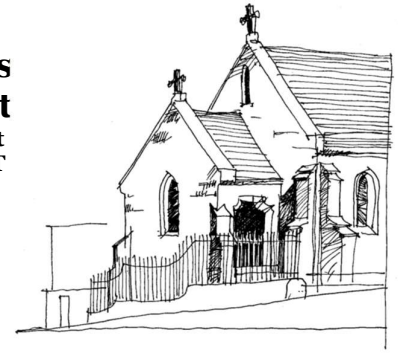


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Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child will soon begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, a further commitment to their Baptism.

The preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will occur in the first school term this year, during February and March.

The preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion will occur in Term 2 during May/June.

Please see the dates below.

The preparation for these Sacraments is done as a communal effort between the family and parish with the support of St James school.

Parent Meeting: On **Thursday 18 February at 7:00 pm** there will be a short parent meeting in St James Church. Fr Dom will speak to parents and carers at this meeting. At least one adult is required to attend. The children are not required to come. Fr Dom is keen to get to know our parish families. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to organise a time for Fr Dom to visit your home for dinner.

As the primary educators of the faith, parents are involved in preparing their child to receive the sacraments by attending Mass each week, attending the parish preparation sessions, working through the activity books together and discussing the sacraments at home.

A summary of the dates for both Sacraments is below:

- **Thursday 18th February, 7:00 pm** - Parent Meeting with Fr Dom in St James Church
- **Friday 19th February**- Application form and payment for both Sacraments due to St James Parish via direct deposit or credit card payment (see below)

Preparation Sessions for First Reconciliation:

- **Sunday 28th Feb** - 9:30am Mass followed by **Session 1** (1 hour) in the school hall. The session will begin straight after Mass around 10:20 am. A parent is required to attend the whole session.
- **Sunday 7th March** - 9.30 am Mass followed by **Session 2** (1 hour) in the school hall. The session will begin straight after Mass around 10:20 am. A parent is required to attend the whole session.
- **Sunday 14th March** - 9.30 am Mass followed by **Session 3** (1 hour) in the school hall. The session will begin straight after Mass around 10:20 am. A parent is required to attend the whole session.
- **Sunday 21st March** - 9.30 am Mass followed by **Session 4** in the school hall. The children will also prepare for the Sacrament in the church. The session will begin straight after Mass around 10:20 am and finish with a shared lunch around 12:00 pm in St James Park. A parent is required to attend the whole session.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Thursday 25th March - 7:00pm in St James Church

Preparation Sessions Dates for First Communion

- **Sunday 16th May** - 9:30am Mass in the school hall. Fr Dom will celebrate Mass for the children and parents, during which he will teach them about the Mass. A parent is required to be with their child.
- **Sunday 24th May** - 9:30am Mass in the school hall. Fr Dom will celebrate Mass for the children and parents, during which he will teach them about the Mass. A parent is required to be with their child.
- **Sunday 30th May** - 9:30am Mass in the school hall. Fr Dom will celebrate Mass for the children and parents, during which he will teach them about the Mass. A parent is required to be with their child. Mass will be followed by First Communion practice in the church and pizza in St James Park.

Sacrament of First Communion

Sunday 6th June - 9.30 am in St James Church

- **Cost:** The cost of both activity books, sacramental pins, certificates and reflection day lunches is \$50, which is payable to St James Parish via online or credit card payment (see below).

We look forward to sharing this special time with you. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Gardiner at:

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Fr Dominic Murphy OP

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(St James Parish Sacramental Coordinator)

Payment Options- \$50 for First Reconciliation and First Communion Program books, sacramental pins, certificates and reflection day meals

Transfer into the parish account

Payment details:

To transfer funds into the Parish Account:

Name: *St James Parish*

BSB: *062 784*

ACC: *3605 001*

Please put the letters SAC, then your child's surname as the reference.

E.g. SACSMITH

Credit card payment:

Please complete the details below, scan and email to Brooke Foye (Parish Secretary) including the name of your child. info@stjames-stbede.org.au

First Reconciliation & First Communion Books etc. payment for:

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