



ST MATTHEW'S & ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SOUTH BELCONNEN

ARANDA MASS CENTRE: 7 BINDEL ST

PAGE MASS CENTRE: 12 CHEWINGS ST

Dear Parents and Carers,

You have enrolled your child into the sacramental program, this continues your child's sacramental journey which begun at their Baptism. As part of the process of your child's full initiation into the Faith I invite your child to continue their faith journey by receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

We are delighted to offer the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in terms 3 & 4 to your child. As each of you have already enrolled your child into the Sacrament of Reconciliation **you will not be required to enrol again.**

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (***Lumen Gentium11***). It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. It is also known as first holy communion, because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, and share in the communion of the Church and communion of the saints.

The school and parish will support your child in their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, and I encourage you also to give full support to the sacramental program which will include:

- A parent meeting,- Commitment mass,- Parish home programme- Retreat Day, and- Sacrament

There will be a parent information meeting:

16th September Wednesday 6pm

At St Matthew's Church, Page in person OR

Online Zoom options available [Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82709444276?pwd=b2ZaTG40ajJkRlBnVkVWZzVZSkEvUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 0944 4276

Passcode: 137354

This will be available for 100 logins, 1 per family

If you are not able to attend in person, or via Zoom, the meeting will be recorded and made available on the parish website (<http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth/Home.aspx>)

We will continue our community approach to social distancing. This means all sacramental Masses will have limited seating including only immediate family. In line with government restrictions **at present**, we will be limited to a maximum of 100 people within the church at all times.

Thank you for your patience as we move forward in making plans for First Holy Communion. **If you do not** wish for your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion please contact me directly.

Every blessing to your family.

Sincerely

Shahenie Burns

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