



Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental Program Reconciliation and Eucharist 2024

An invitation to all parents and children

1 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In collaboration with St Brigid's and Good Samaritan Parish Schools, we invite all parents and children in our Parish to be part of the Lumen Christi Parish Sacramental program for 2024.

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.

Enrolments have now opened for Reconciliation and Eucharist 2024 and will close on Friday 17 May 2024.

Please read the following pages for further information about how to enrol your child into the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist program for 2024.

We look forward to seeing you all during the Lumen Christi Sacramental Program in 2024 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 Lisa Tyson
GOOD SAMARITAN
ACTING PRINCIPAL**

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

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HOW DOES THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORK?

- Students seeking the **Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist** are invited to enrol in the Sacramental program through the Lumen Christi Parish Online Portal. Visit: lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental (Enrolments close on Friday 17 May 2024.)
- 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 or the Parish Catechists at the commencement of the program.
- Candidates 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.
- Candidates in **other schools within our Lumen Christi Parish** will complete their Sacramental program by attending 4 sessions at St Francis Xavier Cathedral from 3:45- 4:45 pm.
- Parents participate in the Sacramental preparation of their child through attendance at the parent information night, at the Commitment Mass, at weekday parish Masses, by attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through targeted homework tasks, and opportunities to come into the learning space.
- The program concludes with a retreat day in which **all Candidates** will meet with the Parish Priest; engage with their peers, and prepare for active engagement in the liturgy.
- The Sacrament will be celebrated in the Parish Church attached to where your child attends school, unless negotiated otherwise at the time of enrolment. Candidates from other schools in our Parish will receive the Sacrament at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, unless negotiated otherwise at the time of enrolment.
- 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 Students in other schools within our Lumen Christi Parish contact the Parish Office on:
(02) 4211 0506

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SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2024

TERM 2 & 3	ST BRIGID'S FAMILIES	GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILIES
Parent information Evening	Tuesday 25 June at 6:30pm	Wednesday 26 June at 6:30pm
Candidate's Commitment Mass	Saturday 29 June at 5:30pm	Sunday 30th June at 8:30am
School Program St Brigid's and Good Samaritan	5 weeks with 2 weeks of pupil vacation: 1 July to Friday 5 July and 22 July to 16 August 24 June to Friday 5 July and 22 July to 9 August	
Parish Mass Attendance	Thursday 4 July at 9:30am Thursday 25 July at 9:30am Thursday 1 August at 9:30am Thursday 8 August at 9:30am Thursday 15 August at 9:30am	Tuesday 2 July at 9:30am Tuesday 23 July at 9:30am Tuesday 30 July at 9:30am Tuesday 6 August at 9:30am Tuesday 13 August at 9:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation after the weekday Masses	Thursday 8 August at 9:30am Thursday 15 August at 9:30am	Tuesday 30 July at 9:30am Tuesday 6 August at 9:30am
Retreat Day	Thursday 15 August from 8:50 am - 3:00 pm	Friday 9 August from 8:50 am - 3:00 pm
First Holy Communion Mass	St Brigid's Parish Church 18 August at 9:00am 25 August at 9:00am	St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Sunday 11 August at 8:30am

TERM 2 & 3	OTHER FAMILIES WITHIN THE LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH
Parent information Evening	Monday 24 June at 6:30pm
Candidate's Commitment Mass St Francis Xavier	Sunday 30th June at 10:30am
Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong	Session 1: Thursday 4 July at 3:45pm Session 2: Thursday 11th July at 3:45pm Session 3: Thursday 18th July at 3:45pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Session 4: Thursday 25th July at 3:45pm
First Holy Communion Mass	St Francis Xavier Cathedral Sunday 28th July at 10:30am Sunday 11th August at 10:30am

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