



Offering Mass for Our Loved Ones

In the Catholic Church, the **offering of Mass** for loved ones, whether living or deceased, is a deeply spiritual practice that carries profound significance. Catholics believe that the Mass is a powerful prayer and a means of interceding on behalf of others. The act of offering the Mass for someone is not only an act of love but also a way to invoke God's grace upon them.

The Tradition of Offering Mass

The tradition of offering Mass for others dates back to the early Church. From the time of the Apostles, Christians have understood the importance of praying for one another, especially in the context of the Eucharistic sacrifice. The celebration of the Mass is the highest form of prayer in the Church, and it is a fitting way to intercede for others.

For the Living: Offering a Mass for someone living, whether for their health, success, protection, or spiritual growth, is a powerful act of charity. Catholics believe that the prayers and graces derived from the celebration of the Eucharist can assist those who are struggling or in need of God's intervention.

For the Deceased: In the Catholic tradition, the Church offers Masses for those who have passed away, and on special days such as the anniversary of their death. Catholics believe that the souls of the deceased may benefit from the Mass, especially if they are in Purgatory, awaiting final purification before entering Heaven.

The offering of Mass for the dead stems from the belief in the Communion of Saints - the spiritual bond between the Church on Earth, in Purgatory, and in Heaven. The Mass helps these souls receive grace, comfort, and a deeper union with God.

Why Offer Mass for Our Loved Ones?

There are several important reasons why offering Mass for loved ones is considered both a powerful and beneficial practice in the Catholic faith.

1. The Power of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

The **Eucharist** is the body and blood of Christ, offered to God the Father as a perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. When a Mass is offered for someone, the graces of the Eucharist are applied to them. The Eucharistic sacrifice is the most powerful prayer and intercession available, as it unites the Church with Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

Living Loved Ones: Offering Mass for someone who is ill, facing trials, or going through difficult times can provide spiritual support, healing, and peace. Through the Eucharist, the person may experience God's presence and love, helping them face their struggles with strength and hope.

Deceased Loved Ones: Offering Mass for the deceased is an expression of love and mercy, as it is believed that it helps their souls progress toward Heaven. The Church teaches that prayers and sacrifices can assist souls in Purgatory, and the Mass is a particularly powerful means of doing so.

2. A Spiritual Work of Mercy

The **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of kindness and charity that Christians are encouraged to practice. Offering Mass for the living or the deceased is considered a Spiritual Work of

Mercy, as it is an act of intercessory prayer on behalf of others.

For the Living: Offering Mass for someone is a way of caring for them spiritually, helping them grow in their relationship with God and receive His guidance.

For the Deceased: For those who have died, offering Mass is an act of mercy that assists in their journey to eternal life, helping them experience God's mercy and love. It is a way to fulfil the Christian command to "pray for the living and the dead."

3. The Communion of Saints

Catholics believe in the Communion of Saints, which is the spiritual unity between all members of the Church - those on Earth, in Purgatory, and in Heaven. When Mass is offered for someone, the graces of the Mass are not just for the individual but also benefit the larger community of believers. The deceased are not forgotten, and the living are spiritually uplifted.

Unity in Prayer: Offering Mass for a loved one is a reminder that the Church exists as a community bound by prayer. The Church, through its prayers, works to bring healing, peace, and grace to those in need.

4. A Deep Expression of Love

Offering Mass for someone is one of the most meaningful ways to express love and concern for them. It is a form of sacrificial love, as the Eucharist represents the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. By offering the Mass for another, you are joining in the love Christ showed for humanity, interceding on their behalf and asking God to pour out His grace upon them.

For the Living: It is a way of showing deep care and concern for a person's well-being, both physically and spiritually.

For the Deceased: Offering Mass for someone who has passed away shows ongoing love and remembrance. It is an act of honouring their memory and seeking God's grace for them.

Benefits of Offering Mass for Loved Ones

Spiritual Strength and Healing: The Mass is a source of grace that strengthens the soul, whether the person is living or deceased. For the living, it can bring healing, peace, and fortification in times of difficulty. For the deceased, it can help bring purification and progression toward eternal life.

Comfort and Hope: The act of offering Mass for a loved one provides comfort, knowing that God's grace is being invoked on their behalf. This brings hope, especially in times of grief, knowing that the Church is praying for them.

A Source of Intercession: The Mass serves as a powerful prayer of intercession. The celebration of the Eucharist invokes the merits of Christ's sacrifice and applies them to the person for whom the Mass is being offered.

Fostering a Connection with the Church: Offering Mass strengthens one's connection to the Church, as it aligns individuals with the universal prayer of the Church, both in the celebration of the Mass and in the Communion of Saints.

Offering Mass for our loved ones - whether they are living or deceased - is a cherished and important tradition in the Catholic faith. It is a powerful act of intercession, a profound expression of love, and a source of great grace. Whether we seek healing for the living or peace for the deceased, offering the Mass on their behalf unites us in prayer, brings us closer to the heart of God, and extends the love of Christ to those we care for. Through the Mass, we participate in the greatest act of mercy and love, helping to guide others on their spiritual journey.

Fr Dariusz SDS



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / RCIC

NON-BAPTISED SCHOOL STUDENT OVER 7 YS OF AGE, WHO IS THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC.

Introduction session – OBLIGATORY

8th March (Saturday) from 3.30pm

(Parents and Child to attend. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this meeting, including an enrolment - online).

Sessions (To attend one session a week)

Saturdays, 3.30pm			
8 th March	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March

Venue: St Luke's Parish Centre

It is important to note that attendance at Mass each weekend for the duration of the course is expected.

Cost: \$35 (A part of the sacramental fee helps buy items for the parish)

Presentation Weekend - at all Masses

Saturday, 29th & Sunday, 30th March

(Candidate with parents to attend one of the Masses during the weekend.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday, 6th April during 9am Mass

at St Luke's Church, Revesby

THANKSGIVING MASS (CERTIFICATES)

Saturday, 12th April at 9am Mass

- Please note that dates and times may be altered due to Parish circumstances. All changes will be published.



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The Catholic sacramental journey is a special path for your child to grow spiritually through Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's an opportunity to deepen our faith, connect with God, and become active members of the Church community.

While the parish and schools provide valuable teaching support, parents are really the ones who have the most influence in preparing their children and presenting them for the reception of the Sacraments.

IMPORTANT:

Parent(s) and candidate(s) are expected to attend the Prayer & Education evening, the weekly lessons (including any practice sessions or retreat evenings) and commitment to the weekend. As part of that commitment, it is also required that the child/family will regularly attend weekend mass.

IF CHILD WAS ADOPTED.

If your child was adopted, it is necessary to present the adoption decree, which includes the name of the court that entered the adoption order and the date of the order. A copy will be made.



Sacramental Program 2025



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Sacramental Coordinator via email: sacraments@stlukesrevesby.com

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE



WEEKEND

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7.30am; 9am and 6pm

WEEKDAY

Mon, Wed, Thur & Friday – 9.15am

Tuesday – 7pm

1st Friday – 9.15am & 7.30pm Healing Masses

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thur & Friday 8.30am – 4pm

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St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Revesby



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISED CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 OR ABOVE
AFTER COMPLETING RECONCILIATION

Prayer & Education Session – OBLIGATORY

7th May (Wednesday) from 7 - 8 pm

(Parents and Child to attend. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this meeting, including an enrolment - online).

Commitment Weekend - at all Masses

Saturday, 10th & Sunday, 11th May

(Candidate with parents to attend one of the Masses during the weekend.)

Sessions (To attend one session a week)

Mon, 7pm	Wed, 7pm	Fri, 3:45pm
12 th May	14 th May	16 th May
19 th May	21 st May	23 rd May
26 th May	28 th May	30 th May
2 nd June	4 th June	6 th June

Retreat Day - Saturday 14th June
10.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: St Luke's Parish Church

It is important to note that attendance at Mass each weekend for the duration of the course is expected.

Cost: \$45 (A part of the sacramental fee helps buy items for the parish)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 22nd June 11.30am & 2pm

at St Luke's Church, Revesby

THANKSGIVING MASS (CERTIFICATES)

Sat, 28th June at 5pm Mass

• Please supply a copy of your child's Baptism certificate at the time of registration this Sacrament. If evidence of having previously received a sacrament cannot be provided, please speak to the Sacramental team.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

BAPTISED CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 OR ABOVE
AFTER COMPLETING RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Prayer & Education Session – OBLIGATORY

30th July (Wednesday) from 7 - 8 pm

(Parents and Child to attend. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this meeting, including an enrolment - online).

Commitment Weekend - at all Masses

Saturday, 2nd & Sunday, 3rd August

(Candidate with parents to attend one of the Masses during the weekend.)

Sessions (To attend one session a week)

Mon, 7pm	Wed, 7pm	Fri, 3:45pm
4 th Aug	6 th Aug	8 th Aug
11 th Aug	13 th Aug	15 th Aug
18 th Aug	20 th Aug	22 th Aug
25 th Aug	27 th Aug	29 th Aug

Venue: St Luke's Parish Church

It is important to note that attendance at Mass each weekend for the duration of the course is expected.

Cost: \$50 (A part of the sacramental fee helps buy items for the parish)

RETREAT

Saturday 6th September 10.30am – 1.30pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday 14th September, St Luke's Church, Revesby

THANKSGIVING MASS (CERTIFICATES)

Saturday 20th September at 5pm Mass

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BAPTISED CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN YEAR 2 OR ABOVE

Prayer & Education Session – OBLIGATORY

20th October (Monday) from 7 - 8 pm

(Parents and Child to attend. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this meeting, including an enrolment - online).

Commitment Weekend - at all Masses

Saturday, 25th & Sunday, 26th October

(Candidate with parents to attend one of the Masses during the weekend.)

Sessions (To attend one session a week)

Mon, 7pm	Wed, 7pm	Fri, 3:45pm
27 th Oct	29 th Oct	31 st Oct
3 th Nov	5 th Nov	7 th Nov
10 th Nov	12 th Nov	14 th Nov

Retreat Day - Saturday 15th November
10.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: St Luke's Parish Church

It is important to note that attendance at Mass each weekend for the duration of the course is expected.

Cost: \$45 (A part of the sacramental fee helps buy items for the parish)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Monday, 17th November at 7pm

at St Luke's Church, Revesby

THANKSGIVING MASS (CERTIFICATES)

Sat, 22nd November at 5pm Mass

• Please supply a copy of your child's Baptism certificate at the time of registration this Sacrament. If evidence of having previously received a sacrament cannot be provided, please speak to the Sacramental team.

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