

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: Shirlye 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	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