



St Michael's Parish, Lane Cove

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

**First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
Confirmation**



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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 Michael's, please speak to me to discuss it first.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all there and to share the joy of your children's first Sacraments with you!

Fr Sam Lynch
Parish Priest

When can my child receive the Sacraments?

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion **Year 3**

Confirmation **Year 6**

How do I enrol my child?

Enrolments for the sacraments are made via the parish website. There is a \$50 program fee - this will cover the costs of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For First Reconciliation – if your child was *not* baptised at St Michael's, **it is vital that we receive your child's Baptism certificate as part of your enrolment for First Reconciliation.** For First Holy Communion – all 2025 First Reconciliation candidates will be able to register their preferred Mass time for First Holy Communion on the website enrolment form. Anyone who made their First Reconciliation elsewhere will need to submit a full enrolment form for First Holy Communion, including their baptism certificate (part of First Holy Communion Google Form). There is a \$30 fee for our Confirmation program. Please see the diary on the following pages for sacrament program dates.

How will my child be prepared to receive the Sacrament?

All candidates attend group lessons with our Sacramental Coordinator and helpers. St Michael's School students receive lessons in class during school time as well. All children are expected to attend the Commitment and Sunday Masses as part of their preparation which is followed by a Parent and Child Activity (small break in between). Further to this, to receive either their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or their Rite of Confirmation, candidates must complete the online component (Doctrinal videos and quizzes), Mass rehearsal and Reconciliation (First Holy Communion & Confirmation) and attend their Sacrament to fully complete the program requirements.

How do I know which Mass / Rite my child will be attending?

Parents select a date and time for Mass from a choice on the booking form. Bookings are processed as received and when a Mass reaches capacity it is then no longer available.

Sacramental Calendar 2025

Term 1: First Reconciliation		
Date	Event	Details
ASAP	Registrations via Parish Website - Yr. 3 and above	Available now
Week 6 15 th March	Craft Activity / 1 st Reconciliation and 1 st Holy Communion Commitment Mass, Info, followed by	St Michael's Church & Hall (Saturday) 5 – 8pm
Week 8 23 rd March	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 1	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 9 30 th March	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 2	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 10 6 th April	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 3	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 10 7 th – 11th April	First Reconciliations	St Michael's Church St Michael's students during class time. Other school students choose a time slot on google form when enrolling.

Term 2: First Holy Communion

	Registrations via Parish Website – Yr. 3 and above	Available Term 1
Week 4 18 th May	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 1	Parish Hall 10.30 (after 9.30am Mass)
Week 5 25 th May	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 2	Parish Hall 10.30 (after 9.30am Mass)
Week 6 1 st June	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 3	Parish Hall 10.30 (after 9.30am Mass)
Week June	Retreat	TBC
Week 7 11 th June	Reconciliation & Rehearsal Mass 1 – Not-St Michael's students (during school hours)	St Michael's Church 6.30-7.00 Recon 7.00-7.45pm Rehearsal (Wednesday)
Week 8 15 th June	First Holy Communion Mass 1	St Michael's Church 11.30am
Week 8 18 th June	Reconciliation & Rehearsal Mass 2 – Not-St Michael's students (during school hours)	St Michael's Church 6.30-7.00 Recon 7.00-7.45pm Rehearsal (Wednesday)
Week 9 22 nd June	First Holy Communion Mass 2	St Michael's Church 11.30am

Term 3: Confirmation

	Registrations via Parish website – Yr 6 and above	Available Term 2
Week 4 10 th August	Craft Activity, Confirmation Commitment Mass, Info, followed by Pizza	St Michael's Church & Hall (Sunday) 5pm to 8pm
Week 5 17 th August	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 1	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 6 24 th August	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 2	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 8 31 st August	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 3	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
TBC	Retreat Day	TBC
10 th Sept	Reconciliation & Rehearsal Mass 1 – Not-St Michael's students (during school hours)	6.30 Reconciliation, 7pm Rehearsal (Wednesday)
11 th Sept	Reconciliation & Rehearsal Mass 2 – Not-St Michael's students (during school hours)	6.30 Reconciliation, 7pm Rehearsal (Thursday)
14th Sep	Rite of Confirmation Mass	St Michael's Church 11.30am (Sunday)
14th Sep	Rite of Confirmation Mass	St Michael's Church 3.00pm (Sunday)

Term 4: Baptism (Age 7 to 12)

	Registrations via Parish Website	Available Term 3
Week 3 1 st November	Craft Activity & Commitment Mass	5.00 Parish Hall, 6.00 Parish Church
Week 5 9 th November	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 1	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 6 16 th November	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 2	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 7 23 rd November	Sacramental Preparation Lesson 3	Parish Hall 10.30 (following on from 9.30am Mass)
Week 8 30 th Nov	Baptism	St Michael's Church – 9.30am (during Mass)

