

The Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish observes the guidelines outlined in the Archdiocese of Brisbane Revised Sacramental Policy 2015 <https://liturgybrisbane.net.au/doctypes/christian-initiation-for-children/>. 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 example of Christian living, sharing of the faith, praying together as a family and experience of belonging to a faith community are crucial to their children'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 schools** are also educated about the Sacraments within a curriculum framework from Prep to Grade 6.

The Sacraments are introduced at a compulsory parent information session and preparation for each Sacrament includes a number of compulsory and combined, child and parent sessions. It is also expected that children and their families attend weekly Mass during the preparation program.

What is required for enrolment?

- Completed online enrolment form <http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au/sacramental-program-form.html>
- Legal form - hard copy signed by both parents. This form is provided to parents at the Introductory Parent Information Session in July, 2019.
- Copy of child's Birth Certificate
- Copy of child's Baptismal Certificate
- Fee of \$120 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 2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program:

Either: Monday July 22nd 2019, 7pm - Sacred Heart Church

Or: Tuesday July 23rd 2019, 6pm - Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation (2019)

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane Confirmation is celebrated before Holy Communion.

Eligibility: Candidates must be 8 years of age or older; 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 3rd 2019 – Sacred Heart, 6pm **Or** Sunday August 4th 2019 - Sacred Heart, 9am

Confirmation Workshops (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Monday July 29th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday July 30th 2019, 6pm

Session 2: Monday August 5th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 6th 2019, 6pm

Session 3: Monday August 12th 2019, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 13th 2019, 6pm

Presentation of the Creed (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Saturday 10th August 2019 at 5pm **Or** Sunday 11th August 2019 at 9am

Celebration of Confirmation (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Friday 23rd August 2019 at 5pm **Or** Friday 23rd August 2019 at 7pm



First Communion (2020)

Eligibility: Candidates must have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



First Communion Workshops (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: *Date to be advised for 2020*

Session 2: *Date to be advised for 2020*

Session 3: *Date to be advised for 2020*

Session 4: *Date to be advised for 2020*

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

Date: To be advised for 2020

Celebration of First Communion

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

Date: To be advised for 2020

Sacrament of Penance: Reconciliation (2020)

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

Reconciliation Workshop (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Date: To be advised for 2020

Celebration First Rite of Reconciliation

(venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Date: To be advised for 2020

