



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

29 February 2024

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Dear Parents and Candidate,

I would like to inform the Catholic families in the Cathedral parish of the dates of the parish events which lead up to the celebration of first holy communion in 2024. This sacrament is normally celebrated in year four.

Parents play a key role in passing on faith. Pope Francis said recently, *'Your children's "little eyes" gradually memorize and interpret with the heart that faith is one of the greatest inheritances you have received from your parents and ancestors.... And if you hand on the faith and live it well, that is where the transmission happens.'* Parents are supported in this by the Catholic School Religious Education Programme or a Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP). Parents will need to ensure that their children are attending one or the other; if your child is not attending a Catholic school please contact the Cathedral parish office as soon as possible so that we can assist you.

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday, 1 September 11am. Children are asked to come in neat clothing appropriate to the occasion; school uniforms may not be worn.

There will be a combined commitment Mass and enrolment for the sacrament at the Cathedral on Saturday, 27 July 6pm. The commitment ceremony will take place during Mass. Please ensure that you have filled in the enrolment and permission jotforms before the Mass. You are asked to pay the enrolment fee when enrolling.

On Wednesday, 31 July at 5pm a parent-child workshop will be held in the Cathedral parish centre. At that workshop a facilitator will help parents and children talk about faith and first communion.

As you can see there are not many events. It is very important for the children and their families to participate regularly in Sunday Mass if they are not already doing so. The Mass is at the heart of our Catholic identity and faith. And participation in Sunday Mass is the best preparation for first communion.

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If you have any questions, please do speak to one of the priests or call the parish office. This sacrament is a very special moment in your child's journey of faith and your parish community looks forward to supporting you in the journey and to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Please take time to fill in the form from the link below, attach relevant certificates and pay the enrolment fee.

<https://smcperth.jotform.com/dean.cathedral/first-communion-enrolment-form>

Summary of Dates

First Holy Communion

Commitment Mass	Saturday	27 July	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	Wednesday	31 July	5-6pm	Parish Centre
First Communion Mass	Sunday	1 September	11am	Cathedral

God bless.

Best wishes

Fr Sean Fernandez
Dean and Administrator