

**Lawson**  
**Wentworth Falls**  
**Leura**  
**Katoomba**  
**Blackheath**  
**Mt Victoria**  
**Megalong Valley**

## 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.**

**[olon254@gmail.com](mailto:olon254@gmail.com)**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> October 6.30pm**

**Lawson Venue TBA**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30pm**

### **3 Family Group Meetings**

**Katoomba Venue**

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

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

### **Fourth family group meeting**

**& Rehearsal for everyone**

**St Canice's Church Katoomba**  
**6pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 6.30pm**

**Lawson Venue TBA**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm**

### **4 Family Group Meetings**

**Katoomba Venue**

**St Canice's School 6pm**  
**Wed: 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Lawson Venue and times TBA**

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

*Note: **additional new** dates are 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May*

### **Rehearsals and special liturgies**

**Katoomba**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June 6pm**  
**at St Canice's Church**

**Our Lady of Nativity Church Lawson**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June 4pm**

## **First Communion Masses**

**At St Canice's Church Katoomba**  
**Sunday Masses 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June**

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

*For Baptised young people Years 5 and 6 or above*

### **Parent Preparation Meetings**

**Katoomba Venue St Canice's School**  
**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6.30pm**

**Lawson Venue TBA**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7.30pm**

### **4 Family Group Meetings**

**Katoomba Venue**

**St Canice's School 6pm**  
**Wed: 29<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

### **Rehearsal for everyone**

**at St Canice's Church Katoomba**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 6pm**

## **Confirmation Mass**

**At St Canice's Church, Katoomba**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

**olon254@gmail.com**

**include your child's name, address,**  
**school & class.**

**(There will be NO Confirmation in 2027)**