

PARENTS' PRAYER

*Loving God,
We give you thanks
for having given us children.*

*They are our joy,
and we accept with serenity
the concerns, fears, and labours
which bring us worry.*

*Help us to love them sincerely.
Through us, you gave life to them;
from eternity you knew them
and loved them.*

*Give us the wisdom to guide them,
patience to teach them,
vigilance to accustom them
to the good
through our example.*

*Send your Holy Spirit daily
to lead and guide us.*

*Ever assist us to grow
in wisdom and gentleness,
in grace and knowledge,
in kindness, compassion and love.*

*Help us never to hold on
too tightly to this child,
nor neglect our responsibilities
before You as a parent.*

*Teach us and help us, Loving God,
through the Grace of Jesus,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.*

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UPPER MT GRAVATT WISHART CATHOLIC PARISH

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF CHILDREN OF
CATECHETICAL AGE
[PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM]**



**ST BERNARD'S CHURCH
UPPER MT GRAVATT
ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH,
WISHART
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH,
EIGHT MILE PLAINS**

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

Our parish places a great deal of energy and emphasis on young people's initiation into the Catholic Church.

CICCA is based on welcoming and forming strong relationships for the whole family of children preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of First Holy Communion at Mass. The whole community celebrates each of the steps along the way. In our parish there are **three 'stages'**.

Stage One engages the family and supports them through an inquiry stage. During this time children are **registered** by their parents and through immersion in the community they begin the journey towards formal preparation and full initiation.

After discernment of readiness by the child, the parents and pastor, each child is then invited by the pastor to begin **Stage Two** of the journey.

They are then **enrolled** during a simple ritual at the weekend Masses and begin the formal program preparing them for the sacraments.

Finally, in **Stage Three** the children prepare for and celebrate the Liturgies and rituals of Confirmation and First Communion becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

If you would like your children to begin formal preparation in Stage Two, **they need to be registered and begin Stage One approximately six months prior.**

WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS?

Sacraments of Initiation

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing

- Penance
- Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Commitment

- Marriage
- Holy Orders

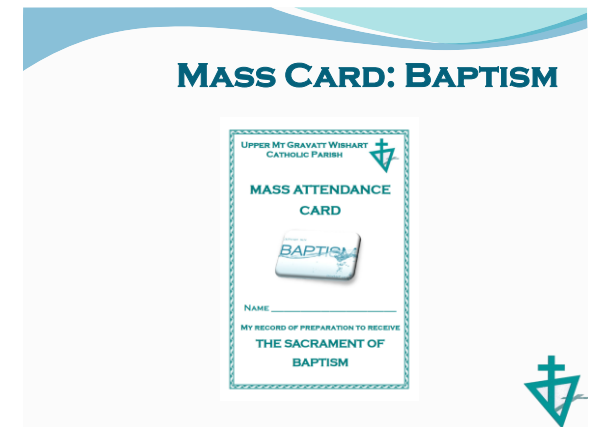
UMGW SACRAMENT POLICY

- ❖ **Parish based: Role of Parish**
 - Lifelong Faith formation
 - Preparing adults and children to receive the Sacraments
 - Sacramental Celebration
- ❖ **Family Centred: Role of family**
 - Preparation
 - Role modelling in the faith
- ❖ **Role of the Catholic School/Kids Catechetical Capers**
 - Formal Christian education

If you wish to register your child in the Sacrament Program, please call Michelle in the parish office from 9am-3pm Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday Ph 07 3849 7158.

STAGE ONE:

Once a parent and child show interest in preparing for the sacraments of initiation they may contact the parish office and register their child. If the child is not Baptised they will receive a Mass Card to indicate they wish to prepare for Baptism. Readiness for this Sacrament is discerned by the parent, child and Pastor.



If a child is Baptised they receive a Mass Card indicating that they are preparing for Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance

