



# DETAILS FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025

## PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST THERESE, ESSENDON



### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 16 March	9:30am	Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 23 March	9:30am	Preparation session 2 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 26 March	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 30 March	9:30am 10:30am	Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room Present at Mass as a candidate for Sacrament*
Break in programme for school holidays		
Wednesday 30 April	7.00pm	Sacramental Service followed by individual confessions for RE programme participants

**Enrolments close Friday 28 February**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 4 May	9:30am	Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 11 May	9:30am	Preparation session 2 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 14 May	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 18 May	9:30am 10:30am	Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room Present at Mass as a candidate for Sacrament*
Friday 23 May	6:30pm	Sacrament Mass with parish school students

**Enrolments close Friday 18 April**

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 24 August	9.30am	Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 31 August	9:30am	Preparations session 2 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 7 September	9:30am 10:30am	Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room Present at Mass as a candidate for Sacrament*
Wednesday 10 September	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 14 September	10.30am	Sacrament Mass with parish school students**

**Enrolments close Friday 1 August**

\* "Present at Mass as candidate for Sacrament" dates are suggestions only. You can attend any parish Mass on that weekend.

\*\* It is possible for children in the First Eucharist program to attend any of the Masses on the weekend of the Sacrament.

At St Therese's weekend Masses are Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am and Sunday 10:30am

Our RE students receive Sacraments alongside St Therese's Primary School children and are therefore required to present at a weekend Mass as candidates for their Sacrament and to attend a Faith night. Parents are required to sit in for all the preparation sessions.

### **PREPARATION SESSIONS**

- Three x 1 hour sessions are held on Sundays at 9.30am.
- Sessions are held in St Therese's PACE function room
- At least one parent/guardian to attend with student.
- Siblings and unenrolled children are not permitted to stay.

### **FAITH NIGHTS**

Faith nights are an opportunity for candidates and parents to learn more about the Sacrament and engage in some guided discussion.

Candidate needs to attend with at least one parent. No siblings may attend.

### **MASS TO PRESENT AS CANDIDATE FOR SACRAMENT**

Candidates are asked to attend a parish Mass where they are introduced to the congregation and where the congregation commits to supporting them in their faith journey. Candidates can attend any parish Mass on the nominated weekend.

### **SACRAMENT MASS**

Our RE students celebrate Sacrament Masses alongside the St Therese's parish school children.

The First Reconciliation Service and the Confirmation Masses are stand-alone services.

First Eucharist Sacrament Masses are celebrated at our usual weekend Masses.

### **DRESS CODE**

For Sacrament Masses children are asked to dress in smart casual clothing.

There is no requirement for girls to wear white dresses for First Eucharist Masses.

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### **REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION**

- Completed Registration form
- Baptism certificate
- Reconciliation certificate if registering for Eucharist
- Eucharist certificate if registering for Confirmation

### **COSTS FOR 2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Fee per child per Sacrament programme is \$200 which includes the cost of all learning materials and a Sacramental stole.

There is a \$25 discount to fees if families retain the stole between Sacraments.

### **NOTES**

Children should undertake all the Sacraments of Initiation (beginning with Baptism and concluding with Confirmation) at the parish in which they live.

If you live outside of the boundaries of the Parish Of Our Lady & St Therese, Essendon you should seek Religious Education for your child at the parish in which you live.