



St Gertrude's Parish Smithfield

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Dear Parents

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCCHARIST) 2018

Children in Year 3 and above, who have received the Sacraments of **Baptism** and **Reconciliation**, are eligible to enrol 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 23/24 June or 30 June/1 July.

Mass times are: St. Benedict's: Sat Vigil 6 p.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
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** – Wednesday 17th October in the Montefano Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- **4 Group Sessions for parents and children, one per week.** Classes will start Friday 19th Oct.
- **Parent's Only Workshop** – Tues 30th October 2018 in the Montefano Hall at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – During Week 5 of small group sessions. Times to be advised.
- **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 24th November at the 6 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Sunday 25th November at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

PLEASE NOTE: The Communion Mass will be ALLOCATED and NO change will be possible.
Rehearsal and Ceremony Date Allocation will be advised at the Parent Night.

The First Holy Communion classes will be held in the Parish Office - **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.**

If there are family situations, additional information about your child's learning needs or individual circumstances we need to be made aware of, please advise on the enrolment form so we can work with you and support you to the best of our ability.

*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)

PRIVACY COMPLIANCE ADVICE

1. The parish collects personal information, including sensitive information about members of the faithful. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable it to administer the sacraments and pastoral care to the faithful, and to the children of the faithful. Information may be required to allow the parish to meet some of its legal obligations, provide care for the child while under supervision and discharge its duty of care. The information you provide on enrolment forms may be used to request your services as a volunteer and to assist with a donation to cover programme costs.
2. The Parish from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative purposes. This includes other parishes, the diocese, medical practitioners and people providing services to the schools and parish including volunteers.
3. If we do not obtain the information requested, we may not be able to administer the Sacraments.
4. Personal information collected from children is disclosed to their parents or guardians. Parents or guardians may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the parish 9604 1199 (Office hours are 10 am – 2.00pm Tuesday to Friday).
5. Adults may also seek access to information collected about them in the same manner.
6. As the parish is largely reliant upon locally raised funds and local efforts for its continuation, information received from those who reside in the parish or avail themselves of its services may be used to seek donations and other forms of support from them. On occasions it uses the resources of the diocese to support this process and in the course of this, information is made available to those people. We will not disclose your personal information to other third parties for other fundraising purposes without your consent.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

IMPORTANT

This completed form, together with a **COPY** of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, should be placed in a plastic sleeve/envelope and be presented by parents and children during the **Enrolment Ceremony at Masses on 23/24 June or 30 June/1 July 2018.**

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.

NO LATE ENROLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Saturday 24th November 6 p.m. AND Sunday 25th November 10:30 a.m.

The Communion Mass will be ALLOCATED and NO change will be possible.

Please PRINT details for your child. One form per child please.

CHILD'S SURNAME: FIRST NAME:
(As appears on child's birth certificate)

DATE OF BIRTH:..... GENDER: M / F

ADDRESS:..... Postcode:

PHONE: Parent 1:..... Parent 2:
(mobile preferred)

Please PRINT email address below – all correspondence will be emailed to you.

EMAIL ADDRESS:

SCHOOL: GRADE:.....

FATHER'S NAME:..... RELIGION:.....

MOTHER'S NAME:..... RELIGION:.....

MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME:.....

BAPTISM: Date: Parish:

RECONCILIATION: Date: Parish:

PARISH WHERE YOU ATTEND MASS:**TIME:**

HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND MASS? (Please tick)

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY OTHER:.....

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION TIMES – Please number 3 time slots in order of preference.

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:50 am – 10:20 am ()	4 pm – 5:30 pm ()	4 pm – 5:30 pm ()	4 pm – 5:30 pm ()
4 pm – 5:30 pm ()	6 pm – 7:30 pm ()	6 pm – 7:30 pm ()	

Please note any family situations, learning needs or additional information below (if applicable):

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature:.....

Enrolment for First Communion

CELEBRANT: *Children, at your Baptism God called you to be followers of Jesus. Are you ready to learn more about Jesus and prepare for this Sacrament?*

CHILDREN: YES, WE ARE!

CELEBRANT: *Parents, having asked that your child be part of the sacramental programme at St Gertrude's Parish, do you commit to the programme and will you support your child in their faith journey?*

PARENTS: YES, WE WILL! WE ASK THE STRENGTH OF OUR GOD TO HELP US RESPOND TO THIS CALL.

CELEBRANT: *Parishioners will you support these families through your Prayers?*

ALL: YES WE WILL!

CELEBRANT: *May God be with you. May you experience His healing touch and peace. May you know His embrace and presence.*

ALL: AMEN.

