

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 and practising within 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 application <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 2020 - 2021 Sacramental Program:

Either: Monday July 20th 2020, 7pm – venue: Sacred Heart Church

Or: Tuesday July 21st 2020, 6pm – venue: Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation (2020)

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 1st 2020 – Sacred Heart, 6pm **or** Sunday August 2nd 2020 - Sacred Heart, 9am

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

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

Session 2: Monday August 3rd 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 4th 2020, 6pm

Session 3: Monday August 17th 2020, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 18th 2020, 6pm

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

Either Saturday 15th August 2020 at 6pm **or** Sunday 16th August 2020 at 9am

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

Either Evening of Friday 28th August 2020 (*time to be advised*)



First Communion (2021)

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



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

Session 1: *Date to be advised for 2021 (usually beginning late April)*

Session 2: *Date to be advised for 2021*

Session 3: *Date to be advised for 2021*

Session 4: *Date to be advised for 2021*

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

Date: To be advised for 2021

[Celebration of First Communion](#)

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

Date: To be advised for 2021 (usually late May and early June)

Sacrament of Penance: Reconciliation (2021)

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

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

Session 1: *Date: To be advised for 2021 (usually early October)*

Session 1: *Date: To be advised for 2021*

[Celebration First Rite of Reconciliation](#)

(venue: Sacred Heart Church) *Date: To be advised for 2021 (usually late October)*

