

First Reconciliation

For children in **Year 4 and above** who have been Baptised Catholic

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our focus turns to God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends and community and how we celebrate forgiveness. One of the most important 'life lessons' a person can learn is the importance of saying 'I'm sorry.'

Information & Enrolment

To complete the enrolment process you must attend **one** of the 3 sessions below. If you cannot attend, you will need to contact the parish to make an appointment with one of our priests before the closing date for enrolments.

Thursday 20 Feb 2025 at 6pm

Monday 24 Feb 2025 at 9:30am

Tuesday 25 Feb 2025 at 7pm

Enrolments close Friday 28 Feb 2025

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 4pm & 5:30pm and 4pm Thurs afternoons at the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 11 & Thur 13 March 2025
- Session 2 – Tues 18 & Thur 20 March 2025
- Session 3 – Tues 25 & Thur 27 March 2025
- Session 4 – Tues 1 & Thurs 3 April 2025

No Enrichment Day

Celebration of the Sacrament

Due to Easter, there will be one date with 2 sessions. Please speak to Colleen if you are unable to attend this date to make alternate arrangements. Please add your chosen time to your calendar.

- **Friday 4 April 4:30pm**
- **Friday 4 April 6:00pm**

First Holy Communion

For children in **Year 4 and above** who have made First Reconciliation

The Eucharist is the means by which the Risen Christ becomes present in our midst. Jesus offers His life to us through bread and wine, so that we become His life in the world. Eucharist is the Sacrament of love, a sign of unity and the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

Information & Enrolment

To complete the enrolment process you must attend **one** of the 3 sessions below. If you cannot attend you will need to contact the parish to make an appointment with one of our priests before the closing date for enrolments.

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 7pm

Thursday 8 May 2025 at 5:30pm

Monday 12 May 2025 at 9:30am

Enrolments close Thursday 15 May 2025

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 4pm & 5:30pm and 4pm Thurs afternoons at the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 20 & Thur 22 May 2025
- Session 2 – Tues 27 & Thur 29 May 2025
- Session 3 – Tues 3 & Thur 5 June 2025
- Session 4 – Tues 10 & Thurs 12 June 2025

Enrichment Day

To be Advised

Celebration of the Sacrament On the Feast of Corpus Christi

Please choose one of the following Mass dates and times. Children will need to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the chosen Mass. If the dates below are not suitable to your family, please speak to Colleen to arrange an alternative Mass time.

- **Saturday 21 June 2025 – 5:00pm Mass**
- **Sunday 22 June 2025 – 9:30am Mass**

Confirmation

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At Confirmation, the graces received at Baptism are sealed with reception of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The words Jesus shared with his disciples at Pentecost apply to each one of us at Confirmation: "you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

Information & Enrolment

To complete the enrolment process you must attend **one** of the 3 sessions below. If you cannot attend, you will need to contact the parish to make an appointment with one of our priests before the closing date for enrolments.

Tuesday 5 August 2025 at 7pm

Thursday 7 August 2025 at 5:30pm

Monday 11 August 2025 at 9:30am

Enrolments close Thursday 15 May 2025

Preparation Lessons

Lessons will be held on Tues 4pm & 5:30pm and 4pm Thurs afternoons at the Parish Centre.

Please allow 1 hour per session

Please choose preferred day to attend to attend all 4 sessions.

- Session 1 – Tues 26 & Thur 28 Aug 2025
- Session 2 – Tues 2 & Thur 4 Sept 2025
- Session 3 – Tues 9 & Thur 11 Sept 2025
- Session 4 – Tues 16 & Thurs 18 Sept 2025

Enrichment Day

To be Advised

Celebration of the Sacrament

Will be held at

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance

TBC Thursday 13 November at 6pm.

The Confirmation sponsor:

Godparents are the ideal sponsor if they are available, but any Catholic, Baptised person who is 16 years or older and has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion may be a sponsor. Only one sponsor is permitted for each child. Parents cannot be their own child's sponsor.

Important Information for Enrolment in the Sacramental Programme

- **Expressions of Interest:** can be completed online. However, to finalise the enrolment process, parents or guardians are required to attend one of the three scheduled information sessions. During these sessions, important details about the current Sacrament will be discussed and only then will the children be enrolled accordingly. At these sessions, the workbook can be collected along with other instructions. Please note that children do not need to attend these sessions.
- **Enrolment Fee:** There is an enrolment fee of \$30.00 per child, which helps cover the costs of programme materials for each Sacrament. Payment can be made in cash or via EFTPOS during the Information and Enrolment session. If paying by cash, it is helpful to have the correct amount. If financial difficulties arise, please to speak with Fr. Brian or Colleen Smith for assistance.
- **Enrolment Deadline:** It is essential for all children to be enrolled at least one week before the commencement of lessons. Additionally, a parent or guardian must have attended an information session or had a meeting with a member of the clergy before the deadline date.
- **Compulsory Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory for both the child and parent/guardian at all four sessions of the preparation programme to ensure proper preparation for receiving the Sacrament.
- **Baptism Certificate Requirement:** If this is your child's first Sacrament at Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance, and they were not baptised here, a copy of the child's Baptism certificate must be provided at the time of enrolment. Additional documentation may be required for other Sacraments not received in our parish.
- **Encouragement for Mass Attendance:** As part of the Sacramental Programme, parents and guardians are encouraged to attend weekend Masses with their children. Children will be presented during designated parish weekend Masses throughout the preparation period leading up to receiving the Sacrament.
- **Location of Events:** All events will take place at the parish precinct unless stated otherwise.

Thank you for your attention to these details. We look forward to supporting you and your child through this important process.

Structure of the Programme

The order of reception of the Sacraments in the Diocese of Broken Bay is Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Communion).

The Sacramental preparation program in our parish, and indeed throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay, is a parish based and family centred process. It is structured in a way for parents/guardians and their child to work through the booklet together as part of a parish sacramental group under the guidance of a group leader, and are encouraged to continue the discussion and exercises at home. Both parish and family play an important role in journeying with the children towards full initiation into the Church.

If you are unable to attend one of the four sessions you must contact me as soon as possible. I will then be able to advise you on how best to complete the missed session to suit your circumstances. All 4 sessions must be completed to be eligible to receive the Sacrament.

If you have any concerns, or difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak directly with myself or Fr Brian Moloney by contacting the parish office 4332 2216.

Office hours are 9:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday

We look forward to working with you and your family at this important time in your child's faith development.

Blessings,

Colleen Smith
Pastoral Associate/Sacramental Coordinator

Contact Us

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Sacramental Programme 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance



Please read all the information in this flyer and check dates for clashes in your calendar.