

The Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish observes the guidelines outlined in the Archdiocese of Brisbane Revised Sacramental Policy 2015 <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/media/1095/sacramental-policy-christian-initiation-2015.pdf> Children who have already been baptised into the Catholic Church are eligible to enrol as candidates in the Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish Sacramental Program. In Surfers Paradise Parish, the program begins with the sacrament of Confirmation in July of one calendar year. In the following calendar year, the First Communion segment of the program begins in May and lastly, Penance (Reconciliation) is celebrated in October of that year.

Parents are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Parents help make the Sacramental Program an enjoyable and fruitful experience for the children, by being involved and supportive of their children's learning and faith experience. Parents' daily examples of Christian living such as sharing of the faith, praying together as a family and belonging to a faith community are important to a child's faith development.

The **Parish** plans and conducts information sessions, and provides resources in order to support and assist families with the preparation of their children. Children attending our **parish Catholic Primary schools** (St Kevin's, Benowa and St Vincent's, Clear Island Waters) are also educated about the Sacraments within a curriculum framework from Prep to Grade 6.

The Sacraments for Children are introduced at a compulsory Parent Information Session and preparation for each sacrament includes a number of compulsory and combined, child and parent sessions.

Enrolment Requirements:

- Completed and submitted online enrolment form <http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au>.
- Downloaded from website, a hard copy of the Sacramental Enrolment form (Legal Form for Parents) completed in ink, signed by both parents and handed in at first workshop
- Copy of child's Birth Certificate
- Copy of child's Baptismal Certificate
- Fee of \$150 to cover cost of preparation sessions, resources and certificates for the three Sacraments. (If you have any concerns regarding the fee, please contact the parish office to discuss.)

Compulsory Introductory Parent Information Session for 2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program:

Either: Monday July 22nd 2019, 7pm - Sacred Heart Church **(Completed 2019)**

Or: Tuesday July 23rd 2019, 6pm - Sacred Heart Church **(Completed 2019)**

Confirmation (2019) (Completed 2019)

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane Confirmation is celebrated before Holy Communion.

Eligibility: Candidates must be in Year Three or higher at school and have already received the Sacrament of Baptism.

[Rite of Enrolment – Presentation of Mass Book](#)

Either Saturday August 3rd 2019 – Sacred Heart, 6pm **Or** Sunday August 4th 2019 - Sacred Heart, 9am

[Confirmation Workshops](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Monday July 29th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday July 30th 2019, 6pm

Session 2: Monday August 5th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 6th 2019, 6pm

Session 3: Monday August 12th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 13th 2019, 6pm

[Presentation of the Creed](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Saturday 10th August 2019 at 5pm **or** Sunday 11th August 2019 at 9am

[Celebration of Confirmation](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Friday 23rd August 2019 at 5pm **or** Friday 23rd August 2019 at 7pm



First Communion (2020)

Eligibility: Candidates must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism **and** Confirmation.



[First Communion Workshops](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Monday April 27th 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday April 28th 2020, 6pm

Session 2: Monday May 4th 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday May 5th 2020, 6pm

Session 3: Monday May 11th 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday May 12th 2020, 6pm

Session 4: Monday May 18th 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday May 19th 2020, 6pm

[Presentation of Lord's Prayer](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Date: Saturday May 9th 2020, 6pm Mass **or** Sunday May 10th 2020, 9am Mass

[Celebration of First Communion](#)

(venue: Sacred Heart Church – special Mass times for First Communicants and their families)

Date: Sunday May 31st 2020, 11:30am **or** Sunday June 7th 2020, 11:30am

Sacrament of Penance: Reconciliation (2020)

Eligibility: Candidates must have already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

[Reconciliation Workshop](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Thursday October 8th 2020, 6:30pm

Session 2: Thursday October 15th 2020, 6:30pm

[Celebration First Rite of Reconciliation](#) (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Date: Thursday October 22nd 2020, 6:30pm

