

# NORTH ROCKHAMPTON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

incorporating the Parishes of  
St Mary's, Our Lady Help of Christians, Holy Family

07 September, 2018



Dear Families,

*Greetings.* The Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist are important and wonderful steps in children's faith journeys and their welcome into the Church community. These celebrations are beautiful moments of grace, when, as a Church, we share the love of Christ made visible through Jesus Christ.

Our Catholic Community will commence a Sacramental Programme in Term 4, 2018. This involves a family-based programme (aided by a Sacramental Team and the Catholic schools) that will culminate in the celebration of the Sacraments in 2019.

For children to participate in the programme, they need to be baptised Catholics and 9 years of age (or older) by the end of 2019.

Commitment is vital. Mass attendance is an important part of our programme. With this in mind, our Sacramental Programme is centred around the celebration of the Mass. At most Masses, candidates will have a separate "Children's Liturgy of the Word" where Scripture readings and reflections are at a child's level of understanding. There will also be small "rituals" (ceremonies) during some Masses.

There will be "Family Workshops" that require the attendance of at least one parent/carer as well as the candidate. These will take place at a variety of venues on nominated week days.

The programme that we will be using for the family sessions is based on the child-friendly videos on "Blessed" from "Dynamic Catholic", a free on-line programme. You may like to watch some of the videos before the programme begins. It may be found at <https://goo.gl/XqqayL>

If you would like your child to be a part of this programme or you would like to find out more, please come along to **one** of the **Parent Information Nights**. This is a session for parents only so children do not have to attend. Please refer to the times and dates below. A timeline for fourth term has been attached.

Should you have any queries, please contact the APRE at your Catholic School or yours truly at the email address below.

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## **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**EITHER:** Tuesday, 30 October at Holy Family Church at 5:30pm

**OR:** Wednesday, 31 October at St Joseph's School at 5:30pm

Sacramental Letter 2018