

# Catholic <sup>of</sup> Parishes North Mackay & Farleigh

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Dear parents and caregivers,


Children in Years 3 – 6 who have already been baptized into the Catholic Church complete their initiation through the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. In an experience of God's abundant mercy, they will also celebrate the sacrament of Penance.

The Sacramental Program for 2024 will commence just prior to Lent which next year begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Further information, including dates for preparation sessions and the celebration of the sacraments will be made available during Term 4.

For children who are aged over 7, who have not been baptized, we invite you to contact the parish office directly. As these children are of catechetical age, the decision to receive the sacraments is one that they make for themselves with the support, guidance, and encouragement of their parents. These children will follow a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation and ordinarily they would receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the one ceremony, normally at the Easter Vigil. Because of this, there is a significant commitment required by them and by you to participate in the formation necessary for them to be ready to be full initiated into the Catholic Church. Preparation for these children would also commence at the beginning of Lent.

For more information please don't hesitate to talk to your APRE or contact the parish office.

Yours sincerely,

  
Very Rev Andrew Hogan PP EV JCL

