

# **Sacramental Program 2010**

**Wyong Catholic Parish**



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## **Sacraments**



### **Baptism**

People are welcomed into the Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Through the waters of baptism the person enters more deeply into the life of God - Father, Son and Spirit - and enters into a relationship with the people of the church the body of Christ. The community also pledges itself to be united with the Baptised person.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes Baptism. The process of preparing for Confirmation involves accepting Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). It summons children and their parents to join others on the spiritual journey that began at Baptism. It challenges them to listen more closely to the Spirit, received at Baptism, as they hear again Jesus' message and the call to discipleship. It invites them to recall the meaning of their Baptism and to re-form attitudes and values in the light of their own story, the story of God in scripture and the church.

## **Reconciliation**

Forgiveness lies at the heart of our Christian faith. Jesus died that sins might be forgiven (Mt 26:28), and through the cross of Jesus, God reconciled us, "not holding our faults against us" (2Cor 5:19)

As with preparation for the other sacraments, it is the experience of the sacrament, in this case, the experience of forgiveness, that is central. The parent brings the child to this awareness. Within the unique relationship between parent and child, the sharing of this insight is particularly meaningful. The knowledge requirement is selective and simple: *that God forgives me when I say I am sorry*. It is the experience of forgiveness that is the focus.

## **First Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic life. It embodies in itself the fullness of the Christian mystery. It is the climax of our initiation as Christians. Each time we celebrate it, we express and affirm the faith that we professed in Baptism and Confirmation.

This important starting point is built round the experience of entering into a new relationship with the Catholic community; not just a personal experience, but a family experience. A framework is being established which will enable further growth to take place in the future.

## **Eligibility**

Confirmation is available to children in year 2 and above who have been baptized.

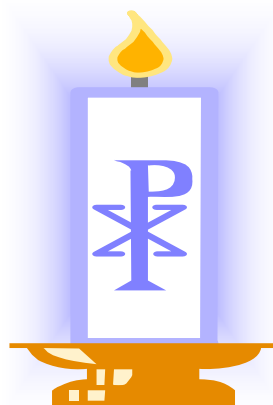
Reconciliation is available to children in years 3 and above who have been baptized and confirmed.

The First Eucharist is available to children in year 3 and above who have been baptized and confirmed and have made their Reconciliation.

### **Not baptized?**

Parents/Carers of Children seeking the sacraments, who have not been baptized, should contact the parish office. The Parish offers Baptism preparation programs for infants, school age children and adults.

Ph: 4352 1011.



## **The Sacramental Program**

Receiving the sacraments is a special time in our journey of faith. In order to assist and support children and their families, the parish has a comprehensive Sacramental Program to help prepare for these special events.

### ***Parent/Carers Information & Enrolment Night***

Parents/Carers seeking the receipt of the sacraments for their children are required to attend an information night. This is an opportunity for parents to obtain information about the sacrament, an overview of the content of the classes and a review of the sacramental ceremonies. There is also an opportunity for questions and discussion. The evening is aimed at parents and carers; children are not required to attend. Enrolment forms are completed on the night.

### ***Classes***

The classes provide the children with an understanding of the symbols, gifts and processes for receiving each sacrament. The classes are conducted in an informal, interactive group setting.





## **Reconciliation**

### ***Repentance – Saying Sorry***

#### **Parent information & enrolment nights:**

St Cecilia's                      7.30pm Tues 3 August

St John Fisher                  7.30pm Wed 4 August

#### **Classes**

Saturday 14/8/10    **Venue to be advised**

2pm to 4pm

or

Sunday 22/8/10    **Venue to be advised**

11am to 1pm        or            2pm to 4pm

Parents & children need to attend one session only.

#### **Reconciliation Ceremony:**

##### **St Cecilia's Church**

Wednesday 25/8/10

Saturday 28/8/10

##### **St John Fisher Mass Ctr**

Thursday 26/8/10

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## **First Eucharist**

### ***Eucharist - The Gift of Christ***

#### **Parent Information & enrolment nights:**

St Cecilia's 7.30pm Tues 19 Oct

St John Fisher 7.30pm Wed 20 Oct

#### **Classes**

Saturday 23/10/10 **Venue to be advised**

11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm

or

Sunday 31/10/10 **Venue to be advised**

2pm to 4pm

Parents & children need to attend one session

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation & Rehearsal**

St Cecilia's Church 5pm Wed 3rd November

St John Fisher 5pm Thurs 4th November

#### **First Eucharist Ceremony:**

During normal Sunday Masses on

Weekends of 6/7 & 13/14 November

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