

Celebrating the Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday October 27th 4pm

All families are welcome to join us at the church for this important sacrament. There are no particular dress requirements although we ask the children not to wear shorts for this formal occasion.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Sunday November 18th 9am

We especially welcome families and extended families to celebrate this very special occasion. There will be a photographer so we ask that you do not take photos until after the ceremony.

The children are asked to wear formal clothes (traditionally trousers and white shirt for boys, and white dress for girls - ties and veils are optional). If this is going to be difficult for your family, please contact Msgr Trevor who may be able to assist you.

There will be a shared morning tea after the ceremony. You are welcome to bring a plate of food to contribute to this celebration.

Preparation Weekend Timetable

Friday 26 October 5:30pm-7pm		Parents
5:30	Introduction Session - Church	✓
6pm	Shared Dinner	✓
Saturday 27 October 9am-4pm		
9am	Confirmation Prep - Hall	
12pm	Lunch	
1pm	Reconciliation Prep	
4pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	✓
Sunday 28 October 9am-3:30pm		
9am	Mass with the Parish	✓
10:30	First Communion Prep	
12pm	Lunch	
1pm	First Communion Prep	
3pm	Conclusion	✓

Follow up sessions

There will be 3 follow up sessions held during school hours in the week leading up to November 18.

- 1 REGISTER**
Complete this form or register online at www.tongarirocatholic.nz
- 2 CONNECT**
Tongariro Catholic App and subscribe to the Sacramental Programme
- 3 PREPARE**
Choose a sponsor and a saint and come along to the preparation weekend
- 4 CELEBRATE**
Invite family and friends to celebrate this special day with us on November 18

Faith Adventurers: Sacramental Programme

Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation Preparation for Children aged 8 and over.



**Preparation weekend:
26-28 October 2018**

**Practice:
During School Time**

**Sacrament Celebration:
18 November 9am**

Registration Form

Return this to the Parish or School Office by October 19, or register online at www.tongarirocatholic.nz

Child's Details	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Date of Birth:	
Baptism Details	Date:
	Parish:
	Town:
Please Complete if Child has Already Received First Communion	
1st Communion	Date:
	Parish:
	Town:
Caregiver's Details	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Relationship to child:	
E-mail:	
Phone:	

I agree to attend the caregiver's preparation session on Friday 26th October

signed _____

Information for Children

This is the next step on a journey that began with your baptism. Together we will spend a weekend learning about the sacraments that you will be receiving and about how they will change your life - if you let them!

Reconciliation is about saying sorry to Jesus for the mistakes we make, and making it up.



First Communion is when we receive the Eucharist for the very first time.

Confirmation is when we receive the **Holy Spirit** in a very special way. We choose the name of a **saint** who



inspires us, and we choose a **sponsor** who can guide us in our Catholic Faith Journey.

Information for Caregivers

Thank you for registering your child for the sacramental preparation program. This is an important time in your child's life, a big step on their faith journey.

To recognise the significance of these sacraments and the preparation for them, we ask that you attend the sessions outlined on the timetable. In particular we ask that you come along on Friday October 27th to the Introduction Session. Siblings are welcome, and there will be a shared dinner after the session.

In preparation for the programme, we ask that you help your child choose:

- **A Saint's name.** Saints are people recognised by the church who are good examples of a Christian life. You can read about saints in books, or online: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- **A Confirmation Sponsor.** The sponsor must be a church-going catholic who has been confirmed themselves - someone the child can turn to with any questions and who can guide them in their faith journey. The sponsor must attend the ceremony on Sunday November 12th (we ask that they be there by 8:30am).