



# St Columbkille's Catholic Parish

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## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Dear Parents,

Children in Year 3 and above in 2023 who have been **baptised** in the **Catholic Church**, are eligible to enrol in the **combined First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Program**. If your child has been baptised in another Christian denomination an appointment with Fr Patrick will need to be made to discuss being received into the Catholic Church.

To enrol your child please fill the enrolment form provided and return to any **Sunday Mass by 27/28 May**. **This is the final date of enrolment!**

### **PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

This will consist of:

- A Mass commitment card: As people of faith, who are asking for their children to be enrolled in the Sacramental Program, we would expect that you and your children attend Mass regularly. The commitment card allows for a minimum of 6 Mass to prepare for Reconciliation and then a minimum of 6 Masses to prepare for First Holy Communion.
- **5 sessions** completed in Google classroom along with a Reconciliation and Holy Communion Workbook. It is expected that parents and children work together through these online classes. Information on the online program will be sent home with booklet.
- **Reconciliation will take place during school hours in the Church on Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11am or for catch up or children from State Schools on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in St Columbkille's Church.** PLEASE BRING COMMITMENT CARD TO BE SIGNED
- First Holy Communion preparation will take place at the start of term 4. Booklets will be sent home with codes for google classrooms.
- **There will be 2 compulsory face to face lessons for Holy Communion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the Parish Centre.**
- First Holy Communion **retreat day** will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November (the week before Holy Communion takes place) Exact time and date to be confirmed.
- **First Holy Communion will take place at Masses over the following Masses:**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**
- Allocation for these Masses will be via a booking form. The link will be sent out via the Sacramental team email ( [bcpsp.20@gmail.com](mailto:bcpsp.20@gmail.com)) once all enrolments are received or in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of 4<sup>th</sup> Term. There will be 15 places allocated for candidates for each Mass.

**Cost:** for Sacramental program of Reconciliation and Holy Communion is **\$40**  
**This covers the cost of work booklets, certificates, gifts, and retreat day.**

**Payment: Cash in envelope clearly marked with Surname of child attached to enrolment form or via direct bank transfer:**

**Account Name: St Columbkille's Catholic Church**

**BSB: 066-711**

**Account #: 003669**

**Reference: Childs Surname/ R & HC**

*If there are any family situations, learning needs or individual circumstances we need to be made aware of, please advise on the enrolment form and we can support you to the best of our ability.*

God Bless, during this Easter Season, Fr Patrick, Fr Anthony, and the Sacramental Team of St Columbkille's