



28 February 2017

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION

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Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion will be celebrated this year during the following Parish Masses.:

***Saturday 17 June at 2.30pm.***  
***Saturday 17 June at 5.00pm***  
***Sunday 18 June at 10.00am.***

Baptised Catholic children who have made their First Reconciliation are invited to enrol in the Parish based Sacramental Program to prepare for their reception of First Holy Communion.

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion please complete the attached Enrolment Form and return it **to the Parish Office by Friday 31 March 2017**. The Office is open Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm. You will be welcomed by Margaret. Outside these times forms may be safely placed in the black security box to the left of the screen door at the Parish Centre.

**An Enrolment Information night is to be held on Wednesday 10 May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. It is essential that at least one parent attend this meeting.**

Children do not have to attend. If you anticipate any difficulties, please inform us in writing when returning this form to the Parish Office.

**Registration does not automatically mean your child is enrolled in the program.** To confirm your child's registration please attend a **Rite of Enrolment Mass on the weekend 13/14 May. At Mass Fr Paul will ask the children to bring forward the outline of the hand sheet (see attached) which they are to colour in beforehand. This 'hand' is their commitment to wanting to learn more about Jesus.**

This year group lessons of 10 will be held in the Parish Hall or Parish Centre. Each group will have a group leader and complete a work book endorsed by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Please nominate your preference for lesson session time on the attached enrolment form.

Regular attendance at Mass is encouraged as your child prepares for his/her First Holy Communion.

## **THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLMENT**


- Child being enrolled should be in Year 3 and above.
- The child must be a baptised Catholic. If the child was not baptised in this Parish, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required if it was not given last year for First Reconciliation.
- The child must have made his/her First Reconciliation.
- Must live in the Parish or be registered in the Parish. *(If you are not registered in this parish, you can do so at the Parish Office).*

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM**

- Must attend a Rite of Enrolment Mass
- Must attend 4 weekly 1hr preparation sessions.
- Must attend the rehearsal for their First Communion Mass.

There is a donation of \$40 per family for the First Holy Communion Program to cover costs of workbooks, certificate, gift and other administrative costs. You may make this payment by cash or direct payment to the Parish Office. Include cash, or receipt for direct payment with the enrolment form.

## **CHECKLIST**

- Baptismal Certificate (only if not given last year for First Reconciliation)
- Administration fee of \$40 can be paid directly to the Parish Office by going to [reginacoeliparish.org](http://reginacoeliparish.org) click this button  choose 'sacramental program' from drop down bar and write FIRST HOLY COMMUNION in the box. Print the receipt and attach it to your enrolment form or email to [reginasacramental@gmail.com](mailto:reginasacramental@gmail.com)
- Enrolment form

## **ATTENDING THE WEEKLY EASTER – A GRACE FILLED EXPERIENCE**

The Church teaches that Sunday is our weekly Easter. As Christian's we are called to the table of the Lord to remember and celebrate our faith with the believing community. Sometimes, young people find attending Mass difficult. We need to strive to create a positive culture where practicing your faith is meaningful, nourishing and enriching.

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES**

<b>First Holy Communion 2017</b>		
Enrolment Information Night	Wednesday 10 May at 7.00pm	
Rite of Enrolment Mass	Any Mass on weekend of 13/14 May	
Lesson 1	Sunday 14 May Wednesday 17 May Thursday 18 May	11am-12pm 6.30pm-7.30pm 3.15pm-4.15pm
Lesson 2	Sunday 21 May Wednesday 24 May Thursday 25 May	11am-12pm 6.30pm-7.30pm 3.15pm-4.15pm
Lesson 3	Sunday 28 May Wednesday 31 May Thursday 1 June	11am-12pm 6.30pm-7.30pm 3.15pm-4.15pm
Lesson 4	Sunday 4 June Wednesday 7 June Thursday 8 June	11am-12pm 6.30pm-7.30pm 3.15pm-4.15pm
Rehearsal for Saturday 17 June 2.30pm First Communion Mass	Wednesday 14 June 5.00pm	
Rehearsal for Saturday 17 June 5.00pm First Communion Mass	Wednesday 14 June 6.30pm	
Rehearsal for Sunday 18 June 10.00am First Communion Mass	Thursday 15 June 6.30pm	
First Holy Communion	Saturday 17 June 2.30pm; Saturday 17 June 5.00pm; Sunday 18 June 10.00am	

I look forward to meeting with you to continue our journey of faith together. If there are any questions arising from this letter do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Gooley, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator on 9544 8155 then press 3 or email [reginasacramental@gmail.com](mailto:reginasacramental@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul A. Smithers, B. Theol, M.T.S  
Administrator

