SACRAMENT PROGRAM - 2017
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Diocese of Sale

Family Centred, Parish Based
School and Catechist Supported

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&

(A Team Of Dedicated Volunteers)
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017 Sacrament Program at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, we accept the responsibility for passing on our Christian faith, values, traditions, beliefs and stories to the children of our community. While on this endeavour, we are looking forward to supporting you through prayer, teaching and example and welcome the opportunity to work with you and your child, as your child prepares to receive the sacraments.

In planning the Sacrament program, we have carefully considered the dates and times for enrolment nights, workshops and celebrations, for the benefit of all candidates enrolling, and also to ensure that this program runs efficiently. We have also incorporated The catechist Program as part of the preparation for children attending non Catholic schools. As the church is undergoing renovations in 2017, alternate venue arrangements have been made for all the parent and child workshops. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We request you to make note of the relevant dates and times allocated for the different Sacraments and the venue to enable you to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. This will ensure that you do not miss out on any of the events you should be attending. However, if for any reason you have missed the enrolment night, we request you to wait until the following year.

We would also like to bring to your attention that it is the Parish policy to enrol your child for only one Sacrament per year, so as to enable the children to have a better knowledge and faith experience of each Sacrament.
Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
FAMILY CENTRED SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

Within the community of our Lady Help of Christians Parish, children can learn what it is to be a Catholic. In keeping with the guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation for Children (policy of the Diocese of Sale) our parish offers an approach to sacrament preparation that is family centred, parish based and school & catechist supported. This is a three-way partnership in which families, the parish and schools collaborate in the preparation and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY

Parents are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith and are assisted in this by the more formal education provided by parishes and schools. Parents educate and form their children’s faith by:

- Their daily example of Christian living;
- Sharing of the faith through stories;
- Praying together as a family, e.g. prayer before meals, bedtime prayer;
- Giving their children the opportunity to experience belonging to a faith community, especially at Sunday mass.

Parents, with the assistance of teachers, parish pastoral associates and the parish priests have an important role in discerning the readiness of their children to celebrate a particular sacrament.

What is expected of families?

Parents/guardians are expected:

- To attend the Parent Information Night specific to the sacrament their child will be celebrating. This is important in order to gain an overview of the sacrament and to obtain information about enrolment and preparation kits.
- To attend an Enrolment/Commitment Mass.
- To attend a Parent/Child workshop.
- To return all relevant paperwork, etc. by the due date.
- To assist their child with the preparation workbook.
A balanced approach to growth in faith is achieved when family, parish and school each recognize and carry out their particular role.

THE ROLE OF THE PARISH

The Parish Sacrament Team is responsible for co-ordinating sacrament preparation and offers a formal program which enables parents to be involved in the process with their children. Our Pastoral Associate is available to help families of children who do not attend our parish schools in order to offer support and assistance.

The role of all members of our parish is one of support—through communal and personal prayer, hospitality and giving witness to Christian living.

What is expected of the Parish?
The Parish is expected:

- To plan and conduct Information Nights;
- To invite families to enrol their children for sacrament preparation;
- To provide resources such as kits, workbooks and workshops in order to support and assist families with the preparation of their children.

THE ROLE OF THE PARISH

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In keeping with Diocesan Policy, children attending our three Parish Primary Schools are educated about the sacraments within a curriculum framework from Prep to Grade 6. This means that the child’s understanding and learning is developed throughout their school life at a level appropriate to their age.

What is expected of the Parish Schools?
The Parish Schools are expected:

- To provide a formal education in faith;
- To nurture our children in an environment that leads them and their families to develop their personal relationship with Jesus.

* Taken from “Achieving the Right Balance”, Diocese of Sale, Sacraments of Initiation for Children.
SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
(also known as Confession or Penance)

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who are in Grade 3 and 8 years and over. **Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish).

**ENROLMENT AND PARENT- ONLY WORKSHOP**

Date: Thursday, 2nd March 2017  
Time: 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.  
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish (Don Bosco Hall)  
Levy: A levy of $50 is payable on the night for families to receive the enrolment pack.

**ENROLMENT MASSES**

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 4th March 2017 6.00pm  
Sunday, 5th March 2017 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm  
Tuesday, 7th March 2017 7.30pm
PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS AT TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops. Attendance at one of these workshops is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Please bring the Reconciliation booklet, and your pencil case to the workshop.

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ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (VENUE-THE KEOGH ROOM)

(Parent/s and their child attending a Non– catholic school must attend an additional workshop. Attendance at one of these workshops is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Please bring the Reconciliation booklet and your pencil case to the workshop.)

Wednesday, 29th March 2017 from 4.15pm to 5pm for those making their First Reconciliation on 22nd / 26th April or 6th May this year.

Tuesday, the 9th of May 2017 from 4.15pm to 5pm for those making their First Reconciliation on 17th May or 7th / 10th June this year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

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DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION: Neat Casual Wear.
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
(also known as First Holy Communion)

Children **should be baptised in the Catholic Church and should have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year or prior, before enrolling for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

A [copy of your child’s baptism certificate](#) needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

**ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP**

**Date:** Thursday, 11th May 2017

**Time:** 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**Venue:** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish (Don Bosco Hall)

**Levy:** A levy of $50 is payable at this workshop for families to receive the enrolment pack.

**ENROLMENT MASSES**

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

- **Saturday, 13th May 2017** 6.00pm
- **Sunday, 14th May 2017** 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
- **Tuesday, 16th May 2017** 7.30pm

**PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS AT MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL HALL**

Parent/s and their child must attend **one** of these workshops. Attendance at one of these workshops is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Please bring the First Eucharist booklet, and your pencil case to the workshop.)

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PLANNING NIGHT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES AT MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL HALL
(This is a parent-only meeting to plan your child’s First Eucharist Mass.)

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(Children attending a Non-catholic school must attend 2 catechist classes that have been scheduled. The child’s attendance at the 2 sessions is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Please remember to bring your pencil case.)

Sunday 4th June 2017 (from 12 noon to 1pm (after the 11am mass)

Sunday 18th June 2017 (from 12 noon to 1pm (after the 11am mass)

FIRST EUCHARIST REFLECTION DAY- More information about the day will be given at the enrolment night.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children should have been baptised in the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before enrolling to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment form if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish and has not received the other Sacraments in this parish.

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 24th August 2017
Time: 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish (Don Bosco Hall)
Levy: A levy of $50 is payable at this meeting for families to receive the enrolment pack.

ENROLMENT MASSES

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)
Saturday, 26th August 2017 6.00pm
Sunday, 27th August 2017 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 29th August 2017 7.30pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS AT TRINITY SCHOOL HALL

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Sunday 15th October 2017 from 12 noon to 1pm (after the 11am mass)

Sunday 29th October 2017 from 12 noon to 1pm (after the 11am mass)

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY- More information about the day will be given at the enrolment night.

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DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION:

Neat Formal Wear
Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass.
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Primary School 9704 7255
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren

Mary MacKillop Primary School 8794 5777
2 Ernst Wanke Rd, Narre Warren North

Trinity Primary School 9704 1970
103 - 129, Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BERWICK CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 9702 6588
75 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick

OFFICER CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 5943 3600
21 Majestic Drive, Officer

BEACONSFIELD CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 9707 3111
Cnr. Beaconsfield Ave & Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield