

13 October 2018



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK

Dear Friends,

As so many people are already preparing their 2019 diaries, I have once again decided to publish, before the end of the school year, the dates for our parish celebrations of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Eucharist) in 2019. I ask that you take note of the dates and include them now in your diaries. I also hope, as these 2019 dates are being sent out now, that families will be able to work their other commitments around these dates and make the celebration of these sacraments and the sacramental preparation lessons a **priority**. **The parish's weekly celebration of the Mass is at the heart of the preparation program for all the sacraments.** While catechists, teachers and members of the parish sacramental team will, once again in 2019, support our parish sacramental programs, **the most important 'teachers'** for the children preparing for these sacraments **will be you**, their parents and families. **The 2019 dates for these sacraments are to be found on the attached sheets.** It is essential, if you want your child/ren to receive any of these sacraments, that you attend a Parent Information Session for the relevant sacrament. In our parish, baptised children in Year 3 and above, can make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and children in Year 6 and above, who have made their First Holy Communion, can receive Confirmation.

**BAPTISM CERTIFICATES:** If a candidate was not baptised in St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park a copy of their baptism certificate will be required at the time of enrolment. Families who need a copy of their child's baptism certificate are encouraged to access this now from the parish of their child's baptism, so they have it ready to hand in at the time of enrolment.

### **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Confirmation 2019 will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019**

**will be held on Wednesday, 1st May 2019**

Responding to the feedback from families involved in our 2018 Sacramental Programs and mindful of the limited space in our Oran Park Mass Centre to gather, **we will be running two Information Sessions on the same day – a session at 3.30pm-5pm, and a session from 7pm-8.30pm.**

**(Families are only required to attend one of these information sessions)**

At these Parent Information Sessions to be held at Southern Mass Centre, 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park we will explain the various 'steps' associated with preparing for the Sacrament, along with practical details regarding the workshops/lessons and the actual ceremonies. The enrolment form for the Sacrament will also be handed out at this Parent Information Session. No enrolment forms will be able to be collected from the Parish Office or schools or catechists. **Please note:** Again in response to feedback from families involved in our 2018 Sacramental Program there will be a combined information session for both '1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion', rather than an information session for each Sacrament.

**Like this year,** it is our hope that we can hold our 2019 Confirmation Ceremonies and First Holy Communion Masses in the Hall at St Gregory's College, Gregory Hills.

Also we will be holding an **Information Session (on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> May - prior to the start of the First Reconciliation preparation program)** for families who wish their child/children to make their **First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion BUT whose children are not baptised or have been baptised in a Christian church other than Catholic.** This information session is in addition to the Parent Information Session for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

For more information on our 2019 sacramental program contact: [oranparksacraments@dow.org.au](mailto:oranparksacraments@dow.org.au)

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Fr David Catterall MTh, Parish Priest

## 2019 Sacraments @ St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park

### CONFIRMATION

Any children in Year 6, 2019 (or above) who have been baptised Catholic and have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can receive their Confirmation.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Confirmation Parent Information Session**

(3.30pm – 5pm OR 7pm – 8.30pm)

at Southern Mass Centre, 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park.

*At this Parent Information Session we will explain the various 'steps' associated with preparing for Confirmation, along with practical details regarding the workshops/lessons and the actual Confirmation ceremonies. The enrolment form for Confirmation will also be handed out at this Parent Information Session.*

<b>17/18 November 2018</b>	ALL Enrolment forms need to be returned on the weekends of 17/18 November OR 24/25 November
<b>24/25 November 2018</b>	
<b><u>16/17 February 2019</u></b>	<b>Confirmation Commitment Weekend</b> – candidates are required to attend a weekend Mass on 16/17 February
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	Week One workshops begin
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Week Two workshops begin
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Week Three workshops begin
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Week Four workshops begin
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2019	Week Five workshops begin
Saturday 10am & 2pm (St Gregory's College Hall, Gregory Hills)	<b>Confirmation Ceremonies (Liturgy of the Word)</b> (Date: near the end of Term 1 before school holidays <u>or</u> at the beginning of Term 2 after school holidays. The actual date depends on Bishop's 2019 diary)

**How do I book a workshop?** At the Parent Information Session the workshop times/days will be announced. You will be able to make a booking for a workshop by going to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) and entering the event code that will be provided at the Parent Information Night.

**What about booking a time for a Confirmation Ceremony?** You will be able to make bookings for a Confirmation ceremony via the same website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) and entering the event code that will also be provided at the Parent Information Session.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Any children who have been baptised Catholic and are in Year 3, (or above) in 2019, can receive their First Reconciliation.

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Combined First Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion  
Parent Information Session** (3.30pm – 5pm OR 7pm – 8.30pm)  
at Southern Mass Centre, 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park.

*At this Parent Information Session we will explain the various 'steps' associated with preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, along with practical details regarding the workshops/lessons and the actual First Reconciliation ceremonies and First Communion Masses. The enrolment form for First Reconciliation and First Communion Masses will also be handed out at this Parent Information Session.*

4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL Enrolment forms need to be returned on the weekend of 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (7pm – 8.30pm) at Southern Mass Centre, 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park	<b>Information Night for families who wish their child/children to make their First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion BUT whose children are not baptised or have been baptised in a Christian church other than Catholic.</b> NOTE: This information session is <u>in addition to</u> the Combined Parent Information Night for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Commitment Weekend</b> – candidates are required to attend a weekend Mass on 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> May
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Week One workshops begin
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Week Two workshops begin
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Week Three workshops begin
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Week Four workshops begin
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Week Five workshops begin (this workshop will focus on a rehearsal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	First Reconciliation Ceremonies (Times: TBC)

**How do I book a workshop?** At the Parent Information Night the workshop times/days will be announced. You will be able to make a booking for a **workshop** by going to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) and entering the event code that will be provided at the Parent Information Sessions.

**What about booking a time for a First Reconciliation Ceremony?** You will be able to make bookings for a First Reconciliation **ceremony** via the same website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) and entering the event code that will also be provided at the Parent Information Sessions.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Any children who are in Year 3 (or above), in 2019, who have been baptised Catholic and have received their First Reconciliation, can receive their First Holy Communion.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion INSTRUCTIONAL MASS** (3.30pm-5pm OR 7pm-8.30pm)  
 - all candidates required to attend with one adult family member.

At this Instructional Mass the event code to make bookings for workshops (and at 1<sup>st</sup> workshop the event code to make bookings for First Holy Communion Masses) via the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) will be provided.

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 (11.15am – 12noon) 'Penola Room' demountable next to the Oran Park Mass Centre	<b>Information Session for families who wish their child/children to make their First Holy Communion BUT did not attend the combined Information Session for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion that was held in May.</b> NOTE: This information session is <u>only for those families whose children have already made their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (but prepared for the sacrament at a different parish or in our parish in a previous year) and missed the Combined Parent Information Night for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion</u>
27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Commitment Weekend</b> – candidates are required to attend a weekend Mass on 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> July
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Week One workshops begin
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Week Two workshops begin
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Week Three workshops begin
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Week Four workshops begin
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Week Five workshop begin
Sunday 10am & 2pm (St Gregory's College Hall, Gregory Hills)	First Holy Communion Masses (Date: near the end of Term 3 before school holidays <u>or</u> at the beginning of Term 4 after school holidays. The actual date depends on venue availability)

### How do I book a workshop and a time for First Holy Communion Mass?

At this Instructional Mass the event code to make bookings for workshops (and at 1<sup>st</sup> workshop the event code to make bookings for First Holy Communion Masses) via the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) will be provided.