

# All Saints Parish Albany Creek

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Dear Parents,

In keeping with Pope Francis call, our parish is moving towards becoming a more missionary parish. That is, to act intentionally on the call of our baptism to be active disciples of Jesus.

This means it is not business as usual. Many of our parish practices are being re-examined, including our sacramental process. This is to ensure that we journey together as the Lord wishes, within the Church, whilst meeting the pastoral needs of those who come to us. We warmly welcome all parishioners to see the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) not so much as a *programme* but more of a *process* forming a community of committed, passionate disciples. An ongoing process which is family centred, parish based, and school supported.

We are moving away from our past programme-style format and moving towards an ongoing, family-friendly process without specific beginning and end dates. Experiencing Jesus regularly in the Mass and connecting with the worshipping community will be at the heart of becoming fully initiated disciples.

We are excited to be able to further explain the process at two parent information sessions in the church on Sunday, February 14: one at 10.30am and one at 7pm. Due to Covid restrictions on numbers, we are inviting you to book through TryBooking to attend the session of your choice by following this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOLXI> *These sessions will be of interest to all parents who desire these sacraments for their children at any time in the future.*

These sessions will include explanations of:

- what it means to encounter Jesus and be initiated as a disciple of his
- why attending Mass and connection with the worshipping community is at the heart
- the steps in the new process
- your role in the process
- the role of the worshipping community

The All Saints School community is a wonderful part of our parish and provides an excellent Catholic education for the children, but is not responsible for celebrating Sunday Mass or initiation. That is the joyful commitment of the worshipping community of All Saints Parish. Therefore, any questions need to be directed to either our Parish Priest, Fr Josekutty Vadakkal ([vadakkelj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vadakkelj@bne.catholic.net.au)) or our Sacramental and Pastoral Coordinator, Anne Frawley-Mangan ([albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au)), who will happily assist you.

We look forward to accompanying you on this exciting new venture as the children of our parish journey towards full initiation as committed disciples of Jesus.

God bless,

Fr Josekutty Vadakkal CMI

and

Anne Frawley-Mangan