

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will commence in Term 1. Children who have been baptised, made their First Reconciliation and are in Year 4, or above, are eligible to receive these sacraments. An initial meeting will be held in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 3:30 pm**.

The method of presentation will be similar to that used for First Reconciliation. After an initial parent information session, you and your son/daughter will complete the program in groups with other parents and candidates. These groups of about 4-8 candidates will be organised at our first parent meeting.

A second parent information afternoon will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Term 2 Week 1) at 3:30 pm** in the Church. John Briffa from Bishop's Office will provide some input into the history of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Children will also need to attend a **Commitment Mass** to be held over the weekend of the **21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at the three parish Masses. (6 pm Saturday, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm Sunday)

The sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist are split into two parts due to a request from Bishop McGuckin.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm** in the OLOL Church.

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated at special **11am** Masses on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Families will be able to select which Mass they wish to attend at the initial parent meeting. We aim to have a similar number of candidates at each Mass.

Short Practise afternoon dates will be occur just before each of the ceremonies –

Confirmation Practise afternoon – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 3:30 pm

Communion Practise afternoon for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - 3:30 pm

Communion Practise afternoon for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 3:30 pm

If families are unable to fully commit to **all parent meetings, group preparation as well as the Commitment Mass** they may wish to **enrol in the 2019 program**.

Children who were not baptised in this parish, or who **have not** previously submitted their baptismal certificate will need to provide a copy of this certificate. It would be appreciated if the attached permission form, Student Information Form (**fully completed please**), **\$30 (which can be invoiced to the OLOL school account if a student at OLOL)** to cover the costs involved, a **small photo (Approx A5 or 10cm x 15cm)** for display in the church and any Baptismal Certificates (if not already submitted) could be handed in by **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. I look forward to meeting with you at the initial parent meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30 pm in the Church.

Yours sincerely

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## Student Information Form - Confirmation / Eucharist

Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full Name (including maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church & Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a **copy** of your child's Baptismal certificate (if not already submitted)

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We agree to photographs being displayed in the School Newsletter or Horizons Magazine (Diocesan Magazine) of my child. Yes  No

I am willing to be a group leader. Yes  No

### Checklist

#### Have you returned:

Baptismal Certificate       Money (Add to OLOL School Account / Cash / Cheque)       Photo

#### Sponsors

The person to be confirmed is to have a Sponsor. The Sponsor is to be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and who will be an example to the person being confirmed. Sponsors should be at least 16 years of age. Sponsors should not be the parents of the child as the sponsor should be supporting the parents in this religious guidance. (Parents may be a proxy if Godparents are unavailable.)

It is often appropriate that the Sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at Baptism i.e. the Godparents.

#### Confirmation Name

Children can choose a Saints name for their Confirmation name. This may be the name given at Baptism or a new name may be chosen, because the child wants to model himself/herself on a person of faith.

\*\*\*\* Please note your group preparation meetings on your calendar

## Calendar for Confirmation /First Eucharist



### March

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	<b>Feb 27</b> Due date for info notes	Feb 28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 1 <sup>st</sup> Information meeting 3:30 pm OLOL Church	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	15
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### April

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Pupil Free Day	17	18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Information Meeting 3:30 pm OLOL Church Guest speaker: John Briffa	19	20	21 22 Commitment Mass Weekend Choose - 6 pm Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday 5:30 pm Sunday	
23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29
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### May

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 May Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Short practise for Confirmation Ceremony 3:30 pm OLOL Church	16  Confirmation Ceremony 7 pm OLOL Church	17 Short practise for children on 20th May Eucharist 3:30 pm OLOL Church	18	19	20 Group 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist 11 am OLOL Church
21	22	23 Short practise for children on 27th May Eucharist 3:30 pm OLOL Church	24	25	26 	27 Group 2 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist 11 am OLOL Church
28	29	30	31			