



ENROLMENT FORM – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

PLEASE RETURN FORM AT THE COMMITMENT MASS



CHILD'S INFORMATION

Given Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

I am a member of _____ Parish

I was baptised at (Church) _____

on (Date) _____ in (City/Country) _____

I am in Year _____ at (School) _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Given Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

FATHER'S INFORMATION

Given Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

*** Note: A copy of the Baptism Certificate is required.**

Parents' Commitment

I have read the **Sacramental Program Information** and fully support my child on his/her faith journey. I understand that my child will need to attend at least 90% of the classes in order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, failing which he/she will attend the program in the next cycle.

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____



ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES 2023

All children preparing for a sacrament in 2023 are required to attend a Commitment Mass with a parent/caregiver.

Event	Date	Time	Venue
2023 Commitment Mass	Saturday, 11 March	6pm	Church
	Sunday, 12 March	8am or 10am	

HOLY COMMUNION (Year Four)

Family Workshop	Wednesday, 31 May	4:00pm or 5:20pm	Church
Retreat and Rehearsal	Thursday, 8 June	8:30am – 2:50pm	School Hall
Holy Communion Mass	Friday, 9 June	6:00pm	Church
	Saturday, 10 June		
Gift Presentation	Saturday, 17 June	6:00pm	Church
	Sunday, 18 June	10:00am	

CONFIRMATION (Year Six)

Family Workshop	Wednesday, 2 August	4:00pm or 5:20pm	Church
Retreat and Rehearsal	Thursday, 17 August	8:30am – 2:50pm	School Hall
Confirmation Mass	Friday, 18 August	6:00pm	Church
	Saturday, 19 August		
Gift Presentation	Saturday, 26 August	6:00pm	Church
	Sunday, 27 August	10:00am	

RECONCILIATION (Year Three)

Family Workshop	Wednesday, 1 November	4:00pm or 5:20pm	Church
Retreat	Thursday, 2 November	8:30am – 2:50pm	School Hall
Reconciliation	Wednesday, 8 November	TBC	Church



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2023

PLEASE KEEP SCHEDULE AT HOME FOR REFERENCE



Event	Date	Time	Venue
Commitment Mass (Choose 1 Mass to attend)	Saturday, 11 March	6:00pm	Church
	Sunday, 12 March	8:00am or 10:00am	
Lesson 1	Saturday, 25 March	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 2	Saturday, 1 April	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 3	Saturday, 29 April	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 4	Saturday, 6 May	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 5	Saturday, 13 May	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 6	Saturday, 20 May	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Lesson 7	Saturday, 27 May	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Family Workshop	Wednesday, 31 May	4:00pm or 5:20pm	Church
Lesson 8	Saturday, 3 June	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Hall
Retreat and Rehearsal	Thursday, 8 June	8:30am – 2:50pm	Hall
First Holy Communion Mass	Friday, 9 June	6:00pm	Church
	Saturday, 10 June		
Gift Presentation	Saturday, 17 June	6:00pm	Church
	Sunday, 18 June	10:00am	Church

St Vincent's Parish *Sacramental Program Information 2023*

General Information

Sacraments take place within the context of a Christian community - the parish. In this way, we are welcomed into the much bigger community of the Church, established by Jesus, and faithfully guided by the teachers of the Church under the direction of the Bishop.

The preparation for and the celebration of sacraments for school-aged children is family-focused, parish-based, and supported by the Catholic school and the PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) classes. Times of sacramental preparation are moments of grace for nurturing the faith of the whole family - and of the parish community.

As all candidates are initiated into full membership of the parish community, it is important that during the sacramental process, they are identified as 'parish candidates' regardless of whether their preparation occurs in the PREP, Catholic school or home schooling.

In our Parish, the PREP classes are held on Saturday afternoons. The schedule of the programme is provided. Due to the delivery schedule of the program, children will need to attend at least 90% of the classes in order to be able to participate in the celebration of the Sacrament. If too many classes are missed, the child will need to participate in the next cycle, when the program is being offered again.

Registrations will be finalised by the first lesson of the PREP classes. Parents will receive an invoice for the enrolment fee via email. Kindly ensure that all details provided in the Registration form is accurate. A copy of your child's **Baptism Certificate** is also required.

The Role of the Family

The Church teaches that the responsibility for initiating children into the Church through preparation for sacraments belongs firstly with **parents**. The family is the basic unit of the faith community. Children are presented for initiation into the church at Baptism by their parents whose role in fostering a child's life of faith is so crucial that nothing else can replace it.

You play an active role in the initiation of your children by:

- seeking to grow in your own faith journey and in your understanding of the meaning and implications of the sacraments.
- supporting your children to learn to pray, believe, experience parish community and to live as Christians in the context of your family life.
- giving your children the opportunity to experience belonging to a parish faith community and, in particular, celebrate Sunday Mass within their community.

It is within the family that faith is received and nurtured.

Sacraments

Please ensure your child has been baptised in the Catholic Church. If they have not been baptised in the Catholic Church, please speak with Fr Thi.

Reconciliation

In Reconciliation, we come to know the unconditional love of God through his unwavering forgiveness. Children often make this special sacrament around the age of 8 or when they are in Year Three.

Eucharist

Through the Eucharist, we further experience God's love for us through the gift of his beloved Son. This sacrament is celebrated in Year Four or when the child is about 9 years old.

Confirmation

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the fulfilment of that love through the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. At this time, children confirm the baptismal promises that were made for them. Children choose a sponsor who can support their faith development and journey with them. As children are welcomed to the Church as adult members, this Sacrament is celebrated in Year Six or when the child is around 11 years old.



PRAYER OF COMMITMENT 2023

PLEASE BRING THIS PRAYER TO THE COMMITMENT MASS



- Celebrant:** I ask parents to stand and pray the Prayer of Commitment.
- Parents:** We will help our children to prepare for the Sacraments by striving to set a good example in our faith life, and supporting those who help prepare our children for this Sacramental celebration.
- Celebrant:** Children preparing for the Sacraments, please stand and pray the Prayer of Commitment.
- Children:** We will prepare for the Sacraments by participating in our class activities and the faith life of our Parish as best we can. We will strive to grow closer to Jesus by using the gifts and talents God has given us to help us to live as true followers of Jesus.