

Update 2025-26 Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme

The 'Sacramental Preparation Programme' in our 'Community of Communities' will run over two years; commencing with *Confirmation* (generally year 3), then followed by *First Penance (Reconciliation)* and *First Holy Communion* (generally year 4).

Those children who were enrolled via Flocknote in 2025 for 'All Sacraments (*Confirmation/Eucharist/Penance*)' and child received the Sacrament of Confirmation (at St Ignatius Church, Toowong) are automatically enrolled into this year's two preparation programmes for **Sacrament of First Penance (Term 1)** and **First Holy Communion (Term 2)**.

However, if your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in another Parish and only requires Sacrament of First Penance please register today and submit enrolment form so we can support your child's sacramental journey.

~ Enrolments for Sacrament of First Penance **are now open**.

Any new enrolments deadline is 3.00pm **Friday 6 March**.

All enrolments are to be completed via *Flocknote* —.

Step 1: Check my family contact information via link: www.stignatiustoowong.flocknote.com/register

Step 2: Submit child's enrolment application— <https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/toowongsacraments/signup>

We are pleased to provide information & date claimers for your perusal, for this short preparation programme.

Term 1: Sacrament of FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) –

Parent Information session Thursday 12 March at 5.30pm at St Ignatius Church, Toowong

Rite of Enrolment at Masses 14/15 March (may be offered at 3 masses depending on enrolments)

Preparation Class for children & parents: Thurs 19 March at 3.45pm at St Ignatius Church, Toowong

Sacrament of First Penance - Tuesday 24 March at 4.00pm at St Ignatius Church, followed by 5.30pm

Mass

All enquiries to Janine Curcuruto, Sacrament Co-ord. (Fridays) via

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Full details on preparation programmes is available via <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/our-sacraments/>

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the continuous journey of faith for your child/ren. We have made some changes to the program, so please keep your hearts and minds open with us while we all transition. This is just a reconfiguring of the Sacramental programme, in the hope it can be less demanding for all families. There is no change to cost and what you are receiving is the same. One reason we have made these changes is to have the programme simplified however remain as meaningful.

We thank families for taking this time to familiarise themselves with this updated structure for 2026, and look forward to journeying with you and your children through these important milestones in their faith. The church holds you, as parents, in very high esteem and calls parents the “First Educators” of the faith. So, your role is vital, not because of what you know, but because of **who** you are, authentically living out your faith amongst the trials and tribulations of everyday life. You are not alone! In Baptism, we are initiated into a Community of Faith that can never be undone.

Attendance by at least one parent/guardian at the information session for your child’s Sacrament is essential. This ensures we come together as a family, together with our parish and community, to fully support them.

What to expect:

- **Parental Involvement:** parents play a vital role in nurturing their child’s faith. We would expect you to assist them in the completion of the workbook at home, attend the information session, and Rite of Enrolment masses. The Rite of Enrolment is way of committing to the journey of the Sacrament. Your child will receive a special blessing during the mass, and promised the prayers of our community.
- **Preparation Class:** Each Sacrament has 1-2 preparation classes, and the children and one parent must attend. We are blessed to be supported by Archdiocesan Ministries to help us engage the children-and yourselves! to assist them to grow in their faith.

Note: if your child is not yet baptised please contact us.

I thank you with a humbled heart for the privilege and joy of sharing in your child’s and family’s spiritual journey in our Catholic faith, for a deeper understanding of the Sacraments and with prayers for it to remain in their hearts forever.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Janine Curcuruto

Sacramental Co-ordinator