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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Sacramental Programme 2021

In Lumen Christi Catholic Parishes we acknowledge parents as the first educators in the Catholic Faith of their children. Our Parish based Sacramental programme reflects this perspective as we support you in the preparation of your child for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Each year we conduct an evaluation of our Sacramental Programme. As a result of this year's review, we would like to inform you of the structure of the 2021 Sacramental Programme.

Prior to enrolling your child into the Lumen Christi Sacramental Programme you, as parents/carers will be asked to attend a parent meeting which will be led by the Parish Administrator, Fr Bernard. This meeting is a requirement for enrolment into any of our Sacramental Programmes.

The Sacramental Programme for each Sacrament (Reconciliation/Confirmation/First Holy Communion) will be five weeks in length, commencing with the Parent meeting mentioned above. To ensure careful preparation, **attendance by the child and an accompanying parent/carer at the following four sessions is essential** to ensure preparation for the reception of the Sacraments.

The sessions for each Sacrament will be held in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral commencing at 6.30 pm.

Reconciliation:

Parent Meeting: Wednesday 10th February or Thursday 11th February

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 2: Reconciliation Programme Session 1: 24th or 25th Feb,

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 3: Reconciliation Programme Session 2: 3rd or 4th Mar,

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 4: Reconciliation Programme Session 3: 10th or 11th Mar,

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 5: Reconciliation Programme Session 4: 17th or 18th Mar,

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral. Sacrament of Reconciliation to follow upon completion of Meeting 5.

Confirmation:

Parent Meeting: Wednesday 24th March or Thursday 25th March

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 1: Confirmation Programme Session 1: 21st or 22nd April

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 3: Confirmation Programme Session 2: 28th or 29th April
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 4: Confirmation Programme Session 3: 5th or 6th May
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 5: Confirmation Programme Session 4: 12th or 13th May
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Sacrament of Confirmation around the Feast of Pentecost Sunday, 21st – 23rd May

First Holy Communion:

Parent Meeting: Wednesday 30th June or Thursday 1st July

6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 2: First Holy Communion Programme Session 1: 14th or 15th July
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 3: First Holy Communion Programme Session 2: 21st or 22nd July
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 4: First Holy Communion Programme Session 3: 28th or 29th July
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Meeting 5: First Holy Communion Programme Session 4: 4th or 5th August
6.30 pm in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral

Sacrament of the Eucharist Dates

Weekend of:

14th/15th Aug

21st/22nd Aug

28th/29th Aug

First Communion will be celebrated during Parish Mass times on these weekends. You will be notified of Mass times and Mass allocations in due time.

There are costs associated with our Sacramental programmes, such as wages, necessary items for Sacred Liturgy, maintenance of church buildings, and cleaning of the church. Therefore, we ask that you contribute the following so that we can continue to offer the Sacramental Programmes in an appropriate way:

Confirmation: \$40

Reconciliation and Eucharist together: \$60

I look forward to meeting you all during our 2021 Sacramental Programme when we will work together to form your children in the understanding and the practice of our Catholic Faith.

Yours in Christ,



Very Rev Bernard L Gordon
VICAR GENERAL & ADMINISTRATOR