

# ST ANNE'S SEAFORD PARISH

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY 2018

St. Anne's Parish, Seaford conducts a parish based sacramental programme. The programme applies to all eligible students from the two parish primary schools plus eligible students from the parish who attend other schools (government/private school students).

This parish based programme also helps educate parents in their rights, duties, and responsibilities towards the faith of their children and of the Sacraments.

These Sacraments include: Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Baptism for Older School Age Children aged 7–12 years.

**The sacramental programme fundamentally involves attendance at Mass. Where this aspect of the programme proves difficult for a family please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment with Fr. Benneth.**

The following provides a brief overview of what is required:

1. An enrolment acceptance weekend when children and their families make a public commitment to attend Mass at weekends. Children are required to bring up their enrolment slips during Mass as part of this public commitment. Fr. Benneth will formally accept these enrolment slips and acknowledge the commitment that they represent.
2. At the end of each Mass, children will be given homework sheets to complete.
3. Homework sheets are to be completed and returned the following week. These sheets will be presented to Fr. Benneth at the end of Mass, who will correct all homework sheets during the week.
4. At the end of Mass the children will be given homework to be returned the following week.
5. There will also be ongoing sessions for children run by Fr. Benneth to educate the children in their faith development throughout the year.
6. There is a fee of \$100.00 to cover administration costs payable at the time of enrolment. If a family is currently contributing to the parish thanksgiving the fee is \$50.00. **If a family is unable to meet the cost of the sacramental programme please let Fr. Benneth know.**
7. Children may receive only one Sacrament per calendar year.
8. Sacraments are to be celebrated in the following order:
  - **Baptism**
  - **Reconciliation**
  - **Eucharist**
  - **Confirmation**
9. Parents are also required to attend an Adult Education Programme so that they can assist in their child's preparation of the Sacraments. Details of the Adult Education Programme for each Sacrament will be forwarded to parents via the parish bulletin and parish schools for those children who are eligible to receive Sacraments this year. We encourage you to attend.
10. Fundamentally it is a parent's responsibility to pass on the faith to their children. The school also plays their role in this regards.
11. The parish will assist you in this endeavour but it is ultimately your responsibility to bring up your child in the practice of the faith.