

29th January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2026! Our parish is looking forward to helping parents prepare their children to celebrate the sacraments this year. Children who celebrated at least one of their sacraments (Confirmation / First Eucharist / Reconciliation) in our parish last year are automatically enrolled to celebrate their next sacrament. There is no need for a new enrolment form. We will contact you directly via email with the preparation is ready to begin.

For all families, this year's program begins with a Parent Information Session on either Tuesday 10th February or Wednesday 11th February from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, St. Mary's Church. Both sessions are the same, so parents only need to attend one of the sessions. Feel free to bring your child along.

THE INFORMATION SESSION IS PART OF THE PROGRAM, AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT / GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND.

Please RSVP here: <https://ipswich.flocknote.com/signup/243953>

DATE CLAIMERS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Grade 3 - Grade 6 who are already Baptised)

Family Evening: Wednesday 29th April, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, St. Mary's Church

Children's Workshop: Sunday 17th May, 8:45am – 2:30pm, St. Mary's Church & Parish Centre

Celebrating Confirmation: Friday 22nd May, In the Evening, St. Mary's Church

New Enrolments: <https://ipswichcatholic.au/confirmation>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST (Grade 4 - Grade 6 who are already Baptised)

Family Evening: Wednesday 6th May, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, St. Mary's Church

Children's Workshop: Sunday 31st May, 8:45am – 2:30pm, St. Mary's Church & Parish Centre

Celebrating Reconciliation: Wednesday 3rd June – In the Evening, St. Mary's Church

Celebrating First Eucharist: Weekend 6th & 7th June, Masses to be advised

New Enrolments: <https://ipswichcatholic.au/first-holy-communion>

Note: If your child is not yet Baptised, we are holding a separate family evening for parents and students on Wednesday 25th February from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, St. Mary's Church.

RSVP: <https://ipswich.flocknote.com/signup/243957>

We look forward to celebrating the Sacraments with your family and see this as a particularly important and enjoyable time to meet parents and children. We also have a new Parish Priest, Fr. Bernie Thomas OFM who arrives in the first week of February.

Many Blessings,



Benjamin Leschke

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