

Initiation into the Catholic Church

The Rite of Christian Initiation is celebrated with the reception of three sacraments. These are:

Baptism

Confirmation

First Holy Communion

The Second Vatican Council reminded the church that these three sacraments were intrinsically connected.

First Reconciliation

During Lenten Season as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

Tue 1st/Wed 2nd April 2025



Confirmation

The Bishop will celebrate on Wed. 4th June 2025



First Holy Communion

Saturday,
13th September 2025



2025 Sacramental Program

First Reconciliation: Term 1 Year 4.

Wed. 12th Mar.: Parent Meeting - 6.00pm at
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.

Tue/Wed: 1st - 2nd April:

Sacrament 6pm - 7pm at St Finbarr's Church.

Confirmation: Term 2 Year 3.

Wed: 14th May: Parent meeting - 6.00pm
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.

Masses:

Sat./Sun. 17-18th May: Enrolment Ceremony.

Sat./Sun. 24-25th May: Receive the Lord's Prayer.

Sat. 31st May: Blessing and Practice for
Confirmation at St Finbarr's
Church, Byron Bay.

Wed. 4th June: Sacrament of Confirmation.
6pm at St Finbarr's Church.

First Holy Communion: Term 3 Year 4.

Wed: 13th Aug.: Parent Meeting - 6.00pm at
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.

Masses:

Sat/Sun: 16-17th Aug.: Enrolment Ceremony.

Sat/Sun: 23-24th Aug.: Poster Presentation.

Sat/Sun: 30th-31st Aug.: Candles around Altar.

Sat. 6th Sept.: Blessing + Practice after Mass in
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.

Saturday. 13th Sept. Sacrament of First Holy
Communion, 6.00pm at
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.

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**Sacramental
Program
2025**



*Jesus came that we
may have life and
have it to the full.*

John 10:10

REGISTRATION FORM

Compulsory Parent Information Night:

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 12th Mar. 2025

Confirmation: Wednesday 14th May 2025

First Holy Communion: Wednesday 13th Aug. 2025

Message from Fr. David Gilbey, Parish Priest.

Dear Parents,

The parish rejoices with you in the important spiritual events in the life of your child in the coming year. We are here to assist you and your child's teacher, in preparing and celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Your Family is a small Christian community often described as 'the domestic church'. From the early Christian communities, we can identify **five essential characteristics** which were common to the families of the early church, and which would strengthen our present-day families:



The Sacraments are moments that help and strengthen us on our spiritual pilgrimage through life.

1. Prayer was a regular part of the family routine.
 2. Family members talked quite freely about spiritual matters.
 3. There was a structure in the family which brought them together and kept them together.
 4. Families would reach out together with genuine Christian love.
 5. Families would gather in solidarity with other Christian families to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays (the Lord's day).
- The Gospel hasn't changed. These five points are as important today as they were 2000 years ago when the Church was developing its foundational values.

Bishop's Changes to Sacramental Policy: Lismore Diocese 2021

The Diocesan policy for the reception of the Sacraments follows -

Confirmation: From 2021 for Year 3. Confirmation begins the Sacramental program that completes the Rite of Initiation that began at Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation depends upon the Bishop's Calendar.

First Reconciliation: From 2021 for Year 4, will be celebrated in the *Season of Lent*, Term 1. Lent is an appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament as it is the season when we are reflecting on our lives in preparation to celebrate the great central Christian event of *Easter*.

First Holy Communion: From 2021 for Year 4, will be celebrated for children who have made their First Reconciliation. This Sacrament is received through the great gift of Jesus in the celebration of *The Eucharist - The Mass*.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion complete the Rite of Christian Initiation into the faith community. Those receiving these Sacraments begin their commitment to be actively involved in the life of the Christian faith. It is a time of rejoicing for the local Christian community as we celebrate who we are as a faith community.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates from other Dioceses or parishes may have received their Sacraments at different times. Please contact the school where these exceptions occur for your children. *Fr David*

Candidates Name

Father's full Name

Mother's full Maiden Name

Place and date of Birth

Place and date of Catholic Baptism - (attach copy)

School

Class

Home Address

Phone

Signature

Date

Closing Dates for Registration	
Reconciliation	Wed 12th Mar 2025
Confirmation	Wed 14th May 2025
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