

# MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH IVANHOE

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4 Waverley Ave Ivanhoe

**St. Bernadette's Church**  
89 Bond St Ivanhoe

**Mother of God Church**  
56 Wilfred Rd Ivanhoe East

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 for Children **NOT ATTENDING** our Parish Schools

Preparing children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion (*the Sacraments that complete our Christian Initiation which began in Baptism*) 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 together 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 the 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 preparation program offered for your children.

Receiving the Sacraments is a '*sacramental journey*'. We do not receive the Sacraments just because we are in a certain grade at school, or have reached a certain age, or have completed a program of preparation. Rather it is a spiritual journey in which there needs to be moments of discernment about when we are ready to receive the Sacrament and this spiritual journey has little to do with age or school grade and more to do with our integration into the worshipping life of the parish community and our personal spiritual growth and prayer life. Discernment of when a child is ready for the sacrament needs to involve the Child, Parents, Catechist and Parish Priest.

### **TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Enrolments are only accepted for children ***who live within our parish boundaries which include Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West & Eaglemont.*** (Proof of address and /or identification may be required).

Please Note: Previous enrolment at one of the Ivanhoe Parish Schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is expected that preparation for and celebration of sacraments takes place in the Parish in which the child and their family live.

***In order to register your child in any of our sacramental programs  
please fill out the enclosed registration form and return to  
the Parish Secretary at the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079***

**IN REGISTERING YOU MUST COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY PART OF THE PROGRAM**

### **Enrolments close:**

**Reconciliation** Monday 10 February 2020

**Communion** Monday 2 March 2020

## FIRST COMMUNION

### ***Age of Candidate***

Normally Grade 3 and above.

All candidates must be Baptized and have evidence of their Baptism.

Children must have first received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

### ***The Program***

To assist you in preparing your child to celebrate their first Communion we offer the following program:

#### **+ Preparation Classes**

All children will attend six catechist classes run in conjunction with the Sunday Mass at Mother of God Church. Classes commence at **10.00am** (30 minutes before Mass starts). Parents are asked to join their children in the class until the start of Mass. Children will then join their parents at Mass during the Offertory Procession. Children are asked to bring pen and pencils to each session.

Day: **Sundays** Time: **10.00am (Please ensure you are there for a 10am start!)**

Dates: **April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24.**

Place: **Mother of God Church: 56 Wilfred Rd., Ivanhoe East**

#### **+ Family Workshop for Parents & Children**

**Tuesday 21 April 6.30pm in** at St. Bernadette's 'Cunningham Centre'

The Cunningham Centre is next to the church in Stanley St (opposite main entry to school)

This session is for all children preparing for the sacrament and their parents.

#### **+ Enrolment Masses**

All children preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be enrolled as candidates at Mass on **Sunday 26 April at 10.00am** (Mother of God, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East)

#### **+ Rehearsal**

The final preparation session on 24 May will include a rehearsal and practice session for the children's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion immediately after Mass.

#### **+ Celebration of the First Communion Mass**

Candidates will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on:

**Sunday 31 May 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Church** (Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe)

### ***General Information***

**+ Catechetical Fees:** \$80 per child. This fee assists in covering costs of running the program, materials provided, certificates, administration etc. Please include fees with the enrolment form. Cheques payable to 'Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe'.

**+ Dress:** Children should be dressed in clothing that marks the day as a special occasion. There is no set dress (neat casual is okay) but please remember it is not a fashion parade.

**+ Photography / Videos:** In order to respect the sacred nature of both the Liturgy and the Sacrament the use of mobile phones, cameras and videos during the Liturgical Celebration is not permitted.

### ***Enrolments Close - Monday 2 March 2020***

Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it together **with a copy of Baptismal Certificate** to: Parish Secretary, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079.

**IN REGISTERING YOU MUST COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY PART OF THE PROGRAM**

**Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish Ivanhoe**  
**REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**(FIRST COMMUNION)**

Child's Christian Names		Surname	
Address			
Date of Birth		School	
Age		School Level (Year)	
<b>Please attach a copy of Baptism Certificate to this form</b>	Date of Baptism		
	Parish of Baptism		

***Please note that children preparing for 1st Communion must have already completed their 1st Reconciliation***

Mother's Name	
Father's Name	
Email Address	
Phone	Home _____ <i>For emergency contact:</i> Mother: Work hours _____ Mobile _____ Father: Work hours _____ Mobile _____

Church where you attend Mass	
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<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 Ivanhoe, 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.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;">_____ Signature of parent or guardian</div>

**Catechetical Fee: \$80 per child for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.**

**Please enclose cash or cheque payable to: 'Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe' – Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return this form**

**together with a copy of your Baptismal Certificate & catechetical fees, to**

**Parish Secretary, 4 Waverley Ave., Ivanhoe 3079**

**Before 2 March 2020**