

This Enrolment Pack is available at:

<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/eucharist.html>

or

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/eucharist/>



March 13th, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With a heart of gladness I welcome parents to enrol your children in the **Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** at the **Parishes of St Agatha's, Clayfield and Mother of Mercy, Northgate, Hendra and Hamilton**. This year, our parishes have decided to operate a combined sacramental program across both communities.

In keeping with the sacramental policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, your child is eligible for this Sacrament if she or he is in Year 4 or above and has already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Please view this [information video](#) we have produced just for you (scan QR code).



Eucharist is the final sacrament of Christian initiation and marks the child's full participation in Holy Mass; your child will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist requires commitment from your family to attend all preparation sessions outlined in this Preparation Schedule. Please peruse these dates carefully. I pray you are able to prioritise these sessions. If so, please **print and complete the attached Enrolment Form** and **submit it at the first session (please register online)**. Enrolments close on **Monday 17th June**.

If you feel you are unable to fully commit to this program, please consider deferring your enrolment to another year.

Our parish communities warmly welcome you to experience our weekly Sunday Masses (Or Saturday Vigil) so your child may begin preparing for this Sacrament by witnessing the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life. You may come and visit one of our churches now to collect a Mass Passport to begin recording your Mass attendance.

I joyfully pray that you help to foster this Sacrament as an ongoing gift for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Assistant at sacramental.clayfield.net.au or call the St Agatha's Parish Office 3262 2859 or Mother of Mercy Parish Office 07 3268 3040.

Blessings,

Fr Michael Grace

Parish Priest | Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate
Parish Administrator | St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield





Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) Preparation Schedule 2024

Open to Year 3 and Up (children who have already received Baptism and Confirmation)

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Combined Sacramental Program

Contact Person: Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administrative Assistant (for both parishes)

Email: sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au | Working Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Clayfield Parish Office ph. 3262 2859 | Mother of Mercy Parish Office 07 3268 3040

Session 1: Enrolment and Family Workshop

Child+ at least one parent/guardian to attend. 1 hr duration. Cap of 30 families per session.

You may attend **any** of the following sessions (no matter what parish you belong to!)

Must bring enrolment form (both parents' signatures **must** be present to participate).

\$76 enrolment fee per child payable when you register below.

Will receive workbook and Mass Passport. Session will be facilitated by Sandy (Pastoral Associate).

Register for a session by clicking the links below. Registrations necessary!

Tuesday 18th June 3:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church	Tuesday 18th June 5:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church	Thursday 20th June 3:30pm St Agatha's Church	Thursday 20th June 5:30pm St Agatha's Church
Thursday July 11 th (after the holidays) may open in the event of illness/ /latecomer enrolments. Please contact Alexandria			

Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Mass

1 hr compulsory Mass (child + at least one parent/guardian to attend)

Come to **any** Mass below (no matter what parish you belong to) for your child to receive a prayerful commissioning to prepare towards the Sacrament of Eucharist. **Please hand in your 'pray for me' card** and get your **Mass Passport** stamped.

No registration required! Just come along with the whole family!

Choose 8:00am or 5:30pm Sunday 14th July (St Agatha's Church)
or Saturday 13th 5:00pm or Sunday 14th July 9:30am (Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra)

Ongoing preparation: Do your workbook at home and complete your Mass Passport

Please attend any Mass 4 times at either St Agatha's, our Lady Help of Christians, St John's or St Cecelia's church Why? Because the best way children can prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist is to enter into Eucharistic celebration (i.e. attending Mass).

Please check Mass times at St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish. [Click here for Mass times.](#)

Please note: Mass Passports are available at all churches if you would like to start completing your Mass Passport earlier.

Session 3: The Liturgy of God's Mercy (2nd Rite Reconciliation), Book Review and Practice

Registration required (25 students cap per session)

Child + at least one parent/guardian.

You may attend **any** session (no matter what parish you belong to)

Child **MUST** bring the activity 'Preparing for 2nd Rite Reconciliation' before the session (with his/her sin to confess).

Don't forget your completed workbook and your Mass Passport.

Students will also rehearse how to receive Communion.

This session is compulsory 1.5 hr approx.

Registration is **necessary** and closes the day before session. Please click below. Registrations shall open on **Friday 21st June**
If your child does not attend this session, s/he will be unable to receive First Holy Communion because all children must be in a state of grace through Confession to receive Communion.

Tuesday 13th August 3:15pm start Our Lady Help of Christians Church	Tuesday 13th August 4:45pm start Our Lady Help of Christians Church	Friday 16th August 4:00pm St Agatha's Church	Friday 16th August 5:45pm St Agatha's Church
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Registration is required in order to reserve a pew. **Registrations shall open on: Monday 15th July**

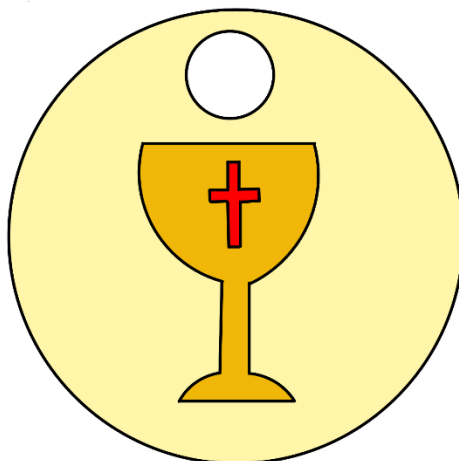
Registrations close **Thursday 8th of August**

Click below to register (necessary). Please attend the church of your parish as indicated on your enrolment form. Places limited.

Sunday 18th August 9:30am (Our Lady Help of Christians Church- Mother of Mercy Parish	Sunday 18th August 5:30pm St Agatha's Parish	Sunday 25th August 8:00am St Agatha's Church (St Agatha's Parish)	Sunday 25th August 5:30pm St Agatha's Church
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS INFORMATION

- It is traditional to wear white, however this is not a requirement.
- Please practise fasting from food or flavoured drinks for one hour before you receive Communion.
- Please come early to collect gift upon entry.
- Professional family photography is available one hr before Mass and for some time afterwards. A professional photo will also be taken of your child's First Holy Communion and as s/he receives the certificate + A group photo. Alexandria shall email the link to purchase the photo approximately one month later.
- If your child is **gluten intolerant**, when s/he approaches Fr Michael for Communion, simply say straight away 'Hello Father, I am gluten free' and he will provide a low-gluten host very easily.
- Please be aware that Catholic Hosts are very low gluten. They are endorsed by the Australia Coeliac Association. Please click [here](#) for our supplier's information. If you are still concerned about this small amount of gluten, please contact Alexandria to arrange your child to receive the precious blood only.
- Cupcake collection is after Mass (dietary requirement cakes will be labelled with child's name). Please do not eat your cupcake on church grounds.
- Your family will have access to **one** pew. Pews will be not be labelled by name so please observe a 'first in, first served' approach.
- On this day, children focus on receiving the Blessed Sacrament and thus children are not allocated readings/extra jobs on this day.
- St Agatha's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians has street parking only.



St Agatha's Catholic Parish | Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish

Enrolment Form For the Sacrament of Eucharist

(First Holy Communion) 2024



Contact Person for this combined program (both parishes): Alexandria Atkins: sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au
 Website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au | <https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au>
 Phone: 3262 2859 (St Agatha's Clayfield Parish Office) | 07 3268 3040 (Mother of Mercy Parish Office, Hendra)

Print and submit this form at Session 1. Please do not submit an incomplete form. Please no emailing of this form before the session.

Candidate's Details:

Surname: **Christian/First Name:**

Date of Birth **School and Year Level**

Where do you desire your child to receive First Holy Communion? St Agatha's Parish | MoM Parish

Date of Confirmation **Place of Confirmation**

If child was not Confirmed at St Agatha's or MoM, please attach Baptismal and Confirmation certificate. Please inform us if your child is currently non-Catholic

Child's dietary requirement for cupcake: None Gluten Free Dairy Free Egg Free Other _____
 My child requires a low-gluten host: No Yes (see attached First Holy Communion information)

Candidate's Residential Address Details

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 1
Legal Surname/Maiden: **Legal First Name:**
Street Address:
Suburb/Town:
State: **Postcode:**
Country (if not Australia):
Religion

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 2
Legal Surname/Maiden: **Legal First Name:**
Street Address:
Suburb/Town:
State: **Postcode:**
Country (if not Australia):
Religion

Home Telephone Number:
Mobile Telephone Number:

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Email Address: *Important: read below*

 Please type this exact address as you register for the first session to be included on the mailing list!

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Section 2: Family Law Matters

FAMILY LAW MATTERS

I hereby give my consent for the Candidate to be admitted to the Sacraments of the Catholic Church as indicated below:

First Holy Communion

Father's Signature Date

Mother's Signature Date

If only one parent has signed this form, a copy of any Court Orders concerning residence arrangements for the Candidate, time spent by the Candidate with either parent, or parenting issues must be supplied with this Enrolment Form.

Are there any such Orders? **Yes/No**

Has a copy of every such Order been attached to this Enrolment Form? **Yes/No**

Section 3: Parental Consent

We hereby give consent for our child to be admitted to the Sacrament of First Communion of the Catholic Church.

**Both parents' signature(s) required for enrolment purposes
(unless court orders are specified and attached)**

SIGNATURE of Parent or Legal Guardian

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PRINT NAME of Parent or Legal Guardian

PRINT NAME of Parent or Legal Guardian

RELATIONSHIP to candidate

RELATIONSHIP to candidate

DATE SIGNED

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Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Policy

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Section 4: Photographic/Media Consent Form

- I DO consent to media permissions**

(Please complete the following statement:)

I _____ (name of person giving consent and name of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age), consent to the use of photographs or video footage for use on the St Agatha's Parish website, in newsletters and publications as well as for distribution to members.

I consent to photographs or video footage being used to promote future Sacramental/Parish events by various St Agatha's Parish committees and other media.

I further understand that this consent can be withdrawn at any time in writing to St Agatha's Parish at 52 Oriel Road, Clayfield, 4011.

I give this consent voluntarily.

Signature of person giving consent Signature of parent/guardian < 18

Date _____.

- I DO NOT consent to media permissions as specified in the above statement.**

Section 5: Privacy Collection Statement



The parishes, schools and agencies of the Archdiocese of Brisbane (**we, us or our**) may collect, use and disclose personal information about you. We collect personal information directly from you and may also collect personal information passively through our website.

We collect your personal information to fulfil the mission and directions of our organisation, to administer the sacraments and provide pastoral care to you, to provide you with other services and products you are seeking, to communicate with you about the services and products we offer, to solicit donations and to comply with our legal and regulatory requirements. If the personal information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate, we may not be able to provide you with the services or products you seek. We may disclose personal information about you to our parishes, schools and agencies and service providers who assist us in operating our organisation.

Our Privacy Policy (available on our website or on request) sets out how you can access and ask for correction of your personal information, how you can complain about privacy-related matters and how we respond to complaints. Contact details: Address: GPO Box 282, Brisbane, Queensland, 4001. Email address: privacyofficer@bne.catholic.net.au

Home Activities and Videos

Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">Month</p> <p><i>If you are absent for any preparation sessions, please contact Alexandria to discuss.</i></p>	<p>My Sacramental Journey Booklet Activity <i>(Each activity should take approx. 15 minutes. Please do not refer to this as 'homework')</i></p>	<p>Video to watch before booklet activity (Watch <i>with</i> your child)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Go to St Agatha's Catholic Parish Youtube to watch videos!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>Complete your Mass passport by attending at least 4 Masses.</p>	<p>Complete this activity soon after you get home from session 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pages 4-5 Meals and Family</p>	<p>Information Video: Interested in Enrolling your child? (re-watch if not seen yet)</p> <p>Video 1: Eucharist is a Sacred Meal</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June/July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Page 7 The Last Supper</p>	<p>Video 2: The Last Supper was the First Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July /August</p> <p>Complete this activity before you go to 2nd Rite Reconciliation (Liturgy of God's Mercy)>>>>>></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pages 9-13</p> <p>When I Go to Mass/ The Communion Rite <i>These pages are all about familiarisation with the responses in Mass. It's a good idea for children to colour in the different responses in fun colours to engage with the words. When you come to Mass, let your child have these pages open during Mass to memorize responses.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Page Preparing for Reconciliation in the 2nd Rite <i>Children will prepare their sins to confess in this activity</i></p>	<p>Video 4: Going to Mass</p> <p>Video 3: Reconciliation Prepares us for Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Page 14 Receiving Holy Communion <i>The Flame of Faith video on this page is excellent! Please view it!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Page 15 Living the Eucharist</p>	<p>Video 5: Let's Practise Receiving Holy Communion</p> <p>Video 6: How Do we Live the Eucharist?</p>
<p>First Holy Communion Mass - 18th or 25th August (registration required)</p>		