

Children's Sacramental Preparation 2026



During 2026 preparation will be at either the Katoomba or Lawson Catholic communities.

The Family Centred formation of children in the Christian faith started when infants or children are welcomed into our Christian/ Catholic community through Baptism.

Baptism is the first step of Initiation into the Christian family where Jesus Christ resides in the heart of the community.

In our tradition, we have always accepted children as members of the family of Jesus. We have been guided by the Gospel when Jesus says "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them" (Mk:10)



It is in the family, where the children first learn about God. At Baptism, parents are taking the first steps in their commitment to bring up their children in the practice of the faith.

The parents are supported in this responsibility by the wider, Christian community including the Church's representatives, namely, the Godparents.

As the children grow they are invited to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of forgiveness- **Reconciliation** (*Confession*), followed some time later, by two more steps: the **Sacraments of Initiation**.
i.e. First Communion and Confirmation.

BAPTISM

If your infant or children are not Baptised and you would like them to be initiated into the Catholic Church , please contact the Sacramental Coordinator.

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The Parish Based Sacramental program

provides a way that both the community and the parents can continue to support children in their faith journey.

The parents, attend **parent evenings** for each Sacrament.

Here, they are given an adult perspective of the meanings of the Sacraments, as well as guidance in passing on the faith and knowledge to their children.

Small family group meetings provides child friendly, faith formation in ways that the children will understand and be well engaged.

As this time commitment can be difficult in our busy world, so, **families are encouraged to prioritise the dates provided**.

However, should such full participation not be possible, it is advised to postpone enrolment to the following year. In this case, consultation with the Sacramental Co-ordinator is strongly recommended.

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Is Your Child Ready?

Sometimes we question whether our children will understand the concepts involved, especially for First Reconciliation

It can sometimes be wise to postpone the preparation for a few of the children.

But, we need to remember that the program is especially designed for them and it is only a beginning in their journey of faith formation.

You are welcome to discuss your child's "readiness" with the Sacramental Co-ordinator

FIRST RECONCILIATION

For baptised children in year 3 or above

Parent Preparation Meetings

At St Canice's School Katoomba
Wed 21st October 6.30pm

Lawson Venue TBA
Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm

3 Family Group Meetings

_Katoomba Venue

Wed: 28th Oct, 4th Nov & 11th Nov
6pm-7pm at St Canice's School

Lawson Venue and times TBA
(Saturdays and/or Sundays)
31st Oct /1st Nov, 7th/8th Nov
& 14th/15th Nov

Fourth family group meeting

& Rehearsal for everyone

St Canice's Church Katoomba
6pm Wednesday 18th November

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 25th November

St Canice's Church Katoomba 6pm



FIRST COMMUNION

For baptised children in year 4 or above who have
celebrated their first Reconciliation

Parent Preparation Meetings

Katoomba Venue St Canice's School
Wed 22nd April 6.30pm

Lawson Venue TBA
Thursday 23rd April 7.30pm

4 Family Group Meetings

Katoomba Venue
St Canice's School 6pm
Wed: 6th 13th 20th 27th May

Lawson Venue and times TBA

Saturdays and/or Sundays
2nd/3rd & 16th/17th & 23rd/24th May

Note: additional new dates are 30th/31st May

Rehearsals and special liturgies

Katoomba
Wed 3rd June 6pm
at St Canice's Church

Our Lady of Nativity Church Lawson

Wed 10th June 4pm

First Communion Masses

At St Canice's Church Katoomba
Sunday Masses 6th and 7th June

At Lawson Church
Sunday Masses 5pm Sat 13th June
or 8.30am Sun 14th June
or a special First Communion Mass
10.30am Sunday 14th June

For Baptised young people Years 5 and 6 or above

Parent Preparation Meetings

Katoomba Venue St Canice's School
Wed 22nd July 6.30pm

Lawson Venue TBA
Thursday 23rd July 7.30pm

4 Family Group Meetings

Katoomba Venue
St Canice's School 6pm
Wed: 29th July 5th 12th 19th August

Lawson Venue and times TBA
Saturdays and/or Sundays
1st/2nd 8th/9th 15th/16th 22nd/23rd August

Rehearsals for everyone

at St Canice's Church Katoomba
Wednesday 26th August 6pm

Confirmation Mass

At St Canice's Church, Katoomba
Saturday 29th August at 10am
(And if needed, also at 12 noon)

To register your child for Confirmation
or Reconciliation in 2026

please contact the Sacramental Coordinator at
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include your child's name, address,
school & class.

(There will be NO Confirmation in 2027)