



06 February 2025

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION JOURNEY 2025

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 3 and above)

Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and First Holy Communion (Eucharist) (Year 4 and above)

Dear Parents,

We trust this letter finds you and your family in good health and well-being as we embark on the year 2025. We sincerely thank you for seeking to have your child prepared for their sacramental journey.

As the primary educators of your children in the ways of faith, parents play an essential role in their child's sacramental formation. The family serves as the foundation for nurturing faith and fostering a deep relationship with God. Please be assured of our support as we accompany you in this significant journey of preparing your child for the sacrament. Together, we aim to strengthen their love for God and deepen their understanding of the faith.

This letter will outline everything you need to know about the Sacramental Preparation Journey for 2025.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Year 3 and above)

What are the Requirements?

1. **Baptism and Age:** Your child must be baptised and currently in Year 3 or above.
2. **Online Enrolment Form:** Complete the online enrolment form, ensuring it is signed by both parents: <https://olsc.ucareapp.com/forms/58/embed> or scan the QR code above. The form can also be accessed through the link provided on our parish webpage and weekly newsletter.
3. **Submission of Documents:** Forward a copy of your child's **Birth Certificate** and **Baptism Certificate** by email to sacraments.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au.
4. **Nomination of a Sponsor:** Each candidate must have a sponsor. This is an ideal opportunity to invite your child's Godparents to take an active role in their spiritual formation. Sponsors must be Catholic, at least 16 years old, and may not be the child's parent.
5. **Enrolment Fee:** A \$50 enrolment fee is required, covering the materials provided by the parish. Payment can be made in person at the information night or via bank transfer (details below):

Account Name	Account No	BSB	Reference
OLSC Operating account	100028682	064786	Child's initial, surname & code (eg. J Smith CNF)

What are the special dates you need to lock in?

Please note all the sessions and dates indicated are **compulsory**.

Orientation 2025	
Monday, 6:30pm	Focus
17 February	Orientation to the 2025 Sacramental Journey

All families have the option to attend either Monday or Tuesday, whichever suits your family:

Stepping Stone	Monday 6:30pm	Tuesday 6:30pm	Focus
1	28 April	29 April	Parent Information Session
2	Select one Mass to attend: Saturday 03 May, 5pm Mass Sunday 04 May, 9am or 11 am Masses Saturday 10 May, 5pm Mass Sunday 11 May, 11am Mass		Rite of Enrolment/Presentation of Candidates Prayer Card Distribution
3	12 May	13 May	Lesson 1: All About Me
4	19 May	20 May	Lesson 2: The Holy Spirit
5	26 May	27 May	Lesson 3: Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit
6	2 June	3 June	Rehearse Rite
7	Saturday 7 June 5pm or Sunday 8 June 9am or Sunday 8 June 11am		Confirmation by Archbishop/Bishop

What do we need to do in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

1. **Dress Code:** Attire should be semiformal—both comfortable and appropriate for this special occasion.
2. **Arrival Time:** Please arrive **30 minutes prior** to the start of your chosen Mass to allow time for check-in and final preparations.
3. **Photography:** A parish photographer will be present to capture this special moment. Due to safeguarding requirements and to avoid disruptions during the Confirmation, personal photography or video recording is not permitted.

**SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) AND
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCCHARIST)*
(Year 4 and above)**

Stepping Stone	Monday 6:30pm	Tuesday 6:30pm	Focus
1	14 July	15 July	Parent Information Session
2	Saturday 19 July 5pm Mass Sunday 20 July 7:30am Mass (St Monica's Chapel, Augustine Heights) Sunday 20 July 9am Mass Sunday 20 July 11am Mass		Rite of Enrolment/Presentation of Candidates Prayer Card Distribution
3	21 July	22 July	Lesson 1: Love and The Sacraments
4	28 July	29 July	Lesson 2: Living Tabernacles (with Adoration)
5	04 August	05 August	Lesson 3: Preparing like Zacchaeus & Examen
6	11 August	12 August	Lesson 4: Rehearse Rite (First Reconciliation)
7	13 August - 20 August (Book a time)		First Reconciliation (Adults lead & Candidates follow)
8	18 August	19 August	Lesson 5: The Parts of the Mass Rehearse Rite (First Holy Communion)
9	Saturday 23 August 5pm Mass Sunday 24 August 7:30am Mass (St Monica's Chapel, Augustine Heights) Sunday 24 August 9am Mass Sunday 24 August 11am Mass		First Holy Communion

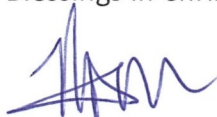
*This is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment will open in mid June 2025.

We are excited to begin this important journey with your family, looking forward to a year of spiritual growth, community, and experiencing God's grace.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out via email at sacraments.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au. We are here to support you and your child throughout this journey.

Our prayers and best wishes are with you as we embark on this transformative experience. May God's blessings guide us on this sacred journey.

With Blessings in Christ,



Fr Neville Yun
Parish Priest