



St. James' Parish

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St. James' Parish - Sacramental Program 2024

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 **\$40.00** per sacrament (for program materials)
- f) ***Presentation of child to Bishop Paul Bird at Mass on Sunday 1st December 2024 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 13th, at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday February 18th, 25th & March 3rd & 17th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- **Celebrated on Tuesday March 19th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church**

Sacrament of Eucharist / First Communion

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 4 students or older who have completed Reconciliation
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday April 23rd, at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday April 28th, May 5th, 19th & 26th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *after the 4th dismissal on Sunday 26th May*
- **Celebrated on Sunday June 2nd at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church**

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 23rd at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday July 28th, August 4th, 11th & 18th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *after the 4th dismissal on Sunday 18th August*
- **Celebrated on Sunday August 25th at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church**

Presentation to Bishop

Candidates for the sacraments will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday December 1st 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 Eugene McKinnon, before the meeting and arrange an alternate meeting time with him. For further information contact Fr Eugene McKinnon, ph 0402 804 104.
Please bring along your baptism certificate.

Fr. Eugene McKinnon, Parish Priest
