

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC PARISH

97 Dalhousie Street Haberfield NSW 2045

Phone: 9798 6657

Email admin@stjoanofarc.org.au

Web : www.stjoanofarc.org.au

ABN 62 784 623 489



29 November 2022

Sacramental programs 2023

Dear Parents

The wonderful privilege of passing on Faith in Christ Jesus our Lord has its heart in the family. Parents, you make this real when you bring your children for Baptism with great joy and hope and love. It is the start of something special for you and your family.

The Church family, centred on the Parish, shares that joy and welcomes you and your children as part of this larger family.

The Parish of St Joan of Arc, eager to continue this journey with you, offers you a parish-based, family centred approach to the next stages of the journey. It is an approach that affirms the place of parents as “the first and foremost educators of their children”¹

In practical terms, this approach will complete the Sacraments of Initiation that began with Baptism, namely First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and will include the Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation).

The Sacraments will occur during the following school terms.

Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation): Term One

Sacrament of Confirmation: Term Two

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Term Four

The final details of the three programs are still being worked out, including the closing dates for enrolments, however the important dates for each sacrament are over the page. Please note these in your diaries.

There will be an information page on the Parish website, under the Sacramental Programs tab, from 18th January. Please continue to check the website as items will be uploaded as needed.

Website link: <http://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/>. A reminder letter will go out at the start of Term One.

I and the Sacramental Team look forward to working closely with you as your children prepare for these important stages of their growth in their friendship with Christ Jesus and their understanding of what it means to belong to His family.

Regards and blessings.

Fr Phillip Zadro.

Parish Sacramental Team & Support

Maria Condello – Parish Pastoral Associate

Jacky Guardascione – Religious Education Coordinator – St Joan of Arc, School

Greg Hill – Parish Catechist Coordinator

Anne Gray – Family Educator – St Joan of Arc, School

Footnote:

1) (*Pontifical Council for the Family, Charter of the Rights of the Family*)

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC PARISH

97 Dalhousie Street Haberfield NSW 2045

Phone: 9798 6657

Email admin@stjoanofarc.org.au

Web : www.stjoanofarc.org.au

ABN 62 784 623 489



PLEASE NOTE:

- Candidates for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will normally be of Year 3 age or older and have been prepared for and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).
- Candidates for **FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** will normally be in Year 2 or 3 or older if necessary and have been Baptised in the Catholic Rite.
- Candidates for **CONFIRMATION** will normally be of Year 6 age or older and have been prepared for and received First Holy Communion.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 19th February (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 1st & 15th March (7pm)
- Celebration – Wednesday 29th March (5pm & 7pm)

CONFIRMATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 7th May (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 17th & 31st May, 14th & 21st June 9 (7pm)
- Celebration Sunday 25th June (11am & 2:30pm)
- *Choice to be made by families which time is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 15th October (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 18th & 25th October, 8th & 15th November (7pm)
- Celebrations Sunday 19th & 26th November (11am) or one of the regular parish Masses for those two weekends (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am or 6pm)
- *Choice to be made by families which day & time is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates*