Dear Parish Families,

This letter provides you with the days/dates of the classes to prepare your child to receive a sacrament this year.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 8 June at 6pm. Fr Tony Kerin (Episcopal Vicar) will celebrate the liturgy.  Classes will run on Tuesdays after school from 3:45pm - 4:45pm. There are a total of 8 classes.

* Classes held: March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
* School Break no classes: April 12, 19, 26
* Classes resume: May 3, 10, 17

**The Celebration of First Communion**

Classes begin in Term 3 week 2. Classes conclude in the second to the last week of Term. There are a total of 8 classes.

Classes will run on Tuesdays after school from 3:45pm - 4:45pm.

* Classes held: July 19 - September 6

Children are free to receive their First Communion at any of the weekend Masses. Please schedule this with Fr Michel.

**The Celebration of First Confession**

The Penance Service will be celebrated on 8 November at 6pm.

Classes begin in Term 4 week 2. There are a total of 4 classes.

Classes will run on Tuesdays after school from 3:45pm - 4:45pm.

* Classes held: 11 Oct - 1 Nov

**Parish Children NOT attending a parish school**

Anne Van Tilburg will be teaching the classes.

Classes will be held in the church meeting room.

Anne will give you further guidance as to the number of classes.

* Confirmation classes will be held on Tuesdays at 5pm beginning on 22 February
* First Communion classes will be held on Thursdays at 5pm beginning on 24 February

**Requirements for children receiving a sacrament**

The following are the requirements for your child to receive a sacrament this year:

1. Attend all classes for the sacrament
2. Attend weekend Mass in weeks of class
3. Submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate
4. Pay the $50 program fee, Cash or EFT
	* + Parish bank details: BSB: **083** **347** Account: **648531736** Name: **St Mary’s Parish**
		+ Please use surname as reference.

Thank you for all your efforts and support in the faith development of your child.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Michel Corriveau, PP