

8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to announce our Sacramental Program for 2024! I look forward to meeting many of you as your children prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation this year. The Parish will support you and your child in their Sacramental journey. Parents whose children have celebrated Confirmation or First Eucharist in our parish over the last 2 years are automatically enrolled in their next Sacrament.

This year we have changed the way we are delivering our program. In recent years, parents have given feedback that committing to 3 or 4 Wednesday afternoons in a row is quite difficult, as children often have other commitments that make it challenging. This year the program for each Sacrament will be delivered in a single workshop on a Sunday, and formation activities will also be shared to families online.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Will be celebrated on the evening of Friday 10th May at St Mary's Church.

Children in Grade 3 or above who are already Baptised are invited to enrol now.

<https://ipswichcatholic.com/children>

Information night (parents only) on 20th March from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in St. Mary's church. All families need to attend this session and express their interest via the following link – <https://bit.ly/433zEIX>

If you cannot attend, the Parish Office will make arrangements with you to speak with Fr. Stephen.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Will be celebrated on – 1st or 2nd of June or early Term 3.

Children in Grade 4 or above who are already Baptised are invited to enrol now. If you enrolled and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last year you do not need to re-enrol!

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Information Night date to be communicated later.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Will be celebrated in August / September – dates to be confirmed.

Children in Grade 5 or above who are already Baptised are invited to enrol now. If you enrolled and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or Sacrament of Eucharist in the last 2 years you do not need to re-enrol!

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Information Night date to be communicated later.

I look forward to celebrating the Sacraments with your family and see this as a particularly important and enjoyable time to meet parents and children. If there are personal circumstances I can assist with, please reach out!

Yours in Francis and Clare,



Fr. Stephen Bliss OFM
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