



# Darra-Jindalee Catholic Parish

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Greetings and God bless. I write to inform you that our Parish's Sacramental Programme will change, in keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In order to explain the new Sacramental Policy I extend a warm invitation to you to consider whether you would like to enrol your child in this next intake of candidates for the Sacramental Programme in 2017.

As you know, the sacraments are an integral part of our Catholic's life. **Baptism** through the Holy Spirit brings us into the family of God through Christ, **Confirmation** confirms and strengthens our faith, while **Holy Eucharist** and the **Sacrament of Penance** continually heal and nourish us as we live out our lives.

If you would like your child to know God better and to be a part of this journey of faith please come along to one of our information meetings. You have a choice of a morning meeting on **Monday 24th October at 10am at the Darra Church** (Darra Station Road) or if that does not suit, there is an evening meeting again on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm Jindalee Church**, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee.

In our parish, we always set up an initial personal meeting with those wishing for the sacraments of Marriage or Baptism for their children. So too will we do for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

For the children to receive these sacraments I would like you to make an appointment at the office to see me or my representative for a more detailed conversation and to receive your completed forms and your child's original baptismal certificates from which we will make a copy. Please note that applications forms are on the website.

We ask that you also come along to one of our information meetings, regardless of whether you have had your personal meeting by this time or whether it is still to take place.

Please note that apart from classes offered to enrolled Sacramental candidates to prepare for sacramental celebrations, there are general classes at the Sunday school for ages 3-5, 6-9 and 10 years and over. Sunday school is held at Jindalee church every Sunday during the school term. I encourage you to send your child to Sunday school during the year because not only will your child receive more knowledge of Jesus and our Catholic faith but also the sense of belonging to God's Family. **Most importantly, I strongly encourage you to bring your children along to Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.** Both Sunday school and Mass attendance are also wonderful ways for your family to get to know other families in the wider parish.

Wishing you and your family God's choicest blessings,

Fr Daniel Carroll  
Parish Priest