



10 May 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for seeking to prepare your child/children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We look forward to journeying with you as a family. Faith is a whole family experience as parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. We are here to support you as you nurture your child/children's love and knowledge of God.

This letter will outline **all you need to know** about the Sacramental Journey:

What are the requirements?

- 1. Your child will need to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be in year 4 or above.**
- 2. A completed online enrolment form with signatures from both parents.** Please see the link on our newsletter and webpage and submit electronically. If your child received Confirmation at another parish, we will need a copy of the Certificate of Confirmation. Please scan it and email to sacraments.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au
- 3. Enrolment fee of \$50.** This can be paid by bank transfer, as below, or in person at the information night or in the parish office (Eftpos if available).

Account Name	Account Number	BSB	Reference
OLSC General	100022973	064 786	Child's initial and surname (EG. J Smith)

- 4. The whole family is invited to attend,** as it is a fun and family-focused program. At least one parent needs to come along with the candidate.
- 5. Choose the date and time of First Holy Communion.** This information will be included in the online enrolment form.

What do we need to do in preparation for the special day?

- Dress attire is a white dress and veil (optional) for the girls, and a white shirt and smart pants for the boys. Limited number of veils are available for sale in the parish piety store.
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your chosen Mass time.
- A parish photographer will be present to take shots of this special moment. Due to safeguarding requirements, personal footage/photos are not allowed. Photos taken by the official photographer will be available on request.
- There will be a group photo with Fr Nev and the sacramental team distribution of the certificates after Mass.

What are the special dates you need to lock in?

All families have the option to attend either Monday or Tuesday, whichever suits your family. Please note all sessions and dates indicated are **compulsory**.

Stepping Stone	Monday 6:30pm	Tuesday 6:30pm	Focus
1	17 June	18 June	Parent Information Session
2	Saturday 13 July 5pm Mass or Sunday 14 July 9am Mass or Sunday 14 July 11am Mass		Presentation of candidates Prayer Card distribution Take home workbook
3	22 July	23 July	Lesson 1: Love and The Sacraments Lesson 2: Living Tabernacles
4	29 July	30 July	Lesson 3: Preparing like Zacchaeus & Examen
5	5 August	6 August	Lesson 4: Rehearse Rite (First Reconciliation)
6	12 August	13 August	First Reconciliation (Adults lead & Candidates follow)
7	19 August	20 August	Lesson 5: The Parts of the Mass/Instructional Mass
8	26 August	27 August	Rehearse Rite (First Holy Communion)
9	Saturday 31 August 5pm Mass or Sunday 01 September 7:30am Mass or Sunday 01 September 9am Mass or Sunday 01 September 11am Mass		First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child/children into the 2024 Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We are excited to journey with you during this meaningful time. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at sacrament.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au.

Yours in Christ,



Fr Nev Yun
Parish Priest