

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH BALMORAL

Sacramental Programme Timeline 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Good Shepherd Parish Sacramental Programme for 2023.

Below is an outline of the Sacramental Programme schedule. Each session for children takes place within the Sunday 9.30am parish Mass. Morning tea follows Mass with a short follow up session in the hall.

Note: It is essential that at least one parent/caregiver attends the Parents Meetings

We explain what is involved in the programme and the expectation of parental involvement. It's an opportunity to ask questions and to explore what the sacrament is about so that you can walk with your child in an informed way.

If you cannot make any one of these sessions, please let us know and arrange for a proxy adult to attend e.g. a godparent, or someone who is actively involved in the faith life of your child.

Reconciliation

Thursday 16th February 6.30pm-8.00pm- Parents meeting: Introduction/Reconciliation

Sunday 26th February 9.30am Mass - Reconciliation Session one

Sunday 5th March 9.30am - Reconciliation Session two

Sunday 12th March 9.30am - Reconciliation Session three

NEW DATE: TUESDAY 21 MARCH 6.30pm- Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 7 April – Sunday 28 April: School Holidays

Confirmation

Wednesday 3rd May 6.30pm-8.00pm-Parents meeting: Confirmation

Sunday 7th May 9.30am - Confirmation Session one

Sunday 14th May 9.30am - Confirmation Session two

Sunday 21st May 9.30am Mass - Confirmation Session three (practise)

Sunday 28th May 6.30pm -Pentecost Sunday, Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 30 June to Sunday 16 July: School Holidays

First Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm-8.00pm- Parents meeting: First Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd July 9.30am - First Holy Communion Session one

Sunday 30th July 9.30am - First Holy Communion Session two

Sunday 6th August 9.30am - First Holy Communion Session three

Sunday 13th August 2.00pm Mass- Sacrament of First Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE:

Parent session dates:

Thur 16 Feb 6.30pm

Wed 3 May 6.30pm

Wed 19 July 6.30pm

To avoid disappointment, it is important that all sessions for parents/caregivers, and for children, are attended.

Please mark your diaries/calendars now!

Please contact Msgr Bernard if it is necessary for your child to miss a session through sickness or other serious reason.

Blessings as we embark on this sacred journey with our young people!

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