



# Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish

Sacred Heart Church  
Ponsonby

16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby,  
Auckland 1011

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Herne Bay

84 Kelmarna Avenue, Herne Bay,  
Auckland 1001



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020

(First Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Eucharist)

REGISTRATION FORM (please print clearly)

CANDIDATES FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ Year

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Baptised: Please tick ( )

Parish where you attend Mass: (Please tick)

Sacred Heart Ponsonby ( ) : Our Lady of Perpetual Help Herne Bay ( ) : Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Religion)

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Religion)

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Religion)

Parents/Guardian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements:

- Copy of Baptism Certificate.
- Material for Programme: It costs the parish \$30 per child. There will be a Koha box available at each session for donations for this material for those who can help defray expenses
- **Final day for Registration & submission of completed form: 29th November 2019**
- Enquiries: Parish Office 376 4303 or email Eddie Eyre, Pastoral Coordinator: [eeyre1952@gmail.com](mailto:eeyre1952@gmail.com)

By signing below you are agreeing to this commitment.

We commit to provide our family's support and to participate in all lessons/sessions with our child, participate in weekly Sunday Masses and complete all

Thank you!

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Email completed forms to [ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com](mailto:ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com) or Post to Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street Auckland 1011



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### Sacramental Programme

2020

### Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish Sacrament Dates

#### Class Sessions:

#### Reconciliation

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Confirmation

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### First Eucharist

22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

#### Sacramental Ceremony Dates

First Reconciliation: Sunday 23rd February 2020. 4.30pm

Confirmation: Saturday 18th April 2020. 6.30pm

First Eucharist: Sunday 19th April 2020. 10.30am

#### Practice for Ceremonies of Confirmation and First Eucharist

Date and Time to be determined

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4 July, 2019

Dear Families,

Thank you for choosing to enrol your children in 2020 Parish Sacramental Programme. We are very happy to assist you in your great responsibility as parents in educating your children in our Faith. It must bring you great joy to see your children grow in a knowledge and love of Jesus, his Kingdom and his Gospel.

This letter is accompanied by the Registration Forms and Timetable for the 2020 Sacramental Programme.

After some experimentation the Parish has opted to offer the Sacramental Programme in the 1<sup>st</sup> Term of the School Year to avoid winter sports commitments. It also happens to fit in very well with the Liturgical Year of the Church.

One of the main reasons for this letter is to give you the opportunity to arrange "*holiday planning*" around the Sacramental Programme. As you will see on the accompanying Timetable the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April and First Eucharist (Holy Communion) the following day, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We are aware that these dates fall in the middle weekend of the School Holidays.

If you were planning to take holidays away from Auckland at that time, we are asking you to reconsider your plans for the sake of your children's involvement in the Sacramental celebrations. Part of our forward planning is to book-in the services of Bishop Patrick Dunn for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which we have done for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

We hope that you understand the reasoning for this request and can plan your own family activities accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Rory Morrissey,  
Parish Priest

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## **Sacramental Programme 2019**

### **Important Information**

**Dear Parents / Caregivers**

We hope you and your child enjoy this preparation course, and we have some FAQ that we hope this information sheet will help to answer. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is something not covered here.

#### **1. How long is the course?**

The Sacramental Programme has 09 sessions. It is compulsory to attend 09 classes to enable children and parents / caregivers to prepare for receiving the Sacraments. A list of dates of the sessions, and the Sacrament ceremonies are attached with this sheet.

#### **2. If my Child is not Baptised?**

Please contact directly with Father Rory,( Mobile 0210394980 or email [frorynz2@gmail.com](mailto:frorynz2@gmail.com) ) to discuss the baptism of your child

#### **3. What will my child be taught in Class?**

Classes are taught using the Auckland Diocese guidelines. Booklets will be given to work on at home. Each session we will let you know what work is required to be completed at home before the next session. We have learnt that no matter what we teach in class or Church, nothing will take root unless it is supported in the home. The Parent classes are designed to help you acquire the knowledge and language to feel confident in sharing the faith with your children. Most of the sessions will be a mixture of children alone with their teachers, as well as combined parent/ children sessions.

At the end of the class time the children will be escorted from the hall into the Church where they will sit as a group to celebrate Mass. This enables them to connect with the Mass.

#### **4. Who are the Teachers?**

Our teachers are volunteers and we are very grateful of the time they give to help prepare your children to take these special Sacraments.

Fr Rory will be teaching the Parents Class this year.

#### **5. When / Where will the Sessions be held**

All the sessions will begin at **9.15 am** on a Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Church in Ponsonby.

The parent's and children's sessions will be held in the Hall next to the Church.

#### **6. Can we bring Siblings to the classes?**

Sorry there is no provisions for younger siblings to be cared for by the teachers during the sessions. Parents must be responsible for siblings not included in the programme. It can be distracting for both teachers and attendees to have other children at the back of the classrooms. We appreciate it if you could make alternative arrangements for childcare whilst you are attending the course.

#### **7. Photographs?**

We ask you to supply a recent photo of your child, with their full name on the back of the photo at the beginning of our first session. These are placed on the board at the back of the Church. The parishioners are then asked to pray for all those preparing to take the Sacraments of initiation into the Church.

#### **8. How do we choose a Confirmation Name?**

It is usual to choose a Saint's names, why not chose one that means something special to you? Family or Godparents names can be a good place to start. There is lots of information about Saints names at these websites: [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints) or [www.catholic-saints.info](http://www.catholic-saints.info) or try your school or local libraries.

#### **9. How do we pick a confirmation Sponsor**

Each child needs a **Sponsor** for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The sponsor should be at least 16 years old, Confirmed and a practicing member of the Roman Catholic faith.

Ideally a baptism godparent. However, somebody else may be sponsor, maybe even a parent, as long as they fit the criteria above.

I do hope this information has been useful. If you need any further information about anything please contact Eddie Eyre, either by email [eeyre1952@gmail.com](mailto:eeyre1952@gmail.com) or mobile 0274820187.

Eddie Eyre

Pastoral Coordinator

For Parish Priest, Fr Rory Morrissey