



CICCA PROGRAM

CICCA stands for **C**hristian **I**nitation of **C**hildren of **C**atechetical **A**ge.

The program prepares children for the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Confirmation & Eucharist.

Our Parish CICCA program runs twice yearly.

Round One: February - May

Round Two: To be advised

Step 1: Register your interest

- Phone the parish office on 3849 7158 or email sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au to register your child's details and obtain a Mass Card from our Parish Priest
- Have the card signed by the priest each time your family attends Saturday or Sunday Mass in this parish.

- The Mass Card helps our priests get to know the names of the children preparing for the sacraments.
- Parents/carers have regular contact with the parish priest to discuss how their child is progressing towards enrolment in the program.
- The parish community prays for and supports the children and their families at this time.

Step 2: Enrolment in the Program

- Enrolment in the CICCA program is by invitation only from our Parish Priest.
- Once the child is discerned to be ready, the child and their parents will be invited into the formal program.

- Parents/carers will be invited to an information evening to hear about the program in detail and receive the timetable of workshops & ceremonies.
- Children will be formally enrolled into the program during a simple ritual at Saturday or Sunday Mass with their parish community.
- Over the duration of the program, parents/carers and children attend four evening workshops focussing on the sacraments of:
 - 1. Baptism
 - 2. Penance
 - 3. Confirmation
 - 4. Eucharist
- Workshops are approx. 1 hour and involve age-appropriate activities, prayer, discussion and music.

Step 3: Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist

- Finally the liturgies & rituals of **Confirmation** (with the Bishop) and **First Eucharist** (with the parish priests at Saturday/Sunday Masses) are celebrated.
- A simple age-appropriate **Rite of Penance** is celebrated with a liturgy at the Penance Workshop.
 - Preparation for the **1st Rite of Reconciliation** is offered at a later stage, to children 10 years and older.

Parish Priest: Fr Rony Chacko

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