

PREPARATION FOR MY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Eligibility

- 2016 – First Holy Communion
 - Year 3 or Year 4
 - Candidates about 9 years old (or turning 9)
- If you are not sure please check with Fr Kim or Kathryn

Enrolment

- Application Form fully completed
- Provide copies of ALL documents
 - Archdiocese requirement and is mandatory
 - not required ONLY IF previous Sacraments were administered at St Paul of the Cross
- Sacrament Fee payment
- Media Release Form signed
- Valid email address – that you actually check!
 - all communications will be by email

Preparation

- Read and Pray
- Fasting
- Reconciliation
- Complete all Lessons
- Attendance at Mass (Sacrament Record Card)
- Learn Prayers
- Know the correct way to receive and practice

Programme requirements

- **2017- DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**
- Candidates are required to attend **ALL** classes – 9 am in the Church Hall, and have the Sacrament Record Card signed for every Mass.

- Week 1- 06/08
- Week 2- 13/08
- Week 3- 20/08
- Week 4- 27/08
- Week 5- 03/09

- Week 6- 09/09 **SATURDAY** – 3.30 pm Rehearsal in the Church. Then Reconciliation is offered for those unable to attend earlier.
- **Mass is held at 5.30 pm OR your Usual Sunday Mass. Card to be signed.**
- NO lesson requirement on Sunday this week (this is Father's Day).

- **Week 7- 17/09 – Celebration of First Holy Communion at the 10 am Mass.** Candidates to be on time in the Hall at 9.30 am please.

Programme requirements cont.

- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENT RECORD CARD
- This card has your Child's name, dates for Lessons and Mass obligations for this Sacrament
- It is your responsibility to present the card to Fr Kim after attending Mass to have your obligation noted OR your Priest if you attend another Parish
- It is your responsibility to have attendance marked off at each Lesson

Programme requirements cont.

- Expectation that all home work will be completed and family/parent sections will be read
- Home activities optional or as set for homework, including practice
- Parents are welcome to attend the Lessons and stay with their children
- Parents/Candidates are asked to help with set up and clean up before and after Lessons
- Coffee/tea is available and will be set up

Dress code

- Very formal and special Sacramental occasion
- Girls: white dress, at least knee length. Veil optional. No high heels.
- No make-up, No bare shoulders. Stockings or tights optional.
- Boys: white shirt only, preferably with a tie. Jacket is optional.
- Dress pants and dress shoes (or black school shoes).
- No joggers, No jeans, No converse, No casual shoes.

During the Mass

- Each family will be allocated ONE pew in the main area of the Church. Please let me know if your family has any special requirements, for example – if you require wheelchair access
- **All Candidates are asked to assemble in the Hall by 9.30 am. They will then process into the Church with Fr Kim, Deacon Louis et al.**
- **Families are asked to be seated by 9.50 am (so we can start Mass on time)**

During the Mass

- Candidates will receive Holy Communion first, followed by Families and then the Parish congregation
- Candidates are able to receive both the Host and Wine – completing the Sacrament
- Certificates and a gift from the Parish will be provided on the day after the liturgical part of the Mass
- There will be one collection for the Parish

Photography

- Professional photography is offered at a very reasonable and reduced rate – it is **OPTIONAL**
- Bookings will need to be made, information available at the information
- **NO** photography of the actual Sacrament or other peoples' children without permission
- No posting of photographs of any children – other than your own – to any social media sites without permission