



SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2026

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 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite and inform you that our Parish, St Padre Pio, Glenmore Park, will begin the Sacrament Program of First Holy Eucharist for 2026. This Sacrament is open to children in Years 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, 24 July 2026**.

Below is the timetable for this Sacrament Program – all activities and events are **COMPULSORY**:

* **Enrolment Form Due:**

Friday, 24 July, email or to the Parish Office only - hrs: Tues to Fri 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
(Bethany School *does not accept* Sacrament Enrolments)

* **Parent Information Evening:**

Tuesday, 28 July 2026, at St. Padre Pio Church at 7.00 pm.
(Candidates do not need to attend).

* **Presentation of Children and their Families at Masses:**

Saturday Vigil – 1 August at 5.30 pm **OR**
Sunday, 2 August at 8.00 am **OR** 10.00 am

* **Attendance at Weekend Mass:**

As Catholic Parents desiring your Child to receive the Sacraments so that their life is grace-filled with the glorious hope of our Eternal Home means that you must be the first example of this beautiful Catholic life (this is also the promise made by Parents at their Child's Baptism). And as your Child participates in **Mass, every Sunday**, the soon-to-be received Sacrament, First Holy Eucharist, becomes a reality and even a personal yearning to receive. St John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter *DIES DOMINI* explains the sacredness and the **joy** of Sunday Mass which should be practiced as our way of life. During the Formation period of this Sacrament, it is expected that when you and your Child attend Mass, to have the 'Mass booklet' signed by the Parish Priest.

- * **Formation Workshops** will be held in Bethany School Hall on **Tuesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm only**. Workshops will be **facilitated by our Parish Assistant Priest**. Parents are requested to accompany and assist their child. Workshop dates below:

Workshop I: 11 August

Workshop II: 18 August

Workshop III: 25 August

Workshop IV: 01 September

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

- * **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 – the Parish does have some donations if you are interested.)
- * **Rehearsal Date for the Ceremony Mass: Thursday, 3 September, in the Church: 7.00 pm – 7.45 pm**
- * **Reconciliation in Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist** is offered to all Candidates and their families on:
Friday, 4 September – 6.00 pm - before First Friday Mass.
Saturday, 5 September – after 9.00 am Mass.
Bethany Students may have the opportunity to attend with School.
Please notify the Parish Office of your child's/family's intended date.

Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist Ceremony Mass

Saturday, 5 September at 5.30 pm OR

Sunday, 6 September at 10.00 pm

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

We ask that **before** you fill in this Enrolment Form, please **carefully read and consider the dates** planned for this Sacrament Program and can **commit to the Timetable above**, as it is essential for the full preparation of your Child receiving 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 M Joseph CRS
(Parish Priest)



Maz, Trudi and Regina
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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST Enrolment Form 2026

(Please print using BLOCK LETTERS – all information is confidential)

First Name: _____ Middle Names: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Male Female

School: _____ Class: _____

Parish of Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Parish of Reconciliation: _____ Date of Reconciliation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Religion: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please print your child's name that is to be written on their First Holy Eucharist Certificate.

Please attach a copy of the **Baptism Certificate** to this Enrolment Form
(Enrolment will **not** be accepted without this Certificate).

A donation of \$50 to cover the costs would be most appreciated, via Eftpos/Cash/BPoint
(refer to Parish Website to give via BPoint – www.padrepio.org.au).

Office use only

- Cash
- Eftpos
- BPay

Parents / Guardians Commitment and Consent

We, the undersigned, as Parents / Guardians of _____
(please print candidate's name), commit to helping to prepare our child for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist by participating in all the activities and sessions that the program requires.

We understand that involvement in all the program's activities/sessions are essential for full preparation for receiving the Sacrament. The commitments include but are not limited to:

- Completion of Enrolment Form Due 24 July 2026
- Attendance at Compulsory Parent Evening Session on 28 July 2026 at 7.00pm
- Attendance at Presentation Ceremony Mass: 1 August at 5.30pm **OR** 2 August at 8.00am **OR** 2 August at 10.00am
- Attendance at Child Formation Workshops and **all** preparation sessions during August & September 2026

Father's signature: _____ Current Parish: _____

Mother's signature: _____ Current Parish: _____

Name / Photograph Consent

We consent/ do not consent to our child's name and photograph being published in the Parish media such as the Parish bulletin or website and Facebook of St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, in case this may occur.

Father's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's signature: _____ Date: _____