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Sacrament of First Communion 2019

An invitation to a Parent Information Meeting regarding First Communion at St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley for 2018

Candidates must be currently in Year 3 or above and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

Parents who would like their child/children to make their First Communion at St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley this year will be required to attend an essential information evening. This meeting is for parents only.

Date:	Wednesday 8th May 2018	
Time:	7.15pm	to purchase programmes ($20 each)
	7.30pm	meeting to commence
Place:	Marian Church Hall at St Joseph's Oatley Entrance via Church door	

Please note that it would be preferred that you forward the listed items to the presbytery by Thursday 2 May (prior to meeting). If you are unable to meet this deadline please have them with you on the night of the meeting:

- Completed enrolment form
- Baptismal Certificate (if not previously submitted when making First Reconciliation)
- Child's wallet sized school photo (with child's name on the back). *PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT required if your child made their First Reconciliation with us last year and provided a photo at that time.*

Leaders will be required for the preparation classes. You can lead as many sessions as you are available for or share it with other members of your group. Please mark what you can do on the attached enrolment form. If you lead a group for Reconciliation and would like to stay with the same leaders for this program, please make a note on the enrolment form.

Should you have any questions please feel free to email me directly at sandragreen@optusnet.com.au or call the Presbytery during office hours (Thursday or Friday 9am-3pm) on 9580-1864.

I look forward to meeting with you on 8 May.

Sandra Green
Sacramental Coordinator
on behalf of Fr Paul Hilder, Parish Priest

St Joseph's Oatley
First Holy Communion Program 2019
Information Sheet

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for enrolling your child in our First Holy Communion Program. This sacrament of the Eucharist, through which we enter the deepest possible relationship with the Lord, is the high point of our Christian journey. This is the Sacrament we call "communion," which literally means "union together." It bonds us together with Jesus, with the Church which is the Body of Christ, and the Communion of Saints.

By being part of this program, you are continuing along that path that you set out on when you presented your child for baptism and are opening yourselves up to the Lord's blessing and love that He wishes you and your child to experience.

Some practical matters

This program, here at St Joseph's is designed to allow parents, godparents and other carers to participate in this journey so as to make possible a deeper spiritual bonding with your child. Your love will be an example to your child of God's endless love. Therefore, parents and/or carers are required at every lesson.

The place and time for the lessons:

The lessons will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in small groups in the classrooms (see dates below). The candidates will need to bring their programs each week, with their own pencils and erasers. Please enter via the Rosa St gate at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and please arrive at the lessons on time.

First Communion Lesson Dates are as follows:

Lesson 1	Sunday 19 May at 8.30am
Lesson 2	Sunday 26 May at 8.45am
Lesson 3	Sunday 2 June at 8.45am
Lesson 4	Sunday 9 June at 8.45am

First Holy Communion Dates and Practice Dates are as follows:

Mass 1:	**Sat 15 June**	**5.00pm** Parish Mass (max 16 candidates)
Practice	Thursday 13 June	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Mass 2:	**Sun 16 June**	**1.30 pm**
Practice	Friday 14 June	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Mass 3:	**Sun 16 June**	**4.00 pm**
Practice:	Fri 14 June	5.30pm – 6.30pm

There will be a special reconciliation session for candidates on **Saturday 8 June, at 3.30pm**. Alternatively, your child may attend reconciliation on any Saturday from 4pm, prior to your child receiving their First Holy Communion.

Generally, girls wear white dresses and boys wear collared shirts (generally white) with long, dark pants. Please remember it may be cold so bring along a wrap or jumper for your child.

On behalf of the Parish of St Joseph's Oatley, we look forward to journeying together with you over the coming months as we support the candidates in the preparation for their First Eucharist.

Should you have any questions please email Mrs Sandra Green on sandragreen@optusnet.com.au

Mrs Sandra Green, (on behalf of Fr Paul Hilder, Parish Priest)

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

Enrolment: Sacrament of Eucharist 2019

(please print all details)

Name of Candidate: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile phone no: _____

Email: _____

Place of Baptism: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Place of First Reconciliation: _____

Date of First Reconciliation: _____

School: _____

Class: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Please Note:

- ❑ *I have given a copy of my child's baptism certificate to St Joseph's Church Parish when my child made their First Reconciliation.*

OR

- ❑ *A copy of my child's Baptism certificate is attached to this enrolment form.*

- ❑ *I have already provided a photo when my child made their First Reconciliation.*

OR

- ❑ *I have attached a wallet sized school photo of my child to this enrolment form, with their name printed clearly on the back.*

- ❑ *I can lead a group – please circle (all / 1 session/ 2 sessions/ 3 sessions)*

- ❑ *I would like to lead with* _____