

May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child is about to enter primary four and as such would be eligible for consideration to make their first Holy Communion in 2024. For this to happen I would invite you to register to enter the Sacramental Preparation Programme. This is a requirement if your child is to be invited to make their First Communion.

The Sacramental Preparation team at St. John Bosco Church and St. Bernadette's, aim to deliver an engaging, disciple-forming programme that encourages a real encounter with Jesus Christ who is fully present in our sacraments.

The preparation programme allows young people to fully enter into living out the Catholic faith in a way that speaks to them in an ever-changing world that challenges all Christian values.

We already work in conjunction with our primary schools, who provide the educational element of formation. We commit to build on this by providing at parish level, space for prayer, open discussion, and engaging activities will help your child to be a fully formed, well-prepared child who is ready to face the challenges of the world as a strong member of the Catholic Church.

As a parent/guardian, we also expect you to commit to this preparation, by doing the following things:

- Bring your Child to Sunday Mass every week.
- Bring them to their sessions, on time and ready to engage with a positive attitude.
- Developing a life of prayer in the family home, by praying every day and encouraging growth in your child's faith.

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- Participation in the Parents meetings over the course of the year.

Together, we will strengthen your child's faith, so that they may live the Gospel message to the full through the rest of their life.

Once you have registered your child, you will be invited to a parents' evening to explain the process and answer any questions you may have. We would ask that you bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (Which you can get from the parish your child was baptised). If your child has not yet been baptised, then please speak to Fr David at the meeting. You will be invited to the meeting by email after you have registered your child.

Please note that if you do not register your child; they will not be eligible for consideration to receive the sacraments in 2024.

Please register before the 9th of June 2023 at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mWYbVEseXq>

I look forward to spending time with you in what I hope will be a year of grace for your child, yourself, and your family.

Thank you for investing in your child's faith, you are in our prayers.

Father David + the Sacramental
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