



# St Gertrude's Parish Smithfield

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (EUCCHARIST) 2022

Dear Parents,

Children in Year 3 and above (in 2022), who have been **Baptised** in the **Catholic Church**, are eligible to enrol in the **combined First Reconciliation / First Communion Programme**. If your child has already made their Reconciliation, please indicate on the enrolment form. If you are unsure, contact the Sacramental Office.

To enrol your child in the First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2022 Sacramental Programme, please complete the online form by visiting the follow link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPGbh-kaPoA4hVHJzp1GUoTS3fUV65pfaA9jKeeZVMbYbfXg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPGbh-kaPoA4hVHJzp1GUoTS3fUV65pfaA9jKeeZVMbYbfXg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Enrolments will open on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November and will close on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

If enrolling more than one child, please complete an online form for each child.

For planning purposes, please enrol during the enrolment period. Late enrolments may not be accepted.

**Please note: If your child WAS NOT Baptised at St. Gertrude's Parish, you will need to obtain an UPDATED BAPTISM CERTIFICATE, which can be obtained from the Parish where your child was Baptised. If unsure, please contact the Sacramental Office.**

The preparation for First Communion for enrolled children consists of:

- **Meeting for Parents** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, in the Montefano Hall at **7 pm**. (Date to be confirmed).
- **Weekly Sunday Mass attendance** – As a people of faith, who are asking to have their children enrolled in the First Holy Communion Program, we would expect that you and your child/ren attend weekly Mass.
- **8 Group Sessions for parents and children, one per week.**
  - First Reconciliation Classes – weekends during March/April 2022
  - First Holy Communion Classes – weekends during May 2022
  - Lessons will take place on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Dates to be confirmed.
- **Parent Workshop** – Date to be advised.
- **Reconciliation Rehearsal and DVD night** – Dates to be advised at the Parent Meeting
- **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – end of May 2022 – dates to be advised at the Parent Meeting.
- **Rehearsal for ceremony** – beginning of June 2022 – dates to be advised at the Parent Meeting.

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. If you do not meet the requirements, you may be asked to re-enroll the following year.

Keeping in the line with Covid-19 government requirements, only ONE parent is permitted to attend classes with their child/ren, and no siblings are able to attend.

**First Communion will be celebrated in the middle of June 2022.** The Communion Mass will be ALLOCATED and NO change will be possible. Dates to be confirmed at the Parent Meeting in March 2022.

**Please note, due to Covid-19 government restrictions, ceremony dates may change beyond our control. In addition, there may be limits placed on the number of guests a candidate may invite and could change at short notice. We thank you for your understanding.**

The First Holy Communion classes will be held in the Montefano Hall. A Catechist will facilitate the sessions. Parents remain responsible for the faith formation of their child/ren. On your enrolment form, please indicate your lesson time preferences. More information available on the enrolment form regarding lesson preferences. **Lesson times will be advised via email by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

**If there are family situations, 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.

For all enquiries, please call 9725 4317 to leave a message or email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

God Bless, Helena Mertin - SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR