



St. Catherine Laboure Parish

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Dear Parents and Guardians, Welcome to 2024 Sacraments at St Catherine Laboure Parish.

On Tuesday the 13th of February 2024 at 7pm there will be a Combined Sacrament Information Evening. If you have a child/ren who will be making one of the Sacraments this year, we encourage at least one parent/grandparent or guardian to attend this once off meeting. If you are able to attend without children this would be preferred. Please feel free to stay afterwards to mingle and chat with Fr Greg and the sacramental team.

On the reverse side of this letter are the sacramental dates for 2024, these are also advertised on our Website should you need them in the future. We ask that you **RECORD ALL THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY ASAP** – so that there are no clashes with other personal events.

PLEASE NOTE - REMINDERS WILL NOT BE SENT OUT.

We are unable to change the times and dates of the sacraments or the lessons – If the dates of the sacraments and lessons are not suitable for your family you are free to approach another parish, or defer to the following year.

All Lessons and additional Dates need to be attended – for the relevant sacrament.

A lesson is defined as both parent and child attending the lesson followed by Mass

What to expect at the lessons – Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the lesson start time.

Booking your preferred lesson time will be online at registration. All lessons will be held in the Benedict Hall. Signs at the church will direct you on lesson 1.

Preparation for the sacraments.

1. Your family is asked to prioritise your attendance weekly at the weekend Mass – This regular commitment is necessary to teach the children not only the liturgy of the Mass, but also to feel a sense of belonging to the wider parish family.
2. Attend all the allocated additional dates in addition to the Lessons.
3. **Confirmation Students** – start researching Saint Names and have a conversation about choosing an appropriate sponsor. As you will need to complete this on the registration page when you register. More information on Saints Names can be found at the below link:
<https://www.catholicmom.com/articles/2016/02/17/choosing-confirmation-name>
- Who can be a Sponsor?** The sponsor could be one of your child's baptismal Godparents, as this emphasises the link between Baptism and Confirmation. If you wish to invite someone else to sponsor your child, he/she must be: • A baptised Catholic who has also received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. • Over 16 years of age. • A practising Catholic who can fulfil the role of sponsor. • Parents cannot be a sponsor.
4. Please make sure you have the relevant certificates ready to load up on registration, if you are missing any of the certificates – please use this time before registration to contact the parish where the sacrament was made and organise a copy.

BAPTISM for Children of school age can be arranged – please call the Parish office if Parents would like their child baptised. **Phone:** (02) 9525 1138 . Further Enquiries can be made via the Sacramental Email.

Sacraments at St Catherine Laboure Parish in 2024

Sacrament	Confirmation (School year 6 or older)	Reconciliation (School Year 2 or older)	First Holy Communion (School Year 3 or older)
Registration	<p>Via Website https://www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-program/ Closes 23 February, 2024 Documents to be uploaded on the online form are Baptism and Communion Certificates.</p>	<p>Via Website https://www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-program/ Closes 30th August, 2024 Documents to be uploaded on the online form are Baptism Certificate.</p>	<p>Via Website https://www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-program/ Closes 16th October, 2024 Documents to be uploaded on the online form are Baptism and Reconciliation certificates</p>
Date and Time of the Sacrament and other information for Sacrament day	<p>Thursday 27th June at 6pm Or Friday 28th June at 6pm</p> <p>With Bishop Richard Umbers</p> <p>Candidates and Sponsors to meet in the Year 6 Class rooms at 5.15pm on the night of the sacrament</p>	<p>Friday, September the 20th Two times are available:- Either 5pm Or 7pm</p> <p>Families to be seated in the church at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time After the sacrament all families are invited to stay for Pizza</p>	<p>5pm 23rd November Or 9.30am 24th November Or 5pm 24th November</p> <p>This Sacrament will take place during the weekend Masses. Booking for your Preferred mass time will be available when you register. (limit of 20 families per mass)</p>
Additional dates to note	<p>10th March -Welcome Mass Candidates and families at 9.30am Mass – Morning Tea Gathering</p> <p>16th March – Afternoon Retreat for candidates only to prepare for confirmation 2.30pm – 5pm Then attending Mass with their families Venue - the Benedict Hall Parking in the school grounds available</p>	<p>No Additional Dates</p>	<p>No Additional Dates</p>
Lesson 1	18/19 May	7/9 September	19/20 October
Lesson 2	25/26 May	14/15 September	26/27 October
Lesson 3	1/2 June	-	2/3 November
Lesson 4	15/16 June	-	9/10 November
Lesson Times	<p>4pm Saturday afternoons OR 6pm Saturday Evenings OR 8.30am- Sunday Mornings Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the lesson. Every lesson needs to be either started or finished by attending Mass. (Limited to 25 families per session)</p>	<p>4pm Saturday afternoons OR 8.30am- Sunday Mornings Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the lesson. Every lesson needs to be either started or finished by attending Mass Parents to accompany children for each lesson</p>	<p>4pm Saturday afternoons OR 6pm Saturday Evenings OR 8.30am- Sunday Mornings Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the lesson. Every lesson needs to be either started or finished by attending Mass (Limited to 25 families per session)</p>
Rehearsal times	<p>Rehearsal 25th of June 6pm for those making sacrament on 27th Or 26th of June 6pm for those making sacrament on 28th</p>	<p>No Rehearsal</p>	<p>Saturday the 16th of November Practice for Holy Communion will take place at 4pm followed by Mass and a Family Fun evening held in the Grounds of the school. Confession will be available for children to prepare for the sacrament.</p>
Course Material costs	<p>\$50 to be paid via website at time of Registration – thank you</p>	<p>\$25 to be paid via website at time of Registration -thank you</p>	<p>\$50 to be paid via website at time of Registration – thank you</p>