

# 2023 SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES



## 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist at Our Lady of Lourdes

The Sacrament 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist is available to all children of the Parish who are **8½ years** of age or older and who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation.

**Children must be at least 8½** (usually Year 3 +) at the time of the celebration of the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in November.

- **For OLOL families, Registration has already been completed online** as it is assumed that, by registering to receive the Sacrament 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, you and your child have committed yourselves to both programs in order to celebrate the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in 2023. If this is not the case, please contact OLOL Parish Office.
- **If your child has received the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation before this year, you will need to complete the Online Registration for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. See the link and QR Code below.**
- **Parent Information Meetings** for the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and at St Michael's Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in 2023, you must attend one of these sessions and, of course, it is expected that you will continue to bring your child to Sunday Mass as they prepare to receive this most precious gift of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist.
- Parents and children are asked to then **work through the Children's Activity Workbook together**, "The Sacrament of Holy Communion", one Session per week. **Your child's workbook will be available for collection at the Parent Information Meeting.**
- **Parent Guidance Notes will be provided each week via email**, to coincide with the Children's Workbook Session. These Guidance Notes are for parent use, outlining briefly what is expected each week.
- There may be questions or concerns that you wish to discuss as you work through this preparation with your child. You can email [sacspobh@gmail.com](mailto:sacspobh@gmail.com) for support/assistance at any time or contact the Parish Office.
- At the Parent Meeting we will ask you to nominate your preferences (1, 2, 3) for the day and time you wish your child to receive their First Communion.

At the present time, the dates and times for Our Lady of Lourdes Church are as follows:

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm**
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm**
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – @ 6.00 pm Parish Mass**
- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am Parish Mass**
- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm**

We will let you know if these need to change and they will be confirmed at the Parent Information Meeting.

**Please give your preferred dates some thought before you come to the Parent Information Meeting as you will need to indicate your preferences at this time. Allocation of day/time will not be made until after the Parent Meeting.**

**We ask for your understanding in this matter as, unfortunately, every family may not be able to receive their first preference for the celebration of the Sacrament.**

**Link for those who are not yet registered – Registration opens Friday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> September. and closes Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

<https://forms.gle/H1ts2EX12K3qkw6z8>

Take care & God bless,

*Louise Ryall*

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