CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Baptism - Beginning of initiation into the Catholic Church. At least one parent should be Catholic.

Confirmation - Second sacrament of initiation into the Church. In the year when the children turn eight (Year Three) they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Enrolment required (this includes Communion).

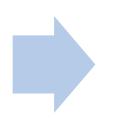
Communion - In the year when the children turn nine (Year Four) they receive Holy Communion for the first time. In preparation, a simple celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation is included.

First Rite of Reconciliation - In the year when the children turn ten (Year Five) they celebrate more fully the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution. Enrolment required.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Different Rites of Reconciliation

Second Rite of Reconciliation

This is a communal celebration and is held prior to the celebration of First Holy Communion the year they turn nine or Year Four.



First Rite of Reconciliation

This is an individual confession, reconciliation and absolution. Children are considered ready for this Sacrament the year they turn ten or Year Five.