



St John The Evangelist Parish Riverstone

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Please read this letter carefully

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the St John's Sacramental Program. Our programs take place through a parish based and family-centred process. We will work together to support and prepare your child to receive their Sacrament.

Parents are the first and foremost teachers of the faith for their children. Parents are encouraged to teach by example and by word. Children will grow up to be people of Faith believing in a loving and forgiving God and living a life of love.

The Sacraments are a celebration of the life and love of Jesus; therefore it is absolutely essential that parents share their faith in their family and understand each Sacrament to help and support their child. Our faith is a living and growing journey with our God.

Preparation for each Sacrament requires a commitment of several weeks. All three Sacraments require, registration before the due date, attending a parent meeting, helping your child complete a workbook and committing to a **weekly lesson and weekend mass** during the sacramental period.

The parish asks for a suggested donation of \$40 for each Sacrament, to cover the cost of materials.

If your child is eligible this year, **your commitment is essential**. Refer to the attached **Sacramental Program Dates**.

Please follow the instructions below to enrol your child.

Enrolment Process

1. Attend any weekend Mass before the registration date with your family. After Mass, approach Father Zak and inform Father you would like your child to receive their Sacrament. Father Zak will provide you with an enrolment form. Please note, enrolment forms **will not** be emailed or provided at the parish office.
(Mass times: Saturday 6pm or Sunday 7am, 9am and 10:30am)
2. Complete the enrolment form, provide relevant documents, donation and return to the parish office. Please note, **enrolment forms must be submitted by the due date**. Enrolment forms will not be processed at the parent information meeting.
3. Your enrolment form will be processed, and you will be contacted by the Sacramental Coordinator, via email/phone before the Sacrament is due to commence.

If you have any questions, please leave a message with the parish office and you will be contacted by the Sacramental Coordinator or email the sacramental team directly at stjohns10sacraments@outlook.com.au

We look forward to sharing these special times with your family.

God Bless,

Father Zakaria Gayed
Parish Priest

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Sacramental Coordinator