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Sacramental Program at All Hallows' Parish 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the All Hallows' Sacramental Program for 2018.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, *"The Sacraments of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist – lay the foundations of every Christian life...The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life."* CCC1212

Our Sacramental programs are parish based and 'family centred.' Please be aware our preparation programs require a high level of commitment by families. We rely heavily on parent involvement and parents are required to attend all sessions with their children.

The aim of these programs, apart from being an excellent opportunity to prepare your child to receive each Sacrament, is also to help build friendships and community spirit. The structure of each program is also aimed at strengthening the relationships between parents and children by offering a variety of opportunities for interaction in a reflective environment. As parents you are the first educators of your child's faith journey. Your involvement is essential for your child's spiritual growth which you pledged to support at their Baptism.

The Sacraments to be offered in 2018 are:

Year 3 – Reconciliation – *(celebrated in Term 1)*

Year 3 - First Holy Communion – *(celebrated in Term 3)*

Year 6 – Confirmation – *(celebrated in Term 2)*

Dates and Mass times will be confirmed in 2018 once we have an indication of the number of candidates participating.



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Each Program consists of one initial Parent Meeting held at All Hallows' Church where you will be given all the information relevant to the particular Sacrament being received and an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

At this stage small home groups of 6 children per group with a volunteer leader and a host for the Home Meetings are organised.

The Home Meetings are run for 4 weeks: 1 hr sessions per week held in the host's home or in our Parish Hall. A parent/carer is required to attend and participate in all 4 sessions.

There will be one practice in the Church before the Sacrament, where proceedings are explained. This date will be confirmed at the Parent Information night which will be advised in the church bulletin a few weeks prior to the Sacrament.

While the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not one of the Sacraments of Initiation, it is the Practice of the Church for children to be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving their First Holy Communion.

The Sacramental program at All Hallows' is parish based, facilitated by the Parish Priest, Fr Greg McGregor, together with the Sacramental Team who are all very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please note the attached "Application for Participation in the Sacramental Program" form must be received by the Parish office by end of term 4 for your child to be included in the Sacramental Program.

Please contact the Parish office with any enquiries.

*Yours sincerely
Elena Di Perna and Gina Bonaccorso
Sacramental Co-ordinators*

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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

I/we wish the following child to be enrolled in the preparation of the Sacrament of
RECONCILIATION – Yr 3
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Yr 3
CONFIRMATION – Yr 6

Please circle

1. Name of Candidate:

Please print clearly

First Name.....

Surname

2. Particulars:

Date of Birth

Date of Baptism

Place of Baptism..... (Church & suburb)

(If the child was baptised at All Hallows I understand Baptismal records will be checked.
Otherwise a copy of the Baptismal Record will need to be attached.)

Attends School at.....

Date of First Reconciliation Place

Date of First Holy Communion Place.....

3. Parents/Guardian:

Name/s.....

Address.....

Contact number

Email address

***Please return this form to the Parish office by end of term 4
for your child to be included in the All Hallows' Sacramental Program 2018.***

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