



6th August 2021

**Dear Families,**

Please find below important information regarding your child's First Eucharist Mass. If you haven't booked in for a mass, you need to contact a member of the Parish Sacramental Team, Lyn Harkins or Stuart Munro. At this stage the masses on **Sunday 22nd August at 9.30am and Saturday 29th August at 6pm are full.**

### **Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop**

If you didn't attend one of the workshops we ask that you access the online parent/child workshop opportunity at: <http://web.stemiliescps.wa.edu.au/?p=35101> between now and when your child makes the sacrament.

### **Reconciliation prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist**

Children are asked to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the 2 weeks before their 1st Eucharist. This can be done by going to the Church from 5pm to 6pm before a weekday Mass from **Tuesday 17th August to Friday 27th August**. No booking is required.

### **On the Day**

Remember you need to arrive on time, so please try and be there 20 minutes prior to the Mass time. Don't forget to get your name **ticked off** in the Foyer. There will be a pew reserved with your child's name on it. We ask that families bring one or more pieces of non-perishable food for the Community Basket for those in need in the community.

When it is time for Communion Father will invite parents and communicants to come forward to receive. There will be ushers to help families move forward. Parents are invited to place their hand on their child's shoulders as they receive. The Communicant will receive first, **this happens before the rest of the congregation takes Communion**, and parents will receive with the rest of the congregation too, not when their child receives.

### **Dress**

In keeping with tradition, if the children would like to wear something white, say the boys a white shirt and the girls a simple white dress, that would be lovely, but they are NOT obliged to wear white. It is enough for the children to wear smart dress, or what we used to call 'Sunday Best'.

### **Photographs**

We would ask that you NOT take photographs during the Mass. There will be time before Mass and afterwards to get some photos, however, Father is happy for photos to be taken when children are receiving their certificates. This will also be a time when a group photograph can be taken. Father will be happy to join families for photo opportunities too, after the Mass. We are also inviting parents to share some of their photos with us for the Church archives after the masses.

### **Certificates**

The children will receive their certificates at the end of Mass, just before the final blessing.

We hope you enjoy this special day and support your child on their life-long Eucharistic journey.

Regards

**Parish Sacramental Team**