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23 April 2024

Sacrament of Eucharist – First Holy Communion 2024

ENROLMENTS for First Communion close Friday April 26, 2024

Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to celebrating with your families the Sacrament of Eucharist with your child.
As per the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane,
Year 4 children receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist – First Holy Communion**,
and only after being previously confirmed.

Children in Year 4, 2024 will receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in 2025 in Year 5.
To participate in the **Sacrament of Eucharist**, your child must be Baptised and Confirmed.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated here at Regina Caeli Parish on following dates:

Saturday 1 June 2024 at 6pm
Sunday 2 June 2024 at 7.30am

Parental Responsibility and the Sacraments in the Catholic Church

In receiving their First Holy Communion, the children will complete their Christian initiation.
The process began with their **Baptism** which first joined them to Christ
and made them members of the Church.

It was then sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit when they received their **Sacrament of Confirmation**.
The Sacrament of **Eucharist** will be the first time they share intimately in the life of Christ
and the unity of the Church by receiving the body and blood of Christ.

In the time of preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist, and going forward,
it is important for children and their families participate regularly in Mass.
It is opportunity for all to encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ,
and, grow through participation and familiarity.
The **Eucharist** is at the heart of our **Catholic** identity and faith.

For your child to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist,
it is very important that all sessions of the preparation are attended.
When you and your child make a decision to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist,
you are making a commitment to share in the complete journey of receiving this Sacrament.

The Parent and Child Information Session will provide an overview of the preparation involved
with the Sacrament of Eucharist and will be an opportunity for parents to raise any questions.

Please also find a list of key dates for this sacrament attached.

If you are happy for you and your child to make this commitment,
complete the **online enrolment form** available on our website:

<https://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au/>

if you have not already done so and email to Jeanne Schneider at the parish office:

reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

The Regina Caeli Parish community looks forward to supporting you in this journey.

For any further enquiries, please contact Jeanne Schneider the Parish Office.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Schneider
For Rev Martinho Da Costa, O.Carm
Regina Caeli Parish Adm.



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 (parking available in church grounds –
 for your ease of entry, patrons may enter via 86 Greens Rd Coorparoo as well)

OLMC - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
312 Cavendish Rd Coorparoo 4151
 (on road parking only)

Key Dates 2024	Date - Time		Location
Parent and Child Information Session (and Second Rite of Reconciliation)	Monday 29 April 2024	6-7pm	OLMC Church
Family Activity Session (attend one Session only)	Monday 13 May 2024 or Tuesday 14 May 2024	6-7pm	OLMC Church
Rite of Presentation at Mass	Sunday 19 May 2024	7.30am	Regina Caeli Church
Rehearsal	Monday 27 May 2024	5pm	Regina Caeli Church
Celebration of First Holy Communion	Saturday 1 June 2024 or Sunday 2 June 2024	6pm 7.30am	Regina Caeli Church

Eucharist is unique among the sacraments as it is at the heart of our faith. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Mass, is the most powerful way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ. Sunday after Sunday (some, of course, gather everyday), Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the ritual in which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We who celebrate are also transformed, becoming Christ's presence to others, and recognising the presence of Christ in others.