



St. James' Parish

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St. James' Parish - Sacramental Program 2020

St. James' Parish is part of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat that has sacramental programs which are family based, parish coordinated and school supported. Sacramental programs in the Diocese have a family preparation aspect to them. Parents' participation is a vital ingredient of the preparation program.

Sacramental programs involve:

- a) A parent meeting
- b) Preparation program where parents and family members share their understanding of the sacrament
- c) Sunday Mass attendance
- d) A rehearsal for the celebration of the sacrament (Confirmation & Eucharist)
- e) A charge of \$25.00 per sacrament (for program materials)
- f) ***Presentation of child to Bishop Paul Bird at Mass on Sunday 29th November 2020 at 10.30am***

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

- Offered to Grade 4 students or older: this sacrament is normally celebrated before a child's First Communion
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday February 18th, at 7.00pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday February 23rd, March 1st, 8th & 15th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- **Celebrated on Tuesday March 17th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church**

Sacrament of Eucharist / First Communion

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 4 students or older
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday April 28th, at 7.00pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday May 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *Friday May 29th at 10.15am*
- **Celebrated on Sunday May 31st at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church with a School-led Mass**

Sacrament of Confirmation

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 3 students or older (who have been baptised) and is the beginning of the program
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday, July 21st at 7.00pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *Friday August 28th at 10.15am*
- **Celebrated on Sunday August 30th, at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church with School-led Mass**

Presentation to Bishop

Candidates for the sacraments will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday November 29th at 10.30am Mass.

A parent is expected to attend the parent meeting for the enrolment of their child in the program, for each sacrament. **If parents are unable to attend they need to contact the Parish Priest**, Fr Kevin Maloney, before the meeting and arrange an alternate meeting time with him. For further information contact Fr Kevin Maloney, ph 5331 4981. **Please bring along your baptism certificate.**

Fr. Kevin Maloney, Parish Priest
