

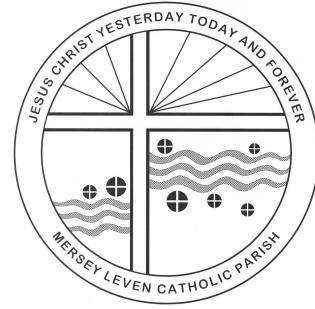
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Sacramental Preparation Program 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in our Parish takes place within a program that is Family-centred, Parish-based and School-supported. The program is open to children who have been Baptised as a Catholic and who are in Grade 3 (2018) or above.

We warmly invite you to consider enrolling your child in the program to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to be Confirmed and to receive First Eucharist as part of our Parish family in 2018.

Also, if you have a child at School who has not yet been baptised and you would like to explore what steps you might take for them to be part of the Sacramental Program in the future please feel free to contact the Parish Office (numbers above) and we will work with you to prepare them for the Sacrament of Baptism.

As well, if you have any questions about the preparation program or about the Catholic faith, please feel free to contact us by phone or by email.

Information Evenings for candidates wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2018 will be held on Monday, February 19th in Devonport and Tuesday, February 20th in Ulverstone. Both sessions commence at 7.00pm and on these nights we will introduce the program and share something of the process we use for your child's preparation.

Following these meetings the **2018 Sacramental program** will begin with a session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Hall, Devonport on Saturday, 3rd March from 10am until 3pm (at the latest).

First Reconciliation will take place during a ceremony in either Devonport on Tuesday, 20th March (7pm) or Ulverstone on Wednesday, 21st March (7pm).

Archbishop Porteous will confirm candidates in Devonport on Saturday, August 18th (6pm) and Ulverstone on Sunday, August 19th (9am). First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekend of the 1st/2nd September at any of the Parish Masses that weekend.

If you wish to be part of the Sacramental Program it is essential that you and your child attend one of our Introductory Sessions as the program starts on 3rd March:

Monday 19th February, 7pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Stewart Street, Devonport
or
Tuesday 20th February, 7pm
Sacred Heart Church, Alexandra Road, Ulverstone

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and bring it along to either of the Introductory Sessions above. We will provide an Information Booklet for the Sacramental Program at these meetings which will contain details of all future activities for your child and the program.

We look forward to meeting with you at this time.

With every best wish



Fr Mike Delaney PP