



**IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY PARISH**
SCARBOROUGH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

Tuesday, 06 November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The preparation for and celebration of first sacraments are family-focused parish-based, school-supported activities. Sacraments mark key milestones in your child's Catholic education and personal faith journey. These are important moments of encounter with Jesus Christ. As parents and caregivers, you have the unique responsibility to encourage, support, and teach your child the faith. This is the solemn promise made at the time of your child's baptism.

I am asking you to continue this commitment to your child's faith formation, in terms of the requirements for the preparation of the sacraments, and your regular attendance at weekend Mass, which is the duty of every Catholic.

Going forward, all candidates for the sacraments (St John's students, students at other Catholic schools and PREP children) must be registered with the parish.

To register your child for the 2025 sacramental program

- complete the attached paperwork, including parish membership forms,
- return them to me at the commitment Masses on the weekend of 15/16 February 2025.
- forms must be submitted by this date for your child to receive their sacrament in 2025.
- both parent/s and child are to attend one Mass on Saturday 15 or Sunday 16 February 2025.
- Fee \$60 for students at a Catholic school other than St John's and PREP, payable on acceptance of enrolment in February, after attending Commitment Mass.

This commitment gives formal expression to the support you are undertaking to provide your child as they prepare to receive a sacrament next year.

Attendance is required at all workshops and events for your child to receive their particular sacrament in 2025.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and support as your child prepares for these important celebrations. I look forward to seeing you at the parish over Christmas and throughout the year.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Fr Christian Irdi