
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2023

1 November 2022

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Our parish communities wish to support families who would like their children to be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion in 2023.

If your child has been baptised a Catholic and in Year 3 or above in 2023 and would like to receive the other sacraments of Initiation next year then we would like to invite you to attend two **mandatory** Information sessions, one in **November this year and one in January/February next year.**

Please contact the Parish office before attending these meetings if your child is **not baptised** in the Catholic faith on 49338918 or SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au.

It will be necessary for at least one parent or caregiver to attend both information sessions for their child to receive the sacraments next year.

2022 Session 1 at this session an overview of the process will be presented. Our preparation is parish based, **family centered** and school supported. After you have heard what is involved, and if you feel your child is ready we ask parents and caregivers to attend Session 2 where resources for the Sacraments will be given.

Tuesday 7pm on 29th November at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
Wednesday 7pm on 30th November at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, OR
Thursday 7pm on 1st December at Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield.

2023 Session 2 you will be required to bring **a copy** of your child's Catholic baptism certificate to register your child in the preparation process.

Tuesday 7pm on Tuesday 31st January at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
Wednesday 7pm on Wednesday 1st February at St Joseph's Church East Maitland OR
Thursday 7pm on Thursday 2nd February at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield.

These meetings are for families from the eight churches of our region:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cnr Delprat Avenue & Anderson Drive, Beresfield
St Joseph's, Cnr King Street & Newcastle Road, East Maitland
Immaculate Conception, Cnr George & James Streets, Morpeth
Holy Family, 11 John Street, Largs
St Columba's, Cnr Church & Prince Streets, Paterson
Sacred Heart, New England Highway, Campbell's Hill
St Paul's, 10 Young Street, Rutherford
St Patrick's, 55 New England Highway, Lochinvar

On behalf of Fr George and the Sacramental team