

SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR 2020

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Diocese of Sale



Family Centred, Parish Based,
School and Catechist supported

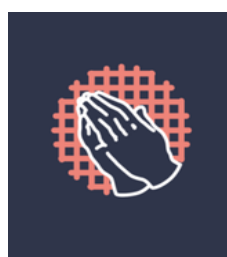
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 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.

We request you to make note of all the relevant dates and times allocated for the different Sacraments to enable you to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. This will ensure that you do not miss any of the events you should be attending. The Preparation process is a mandatory requirement for sacraments in our Narre Warren Parish. You, as responsible parents, are committing yourselves to nurture the faith of your children, and so it is your responsibility to ensure that you and your child attend the various stages of preparation, if you wish to have your child receive the sacrament. There are a few changes to the program starting this year, so please take the time to go through it. However, if for any reason you have missed the enrolment night, or any other meeting/workshop, we request you to call the parish office.

We would also like to bring to your attention that it is **the Parish preferred policy to enrol your child for only one Sacrament per year,** 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

*Sacraments are a
visible sign of
God's presence in
our world.*

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, sacrament coordinators, 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 attend weekend mass**
- **To return all relevant paperwork, etc by the due date.**
- **To assist their child with the preparation workbook.**

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.

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 SCHOOLS

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.

PAYMENT FOR ALL SACRAMENTS

A levy of \$50 is payable for each child enrolled in the sacrament program. Payments can be made via Catholic Development Fund - 'CDF Pay'. Please note, no cash payments will be taken on the **Enrolment night**. Please record the payment date on the enrolment forms.

Please follow the guidelines given below to access CDF Pay:

1. Browse to the site 'https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au'
2. Select 'Create New Account' if you have not done before or Login and go to step 5.
3. Enter your email address and choose Log In.
4. Enter your full name and preferred password, then choose OK.
5. Choose the appropriate Sacrament: Reconciliation or First Holy Communion or Confirmation.
6. Select the '+' sign and choose the number of children you wish to enrol.
7. Enter your name, child's details and contact number.
8. Choose 'Summary and Checkout' to make payment using MasterCard/Visa/Bank transfer.
9. Enter the payment details and select Pay
10. A receipt will be generated confirming purchase that will also be emailed to your specified email address.

Home Page of CDF Pay website



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

(Also known as Confession or Penance)

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who are in **Grade 3** and above. 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, 13th February 2020
Time: 6:45pm for a 7pm start
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online
(Please refer to page number 7)

COMMITMENT MASSES

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

Saturday, 15th February 2020 6.00pm

Sunday, 16th February 2020 7:30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings via 'www.schoolinterviews.com.au/' to book the dates for the Workshop and Celebration.

Bookings Open on Thursday 20th February at 9:30am
Close on Friday 28th February at 3:00pm



MASS ATTENDANCE

Parent/s and their child must attend one mass every weekend on the below dates. Attendance at mass is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Children will be called forward for a blessing and worksheets will be handed out during the mass.

15th February / 16th February 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
22nd February / 23rd February 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00 pm
29th February / 1st March 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00 pm
7th March / 8th March 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00 pm
14th March / 15th March 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00 pm
21st March / 22nd March 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00 pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

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.

Monday, 16 th March 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 17 th March 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 18 th March 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 19 th March 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm

**ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING
NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

(Child attending a Non–Catholic school must attend six additional catechist classes. Attendance at these sessions is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Sunday	16 th Feb	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	23rd Feb	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	1st March	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	8th March	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	15th March	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	22nd March	2020	12:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

Saturday,	18 th April	2020	10.30am
Wednesday,	29 th April	2020	7.00pm
Saturday,	16 th May	2020	10.30am
Wednesday,	27 th May	2020	7.00pm
Wednesday,	10 th June	2020	7:00pm

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 and Reconciliation certificate** needs to be attached to the enrolment forms if baptised/received Reconciliation outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 16th April 2020
Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online
(Please refer to page number 7)



COMMITMENT MASSES

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

Saturday, 18 th April 2020	6.00pm
Sunday, 19 th April 2020	7:30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings via 'www.schoolinterviews.com.au/' to book the dates for the Workshop and Celebration.

Bookings Open on Thursday 23rd April at 9:30am
Close on Friday 1st May at 3:00pm

MASS ATTENDANCE

Parent/s and their child must attend one mass every weekend on the below dates. Attendance at mass is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Children will be called forward for a blessing and worksheets will be handed out during the mass.

18th April / 19th April 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
25th April / 26th April 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
2nd May / 3rd May 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
9th May / 10th May 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
16th May / 17th May 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
23rd May / 24th May 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

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.

Monday, 18 th May 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 19 th May 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 20 th May 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 21 st May 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm

PLANNING NIGHT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

(This is a **parent-only** meeting to plan your child's First Eucharist Mass)

Thursday, 28 th May 2020 (for those celebrating Eucharist in June, July or August)	7.00pm
Thursday, 17 th September 2020 (for those celebrating Eucharist in October or November)	7.00pm

FIRST EUCHARIST REFLECTION DAY

At Our Lady Help of Christians Church
496 Princess Highway

Tuesday 26th May 2020 9.30 am to 2.30pm

More Information will be provided at the Enrolment Night

ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

(Child attending a Non-Catholic school must attend six additional catechist classes. Attendance at these sessions is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.)

Sunday	19th April	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	26th April	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	3rd May	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	10th May	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	17th May	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	24th May	2020	12:00 pm

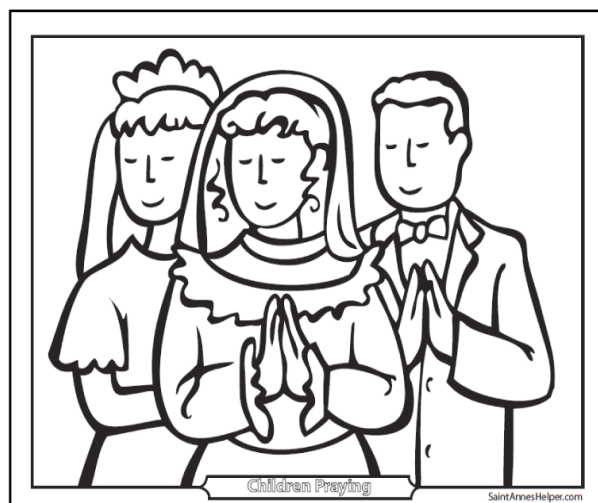
CELEBRATION DATES AND TIMES

First Eucharist Mass dates		Times	Rehearsals
Saturday, 20 th June	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 18 th June 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 21 st June	2020	11.00am	
Saturday, 18 th July	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 16 th July 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 19 th July	2020	11.00am	
Saturday, 22 nd August	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 20 th August 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 23 rd August	2020	11.00am	
Saturday, 17 th October	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 15 th October 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 18 th October	2020	11.00am	
Saturday, 31 st October	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 29 th October 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 1 st November	2020	11.00am	
Saturday, 14 th November	2020	6.00pm	Thursday, 12 th November 2020 at 6pm
Sunday, 15 th November	2020	11.00am	

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who are in **Grade 6** and above. 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. Children should be in grade 6.

A **copy of your child's Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist certificates** need to be attached to the enrolment form if baptised/received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 23rd July 2020
Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online
(Please refer to page number 7)



COMMITMENT MASSES

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

Saturday, 25 th July	2020	6.00pm
Sunday, 26 th July	2020	7:30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings via 'www.schoolinterviews.com.au/' to book the dates for the Workshop and Celebration.

Bookings Open on Thursday 30th July at 9:30am
Close on Friday 7th August at 3:00pm

MASS ATTENDANCE

Parent/s and their child must attend one mass every weekend on the below dates. Attendance at mass is a mandatory requirement as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament. Children will be called forward for a blessing and worksheets will be handed out during the mass.

25 th July / 26 th July 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
1 st August / 2 nd August 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
8 th August / 9 th August 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
15 th August / 16 th August 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
22 nd August / 23 rd August 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm
29 th August / 30 th August 2020	Sat 6:00pm or Sun 7.30am/9:00am/11:00am/6:00pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

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 Confirmation booklet, and your pencil case to the workshop.)

Monday, 10 th August 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 11 th August 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 12 th August 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 13 th August 2020	5.00pm or 7.00pm

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Sunday	26th July	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	2nd August	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	9th August	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	16th August	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	23rd August	2020	12:00 pm
Sunday	30th August	2020	12:00 pm

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
496 Princess Highway

Tuesday 8th September 2020 9.30 am to 2.00pm

More Information will be provided at the Enrolment Night

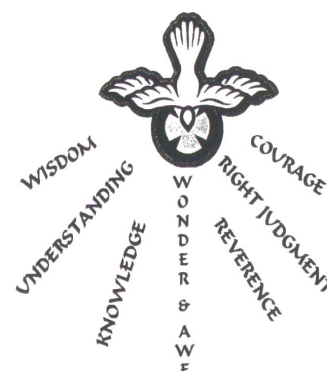
CELEBRATION DATES AND TIMES

<u>CONFIRMATION MASSES</u>	<u>REHEARSALS</u>
Friday 11 th September 2020 at 7.30pm	Wednesday 9 th September at 6pm
Saturday 12 th September 2020 at 9.00am	Wednesday 9 th September at 7.30pm
Saturday 12 th September 2020 at 12.00pm	Thursday 10 th September at 6pm
Saturday 12 th September 2020 at 3pm	Thursday 10 th September at 7.30pm

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Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass.



Prayer for children and families preparing to receive Sacraments

Loving God, we come to you
believing in your unconditional love for us.
May this time of Sacramental preparation be a time of blessing
for our beloved children, our families and our community
so we may grow more deeply in faith and love
to appreciate what is good in others and
be patient with what we do not understand.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Primary School 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren	97047255
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Mary MacKillop Primary School 2 Ernst Wanke Rd, Narre Warren North	87945777
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Trinity Primary School 103 – 129 Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South	97041970
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PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BERWICK CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 75 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick	97026588
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OFFICER CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 21 Majestic Drive, Officer	59433600
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BEACONSFIELD CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College 4 Beaconsfield Ave, Beaconsfield	97073111
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