



# St Gertrude's Parish Smithfield

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Dear Parents

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST) 2017

Children in Year 3 and above, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, are eligible to enroll for the First Communion Programme.

Enrolment will be accepted when parents and children present the completed attached Enrolment form\*, together with a COPY of ORIGINAL STAMPED BAPTISM CERTIFICATE during...

### THE ENROLMENT CEREMONY at MASSES in ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH on 29/30 July or 5/6 August.

Mass times are: St. Benedict's: Sat Vigil 6 p.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 pm  
St. Therese's: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.

### LATE ENROLMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Children, who WERE NOT Baptised and/or received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in St Gertrude's Parish, need to submit STAMPED ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES for these Sacraments with their enrolment form.**

The preparation for First Communion for enrolled children consists of:

- **Meeting for Parents only** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Montefano Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- **4 Group Sessions for parents and children, one per week**, beginning the weeks of 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- **Parent's Only Workshop** – Wed 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the Montefano Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7 p.m. in the Church (seated by 6:45 p.m.)
- **Rehearsal for ceremony**

It is expected that **parents and candidates** attend **ALL** parts of the programme, so your careful consideration is needed prior to enrolment. Only candidates who have met **all requirements** will be eligible to receive First Communion this year. If you do not meet the requirements you may be asked to re-enrol the following year.

First Communion will be celebrated:

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Rehearsal and Ceremony Date Allocation will be advised at the Parent Night.**

The First Holy Communion classes will be held in the Parish Office Meeting Rooms. The address of the Parish Office is 6 Justin St, Smithfield 2164 – next door to the Church. Where possible a Catechist will lead the sessions. Parents remain responsible for the faith formation of their child/ren. On your enrolment forms, **please number THREE (3) time slots in order of preference**. You may choose **ONE (1)** additional family to be part of your Group.

**PLEASE NOTE: Your Communion Mass will be ALLOCATED and NO change will be possible.**

\*Please refer to Privacy Compliance advice included with these enrolment forms.

Should you have any questions please call us on 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday).  
May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

Helena Mertin  
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

***(Please keep this information page)***