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## The Sacramental Programme for 2022 St Cecilia's & St John the Baptist Parishes

Dear Parents,

Now that your child is in Year Three, he/she has reached that stage in his/her life that the Diocese of Geraldton sees as the appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Through the sacramental programme in our parishes we wish to see the continuation of the Life of Grace started at his/her baptism. This should mark a growth stage in his/her faith as well as demonstrate a further commitment to the Faith Community which gathers regularly in worship of God and service to our brothers and sisters.

Through the Sacraments we want your child to enter more deeply the mystery of Christ; to deepen the sense of belonging to God and the Church; to allow the sacrament to be a channel of God's Gifts and provide an opportunity for him/her to receive specific instruction in the faith.

Your child is still very much dependent on his/her parents and the sacrament will only have meaning and relevance when it flows from a family life where faith in Christ and Christian values are experienced and explicitly witnessed to. So, if we are to enrol your child in this year's sacramental programme we would expect to see, on the part of the parents, an active participation in the worship and social dimension of the Catholic Community in Hedland.

At each stage of the programme there should be a commitment of the parents of the children to attend and participate in Mass each weekend to receive family preparation activities as well meetings and other instructions which deepen the understanding of the different sacraments being administered. Also, the programme asks that parents publicly express a commitment to participate fully in the preparation of the children for the sacraments by joining in an enrolment ceremony at the Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Please complete the enclosed form if you wish to enrol your child in the 2022 First Reconciliation sacramental programme and agree to meet the requirements outlined above. **Please return the completed form to your local parish on the weekend of Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 August. Enrolment Mass will take place on Saturday 27 August and Sunday 28 August, at your local parish.**

Yours Sincerely

*Fr Edward Khaemba C.S.Sp.*

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