



St Thomas Aquinas Parish

2023 COMBINED First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program - 6 Week preparation

We invite you and your child to be part of our 2023 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program.



This program will be conducted as one combined preparation in 2023 instead of two separate programs. These sacraments will be in group sessions in a home or parish-based environment.

Age: Children in Year 3 or older in 2023, who have not yet received Reconciliation are invited to participate.

Meetings: Please come along to both Parent Meetings on Monday, 13th February and Thursday, 16th February 2023 (same week) 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church.

What do I bring along to the first meeting? Please bring with you a completed copy of the enrolment form (download via www.stachurchspringwood.org.au or hard copies are available at the back of the church or at the parish office) and a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Why do I need to come to the meetings? The first meeting is to introduce you to **BOTH sacramental programs** and the second meeting is to introduce you to your groups and to hand required materials out for both sacraments.

How do the programs run each week? To ensure our sacramental programs continue, we rely on facilitators to oversee a small group of children, meeting either at a central location (facilitators home) or at the parish centre each week. The children in your group have a great deal of input at each lesson, with homework tasks and tasks to be completed within the group setting. It is a rewarding experience for you and help is given along the way along with a leader's manuals to guide you.

The cost: \$40.00 per family (includes both sacraments). This covers all books required to complete both sacraments, certificates, and a medal (Holy Communion). Payable via eftpos on the first parent evening.

Diary Dates: Please keep any of the Masses on the weekend of the 18th / 19th February 2023 available (5.00pm Saturday, 8.00am and 9.30am Sunday) as the children will be welcomed with a blessing from either Fr Paul or Fr Shinto.

First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, 15th March at 7.00pm and Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday, 29th March at 7.00pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church.

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