



To know, love and serve Jesus
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

Sacramental Journey 2021

Role of Families:

It is our belief that Parents & Guardians are the first teachers of their children in the ways of Faith, particularly by the witness of their lives. Parents and guardians are also the best teachers of their children, shaping their character and forming their Christian values that they can carry as they grow older in life. Thus, the parents/guardians involvement in the Sacramental Preparation of their kids are irreplaceable.

In Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, we are ready to assist you in guiding your kids to grow in their Christian life. By the word “assist”, we are not taking over your responsibility as parents and guardians to your kids. ***As such, it is essential that at least one parent/guardian can accompany their child in each of the sessions during the sacramental preparation process.***

Role of the Parish:

A Christian family lives within a wider Parish community which takes care in sharing and nurturing the faith life of its members. The Parish is responsible in coordinating the sacramental preparation sessions, and in providing faith education for both adults and children.

Who is eligible to receive the SACRAMENTS?

As first teachers in their faith, you as parents are in the best position to judge if your child is ready to participate in the sacramental life of the parish community. The following information may help to guide you in this respect:

First Reconciliation :	Year 3 and above
First Holy Communion :	Year 4 and above
Confirmation :	Year 6 and above

Steps to follow:

1st Step:

Registration Process – Please complete the attached registration form if you wish your child to prepare in any of the sacraments this year. This form needs to be handed into the Parish Office together with the child’s Baptism Certificate (for all sacraments), and First Holy Communion Certificate (for Confirmation). The forms need to be handed into the office or emailed to varroville@dow.org.au.

2nd Step:

Fees – The fee which will assist in covering the cost of materials and retreat day is payable on registration or you can arrange with the Parish Office for other alternatives.

First Reconciliation:	\$25.00
First Holy Communion:	\$25.00 plus \$25 for Retreat Day
Confirmation:	\$25.00 plus \$25 for Retreat Day

3rd Step:

Preparation Sessions:

SACRAMENTS :	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	CONFIRMATION	FIRST RECONCILIATION
Coordinators:	Loretta Binny	Bianca Heuvel	Sarah Locke
Date of Celebration:	Sunday 6th June Solemnity of Corpus Christi	Sunday 22nd August At 9.30am	Saturday 6th November
Dates for Preparation Sessions: Time: (3 hours per week)	8 th May / Sat. 15 th May / Sat. 22 nd May / Sat. 29 th May / Sat. <u>4:00 – 7:00pm</u> 4-5:30 > Class 5:30-6 > Fellowship 6-7pm > Holy Mass	24 th July / Sat. 31 st July / Sat. 7 th August / Sat. 14 th August / Sat. <u>4:00-7:00pm</u> 4-5:30 > Class 5:30-6 > Fellowship 6-7pm > Holy Mass	16 th October / Sat. 23 rd October / Sat. 30 th October / Sat. <u>4:00- 7:00pm</u> 4-5:30 > Class 5:30-6 > Fellowship 6-7pm > Holy Mass
Retreat Day:	4 th June / Friday	20 th August / Friday	No Retreat

Details of the schedules for the sacramental preparation sessions and the responsible persons:

Very important considerations:

- 1. At least one parent/guardian must attend in all sessions with their child.**
- 2. Registration due dates: from March 16 to April 16, 2021**
- 3. Parents Formation session : 19th April 2021, Monday @ 7:30pm in the Church**

If you and your children are not currently Catholics, but you have the desire to be involved in the sacramental life of the Church, a separate process will be followed as explained below:

RCIA : Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? Would you like to explore this query more fully within our parish community? Then, this process may be applicable for you. It is designed for adults wishing to join the Catholic Faith and for adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist).

RCIC : Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Would you like your school aged child to be baptized and become part of our Christian community? This process is for children of the sacramental age who are not baptized.

Contact Person: **Diane Redmayne**

ALPHA:

Parents are cordially invited to join the Alpha Journey held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm. It was launched last March 2, 2021. Please go the new Parish Website for registration:

varroville.dow.org.au

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