



St Michael's Parish, Lane Cove

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Confirmation
First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion



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Dear Parents,

When you presented your child for Baptism you promised to raise him or her in the practice of the faith. You were also reminded during the ceremony that you are the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith. The Church then prayed with you that you would also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do.

There's an old saying, "Faith is caught, not taught; it is lived, not learnt." In other words, children grow strong in the faith if they grow up in a household where the faith is a lived reality. The parish community seeks to support and help Catholic parents in their responsibility to pass on the Faith to their children, but can never replace them!

I am therefore delighted that you have remembered your promise at baptism and are now seeking for your children to receive further sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Faith. Of course, only Children who are baptised members of the Catholic church may receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation as these sacraments complete their initiation.

Parents of children who belong to Eastern Catholic rites (such as Maronite or Melkite rites) must obtain written permission from their own priest before enrolling their child in our Parish program. Ordinarily, Children who belong to Eastern rites also receive Confirmation at Baptism and so cannot receive the sacrament of Confirmation again from us.

It would not ordinarily happen that children who live in other parishes would receive the sacraments of initiation at St Michael's. The promise to raise your children in the faith includes the presumption of regular worship, and therefore, at your own parish church. If non-parishioners wish to enrol in the sacraments at St Michaels, please speak to me to discuss it first.

The Parent Information Session will be held in the church and followed by Mass. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all there and to share the joy of your children's First Holy Communions and Confirmations with you!

Fr Sam Lynch
Parish Priest

When can my child receive the Sacraments?

First Reconciliation **Year 3**

First Holy Communion **Year 3**

Confirmation **Year 6**

How do I enrol my child?

Fr Sam will host an information session for parents for each of the sacraments. The sessions will be held in St Michael's Church and followed by evening Mass. Enrolments for First Reconciliation and Confirmation open following the information session and are made via the parish website. There is a program fee for candidates who attend after-school lessons. First Holy Communion candidates who did not receive their First Reconciliation at St Michael's in 2021 will also need to enrol. All 2021 First Reconciliation candidates are automatically enrolled for their First Holy Communion sacrament in 2022. Please see the diary on the following page for sacrament program dates.

Candidates are required to provide a copy of their Baptism certificate when enrolling. If they were baptised at St Michael's Church, we will have the baptism information in our registers, and it is not required. Alternatively, if they have submitted their baptism certificate with a prior sacrament there is no need to submit it again.

How is my child prepared to receive the Sacrament?

State and private school candidates attend group lessons with our Sacramental teacher Mrs Lolina Aljasin followed by evening Mass at 6pm as part of their preparation. All lesson and mass attendance are mandatory. St Michael's School students receive their lessons in class during school time. They are also expected to attend Sunday Mass as part of their preparation. In preparation to receive either their First Holy Communion or their Rite of Confirmation, candidates must attend their Sacrament Mass rehearsal and reconciliation to fully complete the program requirements.

How do I know which group my child will be in?

Parents select a date and time for Mass from a choice on the booking form. State & Private school candidates will also need to select a lesson time. Bookings are processed as received and when a class or a Mass reaches capacity it is then no longer available.

Confirmation 2022

Date	Event	Details
Sunday 3 April	Parent information session in the Church followed by Mass at 6pm	St Michael's Church 5pm
Open 4 April Close 10 May	Enrolments via Parish website	On-line booking > Sacraments >
Sat 14, 21 & 28 May OR Sun 15, 22 & 29 May	For state and independent school candidates: sacrament preparation lessons followed by Mass held over 3 consecutive Saturdays OR Sundays	Parish Hall (Dorritt St) 5pm followed by Mass at 6pm to 7pm
Rehearsal schedule Mass 1: Sun 5 June Mass 2: Sat 18 June Mass 3: Sun 19 June	For all candidates: Reconciliation, Confirmation Rehearsal followed by evening Mass. You must attend the reconciliation session and rehearsal date that corresponds to your chosen Rite of Confirmation date.	St Michael's Church 4:30pm to 7pm
Mass 1: Tues 21 June Mass 2: Wed 22 June Mass 3: Thurs 23 June	Rite of Confirmation	St Michael's Church 6pm

First Reconciliation 2022 - for Year 3 and above Year 2 students will now complete this sacrament in Year 3.

Sunday 24 July	Parent information session in the church followed by Mass at 6pm	St Michael's Church 5-7pm
Open 25 July Close 3 August	Enrolments via Parish website	On-line booking > Sacraments > First Reconciliation
Sat 6, 13 & 20 August 5pm Sun 7, 14 & 21 Aug	For all candidates in Year 3 and above: sacramental preparation lessons followed by Mass held over 3 consecutive Saturdays.	Parish Hall (Dorritt St) 5pm followed by Mass at 6pm
Wed 24 Aug & Sat 27 August	Sacrament of Reconciliation	St Michael's Church 4.30pm

First Holy Communion 2022

	No Parent information session	
Open 19 September Close 12 October	Enrolments via Parish website for any candidates new to the parish. Previous Reconciliation candidates will be sent an enrolment link.	On-line booking > Sacraments > First Communion
Sat 15, 22 & 29 Oct OR Sun 16, 23 & 30 Oct	For state and independent school candidates: sacrament preparation lessons followed by Mass held over 3 consecutive Saturdays OR Sundays	Parish Hall (Dorritt St) & St Michael's Church 5-7pm
Wed 2 November	For all candidates: Holy Communion Mass Rehearsal. Please attend the rehearsal time that corresponds to your First Holy Communion Mass choice. State & independent school candidates will make their reconciliation before/after their rehearsal.	St Michael's Church Mass 1 rehearsal: 4.00pm Reconciliation: 5pm to 5.30pm Mass 2 rehearsal: 5.30pm
Mass 1: Sun 6 Nov Mass 2: Sun 13 Nov	First Holy Communion Masses	St Michael's Church 11.30am