

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH IVANHOE

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 for Children **NOT ATTENDING** our Parish Schools

Preparing children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion (*the Sacraments that complete our Christian Initiation which began in Baptism*) is primarily the responsibility of parents. This is a responsibility that all parents promise to undertake when their children are baptised as infants.

The most important part of your child's preparation for the Sacraments is their regular participation in the Sunday Mass and your own example of regular worship, prayer and good works. All other preparation is secondary to that obligation of worshipping together each week with the Christian family gathered together around the altar of God. Bringing your children to Mass regularly is an essential part of fulfilling the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring them up within the life of the Church.

God's love and presence are made real and celebrated in the Sacraments. Important times and experiences in our lives are celebrated and enlivened by God's presence. Each Sacrament signifies, in a particular way, the transforming love of God and the new life which Jesus Christ brings.

Your Parish is ready to assist you in the joyous responsibility of preparing your children for the Sacraments and, to this end, you and your children are invited to become fully involved in the ongoing life of your Parish Family in addition to the sacramental preparation program offered for your children.

Receiving the Sacraments is a '*sacramental journey*'. We do not receive the Sacraments just because we are in a certain grade at school, or have reached a certain age, or have completed a program of preparation. Rather it is a spiritual journey in which there needs to be moments of discernment about when we are ready to receive the Sacrament and this spiritual journey has little to do with age or school grade and more to do with our integration into the worshipping life of the parish community and our personal spiritual growth and prayer life. Discernment of when a child is ready for the sacrament needs to involve the Child, Parents, Catechist and Parish Priest.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Enrolments are only accepted for children ***who live within our parish boundaries which include Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West & Eaglemont.*** (Proof of address and/or identification may be required).

Please Note: Previous enrolment at one of the Ivanhoe Parish Schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is expected that preparation for and celebration of sacraments takes place in the Parish in which the child and their family live.

***In order to register your child in any of our sacramental programs
please fill out the enclosed registration form and return to
the Parish Secretary at the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079***

IN REGISTERING YOU MUST COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY PART OF THE PROGRAM

Enrolments close:

Reconciliation Monday 10 February 2020
Communion Monday 2 March 2020
Confirmation Monday 1 June 2020

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Age of Candidate

Normally Grade 3 and above.

All candidates must be Baptized and have evidence of their Baptism.

The Program

To assist you in preparing your child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time we offer the following program:

✚ Preparation Classes

All children will attend four catechist classes run in conjunction with the Sunday Mass at Mother of God Church. Classes commence at **10.00am** (30 minutes before Mass starts). Parents are asked to join their children in the class until the start of Mass. Children will then join their parents at Mass during the Offertory Procession. Children are asked to bring pen and pencils to each session.

Day: **Sundays** Time: **10.00am (Please ensure you are there for a 10am start!)**

Dates: **February 23, March 1, 8, 15.**

Place: **Mother of God Church: 56 Wilfred Rd., Ivanhoe East**

✚ Family Workshop for Parents & Children

Tuesday 25 February 6.30pm at St. Bernadette's 'Cunningham Centre'

The Cunningham Centre is next to the church in Stanley St (opposite main entry to school)

This session is for all children preparing for the sacrament and their parents.

✚ Enrolment Masses

All children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be enrolled as candidates at Mass on **Sunday 1 March 10.00am** (Mother of God, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East)

✚ Rehearsal

The final preparation session on March 15 will include a short rehearsal and practice session for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.

✚ Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Candidates will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation on:

Thursday 19 March 6.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church (Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe)

General Information

✚ **Catechetical Fees:** \$60 per child. This fee assists in covering costs of running the program, materials provided, certificates, administration etc. Please include fee with the enrolment form. Cheques payable to 'Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe'.

✚ **Dress:** Children should be dressed in clothing that marks the day as a special occasion. There is no set dress (neat casual is okay) but please remember it is not a fashion parade.

✚ **Photography / Videos:** In order to respect the sacred nature of both the Liturgy and the Sacrament the use of mobile phones, cameras and videos during the Liturgical Celebration is not permitted.

Enrolments Close - Monday 10 February 2020

Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it together **with a copy of Baptismal Certificate** to: Parish Secretary, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079.

IN REGISTERING YOU MUST COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY PART OF THE PROGRAM

Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish Ivanhoe
REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
(RECONCILIATION)

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| Child's Christian Names | | Surname | |
| Address | | | |
| Date of Birth | | School | |
| Age | | School Level (Year) | |
| Please attach a copy of Baptism Certificate to this form | Date of Baptism | | |
| | Parish of Baptism | | |
| Mother's Name | | | |
| Father's Name | | | |
| Email Address | | | |
| Phone | Home _____ <i>For emergency contact:</i> Mother: Work hours _____ Mobile _____ Father: Work hours _____ Mobile _____ | | |
| Church where you attend Mass | | | |
| Confidential Information | | | |
| Permission given for any photos taken to be used in Parish web site or newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Permission not given <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Any food allergies _____ | | | |
| Anaphylaxis <input type="checkbox"/> EpiPen Available <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| In the event of accident or illness during any of the Sacramental Preparations run by the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, I authorise the obtaining on my behalf of such medical assistance as my child shall require. I accept all responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred. | | | _____ Signature of parent or guardian |
| <u>Catechetical Fee:</u> \$60 per child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please enclose cash or cheque payable to: 'Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe' – Enclosed \$ _____ | | | |

Please return this form
together with a copy of your Baptismal Certificate & catechetical fees, to
Parish Secretary, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079
Before 10 February 2020