

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to enrol your child in **Seeds of Faith – St Patrick’s Sacramental Program for 2026**, our parish-based program supporting children and families as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**.

The Seeds of Faith program is grounded in the belief that parents are the first educators of their children in faith. Our role as a parish is to walk alongside you, nurturing your child’s relationship with God and supporting your family on this important stage of your faith journey.

Program Structure and Dates

The 2026 Sacramental Program will consist of two preparation periods:

First Reconciliation – Term 1, 2026

- Preparation lessons commence **Week 2, Term 1**
- Six weeks of lessons, held **3:30pm–4:30pm in St Patrick’s Hall Meeting Room, afternoon tea provided.**
- **Week 1** will include a compulsory **parent session from 4:30pm–5:00pm**
- **Week 6** will be a **full-day preparation session**
- Weekly Mass attendance
- Celebration of the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation: Friday 27 March 2026 at 9:30am**, St Patrick’s Church

First Holy Communion – Term 2, 2026

- Preparation lessons commence **Week 1, Term 2**
- Six weeks of lessons, held **3:30pm–4:30pm in St Patrick’s Hall Meeting Room, afternoon tea provided.**
- **Week 1** will include a compulsory **parent session from 4:30pm–5:00pm**
- **Week 6** will be a **full-day preparation session**
- Weekly Mass attendance
- Celebration of **First Holy Communion: Vigil Mass, Saturday 30 May 2026 at 5:00pm**, St Patrick’s Church

Parish-Based Program

In accordance with the **directives and guidelines of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn** and the **Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn Education Limited**, the Sacramental Program is being offered as a **parish program**. Coordination of the 2026 program will be undertaken by Mrs Denise Reardon and Mrs Madeline Ryan.

Please note that the program is being offered earlier than in previous years in order to work around the availability of our priest, Fr Joe, who is currently serving as Administrator across five parishes.

Program Fees and Registration

A fee of **\$50 per sacrament** applies:

- \$50 for First Reconciliation (Term 1)
- \$50 for First Holy Communion (Term 2)

While the Sacraments themselves are a free and precious gift of the Church, these fees assist in covering the cost of resources and materials required to facilitate the program.

To enrol, parents are asked to:

1. Complete and sign the **registration form** (provided), and
2. Make payment to:

St Patrick's Parish Gundagai

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 14943

Reference: [SURNAME] SEEDS OF FAITH

A Final Word

We look forward to welcoming your family into the Seeds of Faith program and sharing in this sacred time of preparation and celebration. Together, as parish and families, we seek to plant and nurture seeds of faith that will continue to grow throughout your child's life.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish.

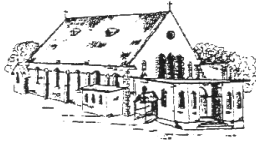
With every blessing,

Mrs Denise Reardon & Mrs Madeline Ryan

Sacramental Program Coordinators

Fr Joseph Neonbasu

Parish Administrator



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2026 REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATE:

FULL NAME: _____ SEX: MALE FEMALE

DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

PARISH OF BAPTISM: _____

Please contact the Parish Office if your child has not received the Sacrament of Baptism

PARENT 1:

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

RELIGION: _____

PARISH/CHURCH: _____

PARENT 2:

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

RELIGION: _____

PARISH/CHURCH: _____

We agree to maintain a supportive environment for our child through participating in the Sacrament preparation.
We have read and understand the details regarding preparation class dates and Mass times.

SIGN: PARENT 1 DATE

SIGN: PARENT 2 DATE

OFFICE USE ONLY		
BAPTISM CERTIFICATE SIGHTED	YES	NO
PARISH REGISTRATION CONFIRMED	YES	NO
PAYMENT RECEIVED	YES	NO