

2024 St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program

General Information

The Parish of St. Brendan's would like to invite you to enroll your child/children in the 2024 Sacramental Program.

The Church teaches us that parents are the first educators of their children - whether it is teaching them how to walk, talk, ride a bike, play with their friends or how to experience their faith. As people of God, it is one of our responsibilities to share our faith with our children.

Our Sacramental Program is parish based, family centered, and school supported. The program aims to support you and your child, while you grow together in the knowledge and expression of your faith. During the program children will be completing their initiation into the Catholic Church. That is, the children prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Children will also prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you would like your child to participate in the program but **they are not baptised or were baptised outside of the Catholic Church**, please contact the Sacramental Coordinator for more clarification.

A program is also available **for Secondary school aged children** the preparation dates are slightly different to the attached list (currently under construction) Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator for further information.

Sacramental Coordinator Contact Information:

My name is Jessamy Doyle and I coordinate the Sacramental Program for St. Brendan's Parish. I am in the parish office (located behind the Church) on a Wednesday from 9am-2pm. You are welcome to call in or ring the parish office on 5821 2633 on a Wednesday. Alternatively, you can email me anytime at Shepparton.sacramental@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Cost of the Program

The cost of the program is \$150.00 per child. We ask families to please finalise the payment at the time of enrolment. Payment to be made by EFT. The information is provided on the enrolment form.

Bible:

Children must have access to a bible during the program. If you need to purchase a bible, we suggest the NRSV Catholic Youth Bible International Edition (St. Mary's Press) available from Campion Education at 13 Telford Drive, Shepparton. Alternatively, you can download an APP for free called **Olive Tree Bible**.

Communication

My preferred method of communicating information to families throughout the program is via email and at the Adult Faith Gathering and Information Evenings. Please ensure you check your emails regularly. If you do not have an email, please discuss this with me to ensure we have an alternative method in place before the program starts.

Dress Code for the Sacramental Mass of Confirmation:

Children and sponsors are asked to wear appropriate neat attire. **No Denim**. Please observe modesty and reverence. Many girls choose to wear traditional white dresses and are welcome to do so; however, this is not a requirement. Boys should wear a collar shirt, pants, and dress shoes.