

## RECONCILIATION

The Parish Reconciliation Program is available to children who are baptised in Year Three or above. Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness. All people are in need of forgiveness; this Sacrament provides us with the opportunity to experience God's healing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation should be received many times after the preparation for the first reception of the Sacrament.

### RECONCILIATION DATES

- Tuesday** 14th March  
(7pm parent/child)
- Tuesday** 21<sup>st</sup> March  
(7pm parent/child)
- Tuesday** 28<sup>th</sup> March  
(7pm)
- Tuesday** 4<sup>th</sup> April  
(7pm)

All sessions in St Brigid's School Hall, Gwynneville

**Thursday** 6<sup>th</sup> April  
(Retreat Day Good Samaritan School, Fairy Meadow during this day the children will receive the Sacrament)

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Body and Blood of Jesus!  
The source and summit of our  
Christian lives!

### EUCHARIST DATES

- Thursday** 17<sup>th</sup> August  
(7pm parent/child)
- Thursday** 24<sup>th</sup> August  
(7pm parent/child)
- Thursday** 31<sup>st</sup> August  
(7pm)
- Thursday** 7<sup>th</sup> September  
(7pm)
- Saturday** 16<sup>th</sup> September  
6 pm Mass (SJV)
- Sunday** 17<sup>th</sup> September  
9 am Mass (SBG)  
(Mass is for the Blessing & distribution of medals)

All sessions in St Brigid's School Hall,  
Gwynneville

**Retreat Day** 21<sup>st</sup> September  
(Good Samaritan School, Fairy Meadow)

### **First Communion**

Will be celebrated on the weekends in the  
months of  
September (following the retreat day)  
& October 2017  
in all of our Pastoral Region Churches

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## Lumen Christi Sacramental Program 2017



*Incorporating the Parishes*

- St Francis Xavier, Cathedral, Wollongong
- St John Vianney, Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow/Mater Dolorosa Balgownie
- St Brigid, Gwynneville

## Welcome to our Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program is

- Family Based
- Parish Coordinated
- School supported
- Catechist involved

We recognise that **parents are the first educators of children in the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church.** This promise is made by parents at the Baptism of each of their children. The parish assists parents to raise their children in the faith of the Catholic Church, which is the faith of their Baptism. Our schools provide valuable support and assistance in this endeavour.

In our Pastoral Region children receive the Sacraments at an age appropriate to their understanding:

Children in Year 3 receive Reconciliation and Eucharist; children in Year 6 receive Confirmation.



Baptism is the first Sacrament; it is the foundation of our Catholic-Christian lives. A person must have been Baptised into the Catholic Community - or formally received into the Church - before any other sacraments. A copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate is required for each candidate to complete the enrolment process.

### Sacramental Program Enrolment and Information Meeting for parents of all 2017 candidates:

Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7pm in  
Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School  
Hall, Fairy Meadow.

### ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAM

Each of the three Sacraments has two Adult Faith Formation Sessions for parents which coincide with the first two of the children's sessions. The Sacramental Program generally runs for 4 - 5 weeks. All mid week sessions will be held on the designated evenings at St Brigid's Gwynneville.

For the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist there is a weekend Mass for the blessing and distribution of medals.

**Attendance for both the parents and children at all sessions is compulsory.** The Church requires adequate preparation for the reception of the Sacraments.

A fee is charged which covers the costs of the program and the issuing of certificates and medals.

Fr Ron Peters (Administrator)  
Mrs Cathy Zamroz (Pastoral Associate)

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation completes what was begun at Baptism and, like Baptism, can only be received once. Confirmation is the opportunity for the young person to affirm their Catholic faith: he/she publicly proclaims that, graced by the Holy Spirit, they will continue to live as Catholics.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
(7pm parent/child)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
(7pm parent/child)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
(7pm)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
(7pm)

**Weekend** 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May  
(Mass. Blessing & distribution of medals during St John Vianney Vigil Mass at 6 pm & morning Mass St Brigid's 9 am only)

**Retreat Day** 1<sup>st</sup> June  
(Good Samaritan School, Fairy Meadow)

Confirmation Ceremonies  
will be held on

**The Feast of Pentecost**  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

