a 5 week period during class Religious Education time.
- Students in **local State schools** will complete their Sacramental program by attending 2-3 sessions at St Francis Xavier Cathedral from 3:45- 4:30 pm
- Students in local State schools will nominate either St Brigid's Gwynneville or Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow for their retreat day and sacramental experience. Communication to parents of State School students will be sent from your nominated parish school.
- Parents participate in the Sacramental preparation of their child through attendance at the parish information night, through targeted homework tasks, and opportunities to come into the learning space.
- The program concludes with a retreat day in which **all students** will meet with the Parish Priest; engage with their peers, and prepare for active engagement in the liturgy.
- During both Sacramental programs, the students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Parish Masses (Tuesday 9:30 am at St John Vianney Church and Thursday 9:30 am at St Brigid's), over a 5-week period, prior to the reception of the Sacrament. State school students will be given the opportunity after the Parish Program sessions.
- The Sacrament will be celebrated in the Parish Church attached to where your child attends school, unless negotiated otherwise. State school students will receive the Sacrament with the students from their nominated Parish School.
- Further details:
 - Students attending St Brigid's Gwynneville contact the school on: (02) 4229 1969
 - Students attending Good Samaritan Fairy Meadow contact the school on: (02) 4226 6577
 - Students from our local State schools contact the Parish Office on: (02) 4211 0500



IMPORTANT SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

TERM 1 CONFIRMATION YEAR 6	St Brigid's Families	Good Samaritan Families	State School Families
Parent information Evening	20 February at 6:30pm	21 February at 6:30pm	Choose one of the Parish Schools
School Program St Brigid's and Good Samaritan	6 March to 6 April	6 March to 6 April	n/a
Parish Program State school students at St Francis Cathedral	n/a	n/a	3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Session 1 - 23 March Session 2 - 30 March
Retreat Day for school and parish students	27 April 9:00am - 2:30pm	27 April 9:00am - 2:30pm	Attend the nominated Parish School
Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Brian Mascord	St Brigid's Church 29 April at 2:00pm	St John Vianney Co-Cathedral on 29 April at 6:00pm	Attend the nominated Parish Church

TERM 3 RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST YEAR 3	St Brigid's Families	Good Samaritan Families	State School Families
Parent information Evening	17 July at 6:30pm	18 July at 6:30pm	Choose one of the Parish Schools
School Program St Brigid's and Good Samaritan	17 July to 18 August	17 July to 18 August	n/a
Parish Program State school students at St Francis Cathedral	n/a	n/a	3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Session 1 - 3 August Session 2 - 10 August Session 3 - 17 August
Retreat Day for school and parish students	24 August 9:00am - 2:30pm	25 August 9:00am - 2:30pm	Attend the nominated Parish School
Sacrament of Eucharist Dates	26 August at 5:30pm or 2 Sept at 5:30pm	27 August at 8:30am	Attend the nominated Parish Church