



St. James' Parish

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St. James' Parish - Sacramental Program 2025

St. James' Parish is part of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat that has sacramental programs which are family based, parish coordinated and school supported. Sacramental programs in the Diocese have a family preparation aspect to them. Parents' participation is a vital ingredient of the preparation program.

Sacramental programs involve:

- a) A parent meeting
- b) Preparation program where parents and family members share their understanding of the sacrament
- c) Sunday Mass attendance
- d) A rehearsal for the celebration of the sacrament (Confirmation & Eucharist)
- e) A charge of **\$40.00** per sacrament (for program materials)
- f) ***Presentation of child to Bishop Paul Bird at Mass on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 10.30am***

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

- Offered to Grade 4 students or older: this sacrament is normally celebrated before a child's First Communion
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday February 18th, at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday February 23rd & March 2nd, 16th & 23rd at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- **Celebrated on Tuesday March 25th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church**

Sacrament of Eucharist / First Communion

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 4 students or older who have completed Reconciliation
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday April 29th at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday May 4th, 18th & 25th & Jun 1st at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *after the 4th dismissal on Sunday 1st June*
- **Celebrated on Sunday June 15th at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church**

Sacrament of Confirmation

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 3 students or older (who have been baptised) and is the beginning of the program
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday, July 29th at 5.30pm*, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday August 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *after the 4th dismissal on Sunday 24th August*
- **Celebrated on Sunday September 14th at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church**

Presentation to Bishop

Candidates for the sacraments will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday November 30th at 10.30am Mass.

A parent is expected to attend the parent meeting for the enrolment of their child in the program, for each sacrament. If parents are unable to attend they need to contact the Parish Priest, Fr Con Bagaoisan, before the meeting and arrange an alternate meeting time with him. For further information contact Fr Con Bagaoisan, ph 0435 494 472.
Please bring along your baptism certificate.

Fr. Con Bagaoisan, Parish Priest
