



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents are recognised by the Church as the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the Faith and Christian values. For this reason the preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist is through our parish based, family centred program.

For each sacrament the preparation begins with parent meetings to discuss and be informed about the sacraments, and their parental role in the preparation process. Following this, parents and children participate in a series of small group sessions which are facilitated by a group companion. We encourage parents to volunteer for the role of group companions. Training and support is provided.

A practice session is usually held before the celebration of the sacrament.

Notification for enrolment in the program is advertised in the Parish bulletin and website and also through MHOC Primary School.

Details of each sacrament are provided below.

All enquiries and questions can be directed to Carolyn Tumminello (Parish Pastoral Associate) at the Parish Office 66583544 or pastoral@sawtellcatholicchurch.com.au

RECONCILIATION



Children who have been baptised or received into the Catholic church will be eligible to prepare for and receive this sacrament in the latter part of Year 2. The children will receive the sacrament with the 1st Rite.

CONFIRMATION



To be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, a child needs to have been baptised or received into the Catholic church and be in Year 3 or up to 15 years old.

Confirmation dates are subject to the Bishop's calendar but usually occurs towards the middle of the year.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Eligible children will prepare for their First Holy Communion/ Eucharist in the year following the reception of Confirmation. In addition to the meetings and practice, the children will also celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation prior to receiving their First Holy Communion. Following this there is usually a parish celebration for the candidates.