



St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

27th October 2023

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Dear Families,

Plympton parish celebrates Sacraments in line with Archdiocesan policy. Our approach is based on the understanding and acknowledgment that parents and families are the key faith educators of their children.

I am writing to remind you of our parish requirements for the celebration of the Sacraments. At Baptism you made a commitment to bring your children up in the practice of the faith. You are the first and best teachers for your children to live their Catholic Faith. Through you they can gain an experience of the Catholic Church by the way you live your lives and in the choices you make. Part of living the Catholic faith is the attendance at Mass, since it is the church into which you have had them initiated.

Our Sacramental Program involves the participation of children and their parents in this preparation and is a very special time for the children, their families and the whole parish community. In our family-based Sacramental Program, parents and children meet together with other families in small groups, undertaking small group activities, discussions and simple homework tasks over a period of a few weeks. In this way, small communities of families meet, get to know each other and celebrate together.

The Sacramental Program works closely with the schools through the APRIMs (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission). This has been a successful and positive experience in the past and one which we look forward to continuing in 2024. **The cost of the Program for 2024 is \$60.00.**

An interview with the parent(s)/carer(s) and the child with member of the Parish Sacramental Team is required. **Attendance at the interview and ALL sessions is a requirement of the program.** Interviews will be conducted throughout February 2024.

The Archdiocesan policy clearly states that **preparation** for the Sacraments is a requirement for **receiving** the Sacraments. In responding to this requirement you give your child every opportunity to not only experience the faith community, but also appreciate the sacredness of our Sacraments.

The Presentation Masses are scheduled at the St John the Baptist Church, Plympton for the weekend of:

- **Saturday – 6.00pm 24th February 2024**
- **Sunday – 10.00am 25th February 2024**

If you feel your child is ready to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, **please fill in the attached form** and **return to the Parish Office by 5th February 2024**, for the attention of Pastoral Associates.

Yours in Christ.
Fr Denis Ssemuju
Parish Administrator
Plympton Parish Community

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