

# GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

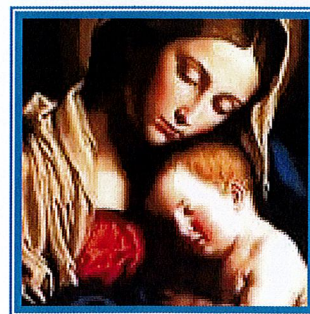
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Dear Parents/Care-givers

## **First Eucharist**

Greetings and I hope you are travelling ok. Living with COVID is a challenging time; it means coping with change and trying to remain peaceful and hopeful. Maybe it's an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and turning to the Lord in prayer and trust.

We celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Patrick in June and I hope this has been a source of strength and guidance for our children. The Holy Spirit is given in Confirmation as a helper and guide, and it would be good to remind the children that the Holy Spirit lives in their hearts.

Because of the lockdown we needed to change our First Eucharist program dates. We are now ready to reschedule.

In these uncertain times Jesus wants to come to us as food for our journey; he wants to give us the ongoing strength of faith. In the midst of our worries and challenges, Jesus wants to be close with us and help at each step. This happens in a beautiful way in the Sunday Eucharist. By coming back to him each week our faith and hope are deepened and we can walk the path of love together.

I would like to gather with parents/care-givers for a meeting about First Eucharist on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 4pm** at Our Lady of Victories Church. You might like to stay for 5pm Mass. The first session to prepare for First Eucharist will be at St Mary's Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm; the second session will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm; the third session will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm or Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. There will be a workshop before the celebration of First Eucharist. (Please wear a mask).

First Eucharist will be celebrated on two weekends **18/19<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September**. You will be able to choose any of the weekend Masses on those weekends. There will be a limit of 10 children for each Mass. A list with available places will be available in the coming week.

I regret that we needed to change dates and reschedule our program but it could not be helped. Should you have any questions please contact Melissa Mabarrack, parish sacramental co-ordinator, [melissagcp@bigpond.com](mailto:melissagcp@bigpond.com). I am grateful for the assistance given by Glenn Colla in the presentations of the sessions, and to our two APRIMs, Tamara Smith at St Mary's Memorial School and Debbie Scuteri at Our Lady of Grace School. We look forward to continuing the sacramental journey with you and your children.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Herd". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Fr John Herd**  
**Parish Priest**