



# St Mark's Parish

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## St Mark's Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion (First Eucharist) 2020.

Dear Parents / Guardian of a First Holy Communion Sacramental Candidate.

We have experienced an unprecedented situation in our lifetime with the closure of Churches and the cessation of our Sacramental life over the last few months. Thank goodness, we are now able to celebrate Mass with smaller numbers. A maximum of 80 (using upstairs and downstairs) are permitted in our Church using the one person per four square metre ruling. At this stage I invite candidates and their families back to Mass with our revised programme of Masses, as you feel comfortable and it is safe for you to do so. To attend Masses, you have to register and maintain social distancing in our Church, and after each Mass our Church is to be cleaned.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion (First Eucharist) has been rescheduled to November 2020. Enclosed is an expression of interest registration form. The timeline for dates are below.

Your choice of celebration Mass is on a first come first served basis. An email confirming your celebration choice of booking date and time will be sent to you with your ZOOM details. Please understand if your first choice is not available.

Due to COVID – 19 restrictions we are offering **only six (6) candidates per Mass** with each child permitted to bring their immediate family only. Additional guests need to register for Mass as per current requirements on the Parish website.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – FIRST EUCHARIST			
<b>PARENT PREPARATION EVENING:</b> <b>(Attendance Essential)</b>	23 September 2020	7.30pm	ZOOM OR PHONE IN (1 hour)
<b>PREPARATION SESSIONS:</b> <b>(Choose 1 set of dates)</b>	Wednesday 14 – 21 – 28 October at 7.00pm (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)	Thursday 15 – 22 – 29 October at 7.00pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)	ZOOM (1 hour) (at least one parent must be present with the candidate)
<b>MASS, PRACTICE EVENING AND PRAYER</b> <b>(Choose 1 date only)</b>	Wednesday 4 – 11 – 18 – 25 November	The candidate attends the week prior to the celebration of their Sacrament date.	Wednesday 6 - 7pm ST MARK'S CHURCH
<b>THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE</b> <b>(FIRST RECONCILIATION)</b>	Each child must attend prior to their celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.	Every Saturday from 17 October to 21 November	11am – 11.55am ST MARK'S CHURCH
CELEBRATION MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FIRST EUCHARIST)			
<b>Saturday: 5.30pm Mass</b> 7 November 14 November 21 November 28 November	<b>Sunday: 9.00am Mass</b> 8 November 15 November 22 November 29 November	<b>Sunday: 10.30am Mass</b> 8 November 15 November 22 November 29 November	<b>Saturday: 6.00pm Mass</b> 8 November 15 November 22 November 29 November

This Sacramental information is effective for this 'moment in time' and may change in line with the Archdiocese of Sydney and NSW Government guidelines. As numbers are restricted at Church, all Sacramental programs may have restrictions on number of attendees. We will keep you up to date through the Parish Bulletin and Parish website.

I thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and look forward to these Parish occasions.

Yours sincerely

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Parish Priest, Episcopal Vicar for Education  
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