

# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

We had to change the arrangements; sorry about that.

Because CONFIRMATION in St. Mary's Cathedral may happen much earlier than we previously were told we will need to have the enrolment and preparation during the second term of the school year in 2023 and so had to move Communion to the 4<sup>th</sup> term.

## 1. FIRST RECEIVING OF RECONCILIATION (Confession & Forgiveness)

Children of the Parish in Year 3 or a higher class in any school can be prepared for this. Church law requires children must have begun receiving Reconciliation before eligible to begin receiving Communion.

**ENROLMENT EVENINGS** when parents enrol children in the parish preparation are

**For all Catholic fathers:** Saturday **Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> 2023** at **6.45 p.m.**

**For all Catholic mothers:** Sunday **Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 2023** at **6.45 p.m.**

Parents who are not Catholic are also welcome. The meetings are definitely not for the children and will take place in the Church after 5.30 p.m. mass. The child's **Baptism Certificate** is needed, unless the Baptism took place here.

**The first receiving of Reconciliation** will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.** in two sessions: at **12.30 p.m.** and at **2 p.m.**

## 2. CONFIRMATION

Children in Year 6 in any school or in any High School are eligible. Candidates need to be **Baptised**, to have received **Reconciliation** and **Holy Communion** and are in at least **Year 6** or in **High School** in 2023.

We plan to have coaches from here to our magnificent Mother Church where Archbishop & his Assistant Bishops will administer Confirmation.

**ENROLMENT EVENINGS** when parents enrol children in the parish for preparation

**for all Catholic fathers:** Saturday **May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 6.45 p.m.**

**for all Catholic mothers:** Sunday **May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 6.45 p.m.**

Each child's Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion Certificates are needed, unless they took place in Good Shepherd Church

**3. FIRST RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION.** Children of the Parish in at least **Year 3** in any school can be prepared for this, provided they have already begun receiving Reconciliation.

**ENROLMENT EVENINGS** when parents enrol children in the parish preparation are

**For all Catholic fathers:** Saturday **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 6.45 p.m.**

**for all Catholic mothers:** Sunday **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 6.45 p.m.**

Parents who are not Catholic are also welcome if their child is Catholic. Each child's Baptism & Reconciliation Certificate are needed, unless already sighted or from Good Shepherd Church.

**First Communion will be received on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King November 25th / 26th 2023.**