

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

Sacrament of FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

Parent Information Letter and Enrolment Form

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in Me and I live in them."

John 6:54-56

June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite and inform you that our Parish, St Padre Pio, Glenmore Park, will begin the Sacramental Program of First Holy Eucharist for 2024. This Sacrament is open to children in Year 4 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation (please ensure that dates and Parish of these Sacraments are provided in the Enrolment Form).

All Enrolments must be received by the Parish Office no later than Friday, 19 July 2024.

Below is the timetable for this Sacramental Program:

* Enrolment Form Due:

Friday, 19 July, online or to the <u>Parish Office only</u> - hrs: Tues to Fri 9.30 am – 3.30 pm - Not School.

* Parent Evening Compulsory Session:

Tuesday, 23 July, at Padre Pio Church at 7.00 pm. (Candidates do not need to attend).

* Presentation Ceremony of Children at Masses:

Saturday Vigil – 27 July at 5.30 pm **OR** Sunday, 28 July at 10.00 am

* Formation Workshops will be held in Bethany School Hall on Wednesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm only. Parents are requested to accompany and assist their child. Workshop dates below:

Workshop I: 31 July Workshop II: 07 August

Workshop III: 14 August Workshop IV: 21 August

Please be aware that the Candidate <u>MUST COMPLETE</u> all the Formation Workshops to receive the Sacrament. <u>Please do not ask for exemptions</u>.

* Dress Code:

The First Holy Eucharist Candidates are requested to wear **all WHITE** garments to their Ceremony Mass. (Please give time to preparing this early.)

* Practice Date for the Ceremony Masses: Wednesday 28 August, in the Church:

6.45 pm - 7.15 pm (First Ceremony Mass Group)

7.30 pm - 8.00 pm (Second Ceremony Mass Group)

* Reconciliation in Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist is offered to all Candidates and their families on any Saturday after the 9.00 am Mass, preferably closer to the child's First Holy Eucharist Mass i.e. 7 September or 14 September.

Please notify the Parish Office of your child's/family's intended date.

Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist Ceremony Masses:

Sunday, 08 September at 2.00 pm (Group 1) Sunday, 15 September at 2.00 pm (Group 2)

Please check your emails very regularly (including the 'junk emails') for any reminder information from our Parish Sacrament Team regarding this Sacramental Program.

We ask that *before* you fill in this Enrolment Form, please *carefully read and consider the dates* planned for this Sacramental Program and can *commit to the Timetable above*, as it is essential for the full preparation of the Sacrament. Please also be aware that there is *only one time slot available for the Workshop Sessions and Ceremony Mass*.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding as we continue to nurture and deepen our faith and relationship with our dear God through the graces of the Sacraments.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Johnson Joseph CRS

(Parish Priest)

Regina Rossetto

(Sacrament Team Co-Ordinator)