



Catholic Parish of Holy Eucharist &  
St Mary's Malvern East  
and  
Catholic Parish of St Joseph's Malvern



## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2023**

**Please read carefully the following information**

**You will need to complete a separate registration form for each Sacrament your child is seeking to receive**

**Please note the opening and closing registration dates for each Sacrament program.**

**This is important since the parish needs to book suitable rooms and ensure that we have available Catechists.**

This year our 2023 Sacramental program will include the parishes of Malvern and Malvern East.

Preparing children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion is primarily the responsibility of parents. This is a responsibility that all parents promise to undertake when their children are baptised as infants.

The most important part of your child's preparation for the sacraments is their regular participation in the Sunday Mass and your own example of regular worship, prayer and good works. All other preparation is secondary to that obligation of worshipping together each week with the Christian family gathered around the altar of God. Bringing your children to Mass regularly is an essential part of fulfilling the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring them up within the life of the church.

God's love and presence are made real and celebrated in the Sacraments. Important times and experiences in our lives are celebrated and enlivened by God's presence. Each Sacrament signifies, in a particular way, the transforming love of God and the new life which Jesus Christ brings.

Your parish is ready to assist you in this joyous responsibility of preparing your children for the Sacraments and, to this end, you and your children are invited to become fully involved in the ongoing life of your parish family in addition to the sacramental program offered for your children.

**First Reconciliation** is normally for children in Year 3 or above, and is celebrated in the 4<sup>th</sup> term.

**First Communion** is normally for children in Year 4 or above and is celebrated towards the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

**Confirmation** is normally for children in Years 5 and 6 or above and is celebrated towards the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. The regional Bishop nominates the dates.

The Sacramental program is not a program at all – it is a 'sacramental journey' in which there needs to be a moment of discernment about when we are ready to receive the Sacrament and this has very little to do with age or school year level. It has more to do with the integration into the worshipping life of the parish community and our personal spiritual growth and prayer life.

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** you must belong to either the Malvern or Malvern East Parish. If you belong to another Parish, please seek advice from your parish.

*Please clearly fill out the enclosed registration form and email it to the Parish Office or hand it to the Parish Priest.*

**Registration is usually open 4-6 weeks prior to the nominated sacrament closing date for registration.**

## 2023 Sacramental Program

### 1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION

Age of Candidate

Normally Grade 3 and above

**Registration opens on Tuesday 1st August and closes on Friday 8th September.**

Each child wishing to prepare for the Sacrament is asked to personally hand the Registration Form to the Parish Priest after any Mass prior to close of registration

\$60 Fee (for students **not** attending the Parish Primary School) to be paid with registration to assist with catechetical expenses. Cash, cheque or direct payment -Holy Eucharist & St Mary's, BSB 083 347. A/c Number 14363 7666. Detail: **REC (Child's name & Surname)**.

**INTRODUCTION & INFORMATION EVENING**

6.00pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at St Joseph's Parish Hall (for Malvern Parishioners).

6.00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church (for Malvern East Parishioners).

All children registered to receive the Sacrament and their parents are expected to attend the Information Evening.

**Commitment Masses**

All children preparing for the Sacrament will be enrolled as candidates at Mass on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October. They may attend any Mass at either parish church on this weekend. That is:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm - Holy Eucharist; 6pm at St Joseph's, or Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am- St. Mary's; 10.00am – St Joseph'; 10.30am -Holy Eucharist

**After-school Preparation Sessions**

Preparation for all children **not attending** the Parish Primary School will include five after school sessions. The venue will be determined once numbers are finalized. Parents should be prepared to travel to either St Joseph's Malvern or St Mary's Malvern East. These sessions are an integral part of the preparation in receiving the Sacrament. **Students cannot receive the Sacrament if they have not attended 80% at these sessions.**

Session Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Venue TBD once numbers are known.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Home Activity Pack & Passport to Reconciliation**

There will be a home-based course handed out at the Information Evening which requires parents to work together with their children as they prepare for the Sacrament. They will also receive a Sacramental Passport. The passport is to be presented to the priest after Mass on the Saturdays / Sundays between the information evening and receiving the Sacrament for his signature.

**Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation**

**Children who attend the After -school Preparation sessions** and whose 'Passport to Reconciliation' has been completed, will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church Malvern on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

**Children attending Parish Primary School** and whose 'Passport to Reconciliation' has been completed, will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation at the following time:

St Mary's Primary School children: 21<sup>st</sup> November at St Mary's Church at 7pm.

St Joseph's Primary School children: 22<sup>nd</sup> November at St Joseph's Church at 7pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION**

**Age of Candidate**

Normally Grade 4 and above

## Registration opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and closes Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Each child wishing to prepare for the Sacrament is asked to personally hand the Registration Form to the Parish Priest after any Mass prior to close of registration. \$70 Fee (for students **not** attending the Parish Primary School) to be paid with registration to assist with catechetical expenses. Cash, cheque or direct payment -Holy Eucharist & St Mary's, BSB 083 347. A/c Number 14363 7666.

Detail: **COMM (CHILD'S NAME & SURNAME)**

### INTRODUCTION & INFORMATION EVENING

6.00pm **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at Holy Eucharist Church

All children registered to receive the Sacrament and their parents are expected to attend the Information Evening at Holy Eucharist Church.

### Commitment Masses

All children preparing for the Sacrament will be enrolled as candidates at Mass on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> April. They may attend any Mass at either parish church on this weekend. That is:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm - Holy Eucharist; 6pm at St Joseph's, or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am- St. Mary's; 10.00am – St Joseph's; 10.30am -Holy Eucharist

### After-school Preparation Sessions

Preparation for all children **not attending** the Parish Primary School will include 7 after school sessions. The venue will be determined once numbers are finalized. Parents should be prepared to travel to either St Joseph's Malvern or St Mary's Malvern East. These sessions are an integral part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. **Students cannot receive the Sacrament if they do not have 80% attendance at these sessions.**

Session Times: 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Venue TBD once numbers are known.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Church rehearsal:

For children receiving this sacrament at St Joseph's a rehearsal will be held at St Joseph's Church at 6pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

For children receiving this sacrament at Holy Eucharist a rehearsal will be held at Holy Eucharist Church at 6pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. These rehearsals will take 30 minutes.

### Home Activity Pack & Passport to 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

There will be a home-based course handed out at the Information Evening which requires parents to work together with their children as they prepare for the Sacrament. They will also receive a Sacramental Passport. The passport is to be presented to the Priest at Mass between the information workshop and the date of receiving the Sacrament, for his signature.

### Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

**Children receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at St Joseph's Malvern.** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June during the 10am Mass.

**Children receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at Holy Eucharist Malvern East.** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be held on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June during the 5pm Mass.

**Children receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at St Mary's Malvern East.** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at a 12.00 midday Mass.

## CONFIRMATION

### Age of Candidate

Normally Grade 5 and above

**Registration opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

Each child wishing to prepare for the Sacrament is asked to personally hand the Registration Form to the Parish Priest after any Mass prior to close of registration.

\$75 Fee (for students **not** attending the Parish Primary School) to be paid with registration to assist with catechetical expenses. Cash or direct payment -Holy Eucharist & St Mary's, BSB 083 347. A/c Number 14363 763 7666. Detail: **CONF (Child's Name & Surname)**.

### **Introduction & Information Evening**

7.00pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at St Joseph's Parish Hall (for Malvern Parishioners).

6.00pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at St. Mary's Parish Hall (TBC) (for Malvern East Parishioners).

**All** children registered to receive the Sacrament and their parents are expected to attend an Information Evening.

### **Commitment Masses: Enrolment Masses**

All children preparing for the sacrament will be enrolled as candidates at Mass on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July. That is:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm - Holy Eucharist; 6pm at St Joseph's, or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am- St. Mary's; 10.00am – St Joseph's; 10.30am -Holy Eucharist

### **After-school Preparation Sessions**

Preparation for all children **not attending** the Parish Primary School will include 7 after school sessions. The venue will be determined once numbers are finalized. Parents should be prepared to travel to either St Joseph's Malvern or St Mary's Malvern East. These sessions are an integral part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. **Students cannot receive the Sacrament if they do not have 80% attendance at these sessions.**

Session Times 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Venue TBD once numbers are known

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July                      Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July                      Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug                      Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug                      Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

### **Church rehearsal and Date(s) of Confirmation:**

For children receiving this sacrament at **St Mary's Church** rehearsal will be held at St Mary's Church at 6pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Bishop Anthony Ireland will confer this **Sacrament on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept during the 5pm Mass.**

For children receiving this sacrament at **St Joseph's Church** a rehearsal will be held at St Joseph's Church at 6pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Bishop Anthony Ireland will confer this **Sacrament on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September during the 5pm Mass.**

Families can nominate what confirmation date they would like.

These rehearsals will take 40 minutes.

### **Home Activity Pack & Passport to Confirmation**

There will be a home-based course handed out at the Information Evening which requires parents to work together with their children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will also receive a Sacramental Passport. The passport is to be presented to the Priest after Mass during the preparation period for his signature.

## **Overview of Sacramental Dates – 2023**

It is important to register your child **BEFORE** the closing date for each sacrament, since we have limited placements. This is especially the case in regards to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion:**

- Holy Eucharist Church Malvern East – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June during the 5pm Parish Mass
- St Joseph’s Church Malvern – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June during the 10am Parish Mass
- St Mary’s Church Malvern East – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June during the midday (12pm) additional Mass.

Candidates can nominate any above date for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. If these dates are not suitable please approach the parish priest to arrange a time.

**Confirmation:**

- St Mary’s Church Malvern East – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September during the 5pm Mass
- St Joseph’s Church Malvern – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September during the 5pm Mass

**Please Note:** Bishop Anthony Ireland has nominated these dates and time for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates will be invited to nominate the day they wish to be confirmed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation:**

- St Joseph’s Church Malvern – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm
- St Mary’s Church Malvern East – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm

If the Reconciliation date is not suitable, please approach a priest to arrange a time. Once the child has been prepared they can approach any priest, in any parish to receive this sacrament.

**REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION  
for Children NOT ATTENDING the Parish Primary School**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND USE BLOCK LETTERS)

|                           |  |         |                      |
|---------------------------|--|---------|----------------------|
| Child’s Christian Name(s) |  | Surname |                      |
| Address                   |  |         |                      |
| Date of Birth             |  | Age:    | School Level (Year): |
| School                    |  |         |                      |

|  |                                    |                                       |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Details of Child's Baptism   | Date of Baptism                    |                                       |
|  | Parish of Baptism                  |                                       |
| <b>For which Sacrament do you wish to prepare your child this year? Please tick</b>  |                                    |                                       |
| Reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/>  | Communion <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please note that children preparing for Communion and Confirmation must have already completed and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation  |                                    |                                       |
| Mother's Name:   |                                    |                                       |
| Mobile:  |                                    |                                       |
| Email:   |                                    |                                       |
| Father's Name:   |                                    |                                       |
| Mobile:  |                                    |                                       |
| Email:   |                                    |                                       |
| Parish Church where you attend Mass  |                                    |                                       |
| <b>Check list: I have attached a copy of the Baptismal certificate: YES / NO</b>   |                                    |                                       |
| <b>I have a Sacramental Stole: YES / NO</b>  |                                    |                                       |
| <b>Confidential Information</b>  |                                    |                                       |
| Permission given for any photos taken to be used in Parish web site or newsletters <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                    |                                       |
| Permission not given <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                    |                                       |
| Any food allergies _____   |                                    |                                       |
| Anaphylaxis <input type="checkbox"/> Epipen Available <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                    |                                       |
| In the event of accident or illness during any of the Sacramental Preparations run by the Catholic Parish of St Joseph's Malvern, and Holy Eucharist and St Mary's Malvern East, I authorise the obtaining on my behalf of such medical assistance as my child shall require. I accept all responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred. |                                    |                                       |
| _____<br>Signature of parent or guardian   |                                    |                                       |
| <b>Catechetical Fee:</b> Reconciliation \$60      Communion \$ 70      Confirmation \$75   |                                    |                                       |
| Cash or Cheque or Direct Payment – <i>Holy Eucharist &amp; St Mary's, BSB 083 347.</i>   |                                    |                                       |
| A/c Number 14363 7666 Details: <b>SACRAMENT plus CHILD'S NAME &amp; SURNAME.</b>   |                                    |                                       |

**This form is to be returned to the Parish Office prior to close of registration.**