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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the **St John's Parish Sacramental Dates for 2022** - Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation), Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion).

It is very important that parents and carers are very aware of the dates and expectations for each sacramental programme. It is part of your responsibility in preparing your child for a sacrament that priority is given to this. Please understand it will be very difficult to make changes once enrolment dates have passed.

Due to COVID-19, sacramental dates/procedures may need to change if Government regulations and/or the Bishop's directives change. We are hopeful, though, that if further restrictions are lifted, the preparation program will run similar to how it has in previous years prior to COVID. If restrictions remain similar to how they are now though, we may need to make further modifications in order that children can still receive these important sacraments. This may include small groups, limited family members attending and a shorter ceremony.

Children must be in Year 3 or above (and have been baptised) to make the **Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)**.

Children must be in Year 3 or above (and have made their First Penance) to make the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Eucharist)**.

Children must be in Year 6 or above (and made their First Communion) to make the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Please note, children must have the support of **both** parents in order to enrol for a sacrament.

We look forward to assisting you in this important journey with your child. Please contact Fr Francis or Mrs Maguire if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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2022 RECONCILIATION (FIRST PENANCE) SACRAMENTAL DATES

To enrol for a sacrament, your child needs to be a **baptised Catholic** and must have **at least one parent who is Catholic**. If you (the parent) is Catholic and your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised in another Christian faith but not received into the Catholic Church and you would like them to be, you will need to contact the parish office (Ph: 4261 1315) to make an appointment to see Father Francis.

Attendance at the Parent Night for all Sacraments is a compulsory requirement when enrolling your child for a sacrament. If you are unable to make this night, you will need to contact the parish office (well before the date) so that we can make other arrangements.

RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE (FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 OR OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTISED CATHOLICS)	DATES
<p>ENROLMENT WEEKENDS After the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or at any of the Sunday Masses, on any of the weekends indicated, parents will collect an Enrolment Sheet and record their child's name on the sheets at the back of the church.</p> <p>*COVID MODIFICATION – DUE TO RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS, ENROLMENT FORMS WILL BE ALSO GIVEN OUT THROUGH ST JOHN'S SCHOOL.</p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 12th and 13th February 19th and 20th February</p>
<p>PARENT NIGHT This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament and reinforce the importance of adequate preparations for the sacrament. <i>On this night, parents bring back Enrolment Sheet, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish).</i></p> <p>*COVID MODIFICATION – PLEASE REMEMBER A MASK AND TO SOCIAL DISTANCE.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th February 6pm</p>
<p>COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30am or Sunday 6pm Mass, parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will collect the child's Lesson Booklet. Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.</p>	<p>26th and 27th February</p>
<p>THE PROGRAMME This programme runs for 8 weeks beginning with the enrolment weekends. The children and their parent/s are asked to be at mass every weekend during this time. At the end of mass on the weekends listed, the child/parent presents the booklet with the lesson/s completed to one of the parishioners/teachers at the back door to the side of the church where the completed lessons will be stamped/signed. If you have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Shirlie Druery (Catechist) shirliedruery@bigpond.com Ernestina Leonard (Catechist) leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au OR Renee Maguire (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) maguier02@dow.catholic.edu.au</p> <p>*COVID MODIFICATION – CANDIDATES MAY ALSO BRING THEIR BOOKLET TO SCHOOL EACH MONDAY TO BE STAMPED. THAT IS, MONDAY 7TH MARCH, MONDAY 14TH MARCH, MONDAY 21ST MARCH AND MONDAY 28TH MARCH.</p>	<p>Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 5th and 6th March 12th and 13th March 19th and 20th March 26th and 27th March</p>
<p>WORKSHOP DAY Held at St John's Parish School. This day will include a practice for the Sacrament. Non-St John's students will work with the catechists on this day. This day will include one of the afternoon lessons.</p> <p>*COVID MODIFICATION – DEPENDING ON THE RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME, THE WORKSHOP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN CLOSER TO THE DATE.</p>	<p>Thursday 31st March 8:30am – 2:40pm (St John's students) 9:00am - 2:30pm (non-St John's students)</p>
<p>AFTER SCHOOL LESSON (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Meeting Room (Parish Office Building) Candidates are to attend both sessions</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd March - 4:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday 31st March (as part of the workshop day)</p>
<p>RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE St John's Parish Church. Please arrive at 5:45pm.</p> <p>*COVID MODIFICATION – DEPENDING ON THE RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME, THE CEREMONY MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN CLOSER TO THE DATE. <i>Please note – If a second ceremony is needed, we will try to allow preferences for dates, however the ceremonies need to be similar in number. You will be given a chance at a later date to give your preference.</i></p>	<p>Thursday 7th April 6:00pm</p>

2022 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST) SACRAMENTAL DATES

To enrol for a sacrament, your child needs to be a **baptised Catholic** and must have **at least one parent who is Catholic**. If you (the parent) is Catholic and your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised in another Christian faith but not received into the Catholic Church and you would like them to be, you will need to contact the parish office (Ph: 4261 1315) to make an appointment to see Father Francis. To receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, candidates must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Attendance at the Parent Night for all Sacraments is a compulsory requirement when enrolling your child for a sacrament. If you are unable to make this night, you will need to contact the parish office (well before the date) so that we can make other arrangements.

Please note – modifications may need to be made based on COVID restrictions at the time

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 OR OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTISED CATHOLICS AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)	DATES
ENROLMENT WEEKENDS After the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or at any of the Sunday Masses, on any of the weekends indicated, parents will collect an Enrolment Sheet and record their child's name on the sheets at the back of the church.	Saturday/Sunday 23rd and 24th July 30th and 31st July
PARENT NIGHT This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament and reinforce the importance of adequate preparations for the sacrament. <i>On this night, parents bring back Enrolment Sheet, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish and has not received any other sacraments at St John's).</i>	Thursday 4th August 6pm
COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9:30am Mass, parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will collect the child's Lesson Booklet. Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.	Saturday/Sunday 6th and 7th August
THE PROGRAMME This First Holy Communion programme runs for 8 weekends beginning with the enrolment weekends. Candidates and their parents/carers are asked to be at Mass every weekend during this time. If you need to be at Mass at a different parish on any of these weekends, please write the name of the parish and get the priest to sign at the back of your book. At the end of mass on the weekends listed, the candidate presents their booklet with the lesson/s completed to one of the parishioners/teachers at the back side door of the church where the completed lessons will be stamped/signed. If you are unable to be at church on a particular weekend, then you will need to contact the parish office to make other arrangements. If you have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Shirlie Druery (Catechist) shirliedruery@bigpond.com Ernastina Leonard (Catechist) leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au OR Renee Maguire (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) maguirer02@dow.catholic.edu.au	Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 13th and 14th Aug. 20th and 21st Aug. 27th and 28th Aug. 3rd and 4th Sep.
RECONCILIATION It is necessary that each candidate receives the sacrament of Reconciliation in the days/weeks before receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Students from St John's Parish School will have the opportunity to receive Reconciliation at school in the weeks leading up to Confirmation. However, if a child is away from school on this day, they will need to receive Reconciliation on Friday 2nd September, along with the children from other schools.	Friday 2nd September 5pm
WORKSHOP DAY Held at St John's Parish School. This day will include a practice for the Sacrament.	Thursday 25th August 8:30am – 2:40pm
AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Meeting Room (Parish Office Building)	Wednesday's 4-5pm 10th August 17th August
PRACTISES FOR THE CEREMONIES (For ALL First Holy Communion candidates) St John's Parish Church Children must attend both practices.	Wednesday's 4-5pm 24th and 31st August
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION St John's Parish Church Children will meet in the St John's Library half an hour before the ceremony commences. <i>Please note – We will try to allow preferences for dates, however the ceremonies need to be similar in number. You will be given a chance at a later date, to give your preference.</i>	Thurs. 8th Sep. 6pm Fri. 9th Sep. 6pm Sat. 10th Sep. 10:30am

2022 CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL DATES

To enrol for a sacrament, children need to be a **baptised Catholic** and must have **at least one parent who is Catholic**. If you (the parent) is Catholic and your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised in another Christian faith but not received into the Catholic Church and you wish them to be, you will need to contact the parish office (Ph: 4261 1315) to make an appointment to see Father Francis.

Attendance at the Parent Night for all Sacraments is a compulsory requirement when enrolling your child for a sacrament. If you are unable to make this night, you will need to contact the parish office (well before the date) so that we can make other arrangements.

Please note – modifications may need to be made based on COVID restrictions at the time.

CONFIRMATION (FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 OR OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTISED CATHOLICS)	DATES
<p>ENROLMENT WEEKENDS After the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or at any of the Sunday Masses, on any of the weekends indicated, parents will collect an Enrolment Sheet and record their child's name on the sheets at the back of the church.</p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 2nd and 3rd April 26th and 27th March</p>
<p>PARENT NIGHT This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament and reinforce the importance of adequate preparations for the sacrament. Confirmation workbooks will be given out on this night. <i>On this night, parents bring back completed Enrolment Form, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish and has not received any other sacraments at St John's).</i></p>	<p>Thursday 28th April 6pm</p>
<p>COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9:30am Mass, parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will collect the child's Lesson Booklet. Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.</p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 30th April 1st May</p>
<p>THE PROGRAMME This Confirmation programme runs for 8 weekends beginning with enrolment. Candidates and their parents/carers are encouraged to come to Mass every weekend during this time. At the end of mass on the weekends listed, the candidate presents their booklet with the lesson/s completed to one of the parishioners/teachers at the back side door of the church where the completed lessons will be stamped/signed. If you are unable to be at church on a particular weekend, then you will need to contact the parish office to make other arrangements. If you have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Shirlie Druery (Catechist) shirliedruery@bigpond.com Ernestina Leonard (Catechist) leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au OR Renee Maguire (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) maguirer02@dow.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th May 14th and 15th May 21st and 22nd May 28th and 29th May</p>
<p>RECONCILIATION It is necessary that all candidates receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in the days/weeks before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. St John's Parish School Students will have the opportunity to receive Reconciliation at school just before Confirmation. However, if a child is away from school on this day, they will need to receive Reconciliation on Friday 27th May, along with the children from other schools.</p>	<p>Friday 27th May 5pm</p>
<p>WORKSHOP DAY Held in St John's Parish Hall or Year 6 Classrooms. Completed Saints projects need to be brought to this day – more information will be given regarding this at the Parent Information Night.</p>	<p>Thursday 26th May 8:30am – 2:40pm</p>
<p>AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS (for state school children only) Held in the Church.</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th May Wednesday 11th May 4pm – 5pm</p>
<p>PRACTISES FOR THE CEREMONIES (For ALL Confirmation candidates) St John's Parish Church. Children must attend both practices.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th May Wednesday 25th May 4pm – 5pm</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION - St John's Parish Church. Children will meet in the St John's Library at 6:30pm <i>Please note – We will try to allow preferences for dates, however the ceremonies need to be similar in number. You will be given a chance at a later date, to give your preference.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 1st June Thursday 2nd June 7:00pm</p>