Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Diocese of Sale

Sacrament Program for 2015

Family Centred, Parish Based
School and Catechist supported

Please Note:
It is the Parish Policy that children
receive only one sacrament per year

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&

A Team Of Dedicated Volunteers
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015 Sacrament Program at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, we accept the responsibility for passing on our Christian faith, values, traditions, beliefs and stories to the children of our community. While on this endeavour, we are looking forward to supporting you through prayer, teaching and example and welcome the opportunity to work with you and your child, as your child prepares to receive the sacraments.

In planning the Sacrament program, we have carefully considered the dates and times for enrolment nights, workshops and celebrations, for the benefit of all candidates enrolling, and also to ensure that this program runs efficiently.

Therefore we request you to make note of the relevant dates and times allocated for the different Sacraments, to enable you to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. This will ensure that you do not miss out on any of the events you should be attending. However, if for any reason you have missed the enrolment night, we request you to wait until the next scheduled date.

We would also like to bring to your attention that it is the Parish policy to enrol your child for only one Sacrament per year, so as to enable the children to have a better knowledge and faith experience of each Sacrament.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
FAMILY CENTRED SACRAMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST AND
CONFIRMATION

Within the community of our Lady Help of Christians Parish, children can learn what it is to be a Catholic. In keeping with the guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation for Children (policy of the Diocese of Sale) our parish offers an approach to sacrament preparation that is family centred, parish based and school & catechist supported. This is a three-way partnership in which families, the parish and schools collaborate in the preparation and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY

Parents are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith and are assisted in this by the more formal education provided by parishes and schools. Parents educate and form their children’s faith by:

- Their daily example of Christian living;
- Sharing of the faith through stories;
- Praying together as a family, e.g. prayer before meals, bedtime prayer;
- Giving their children the opportunity to experience belonging to a faith community, especially at Sunday mass.

Parents, with the assistance of teachers, parish pastoral associates and the parish priests have an important role in discerning the readiness of their children to celebrate a particular sacrament.

What is expected of families?

Parents/guardians are expected:

- To attend the Parent Information Night specific to the sacrament their child will be celebrating. This is important in order to gain an overview of the sacrament and to obtain information about enrolment and preparation kits.
- To attend an Enrolment/Commitment Mass.
- To attend a Parent/Child workshop.
- To return all relevant paperwork, etc. by the due date.
- To assist their child with the preparation workbook.

Sacraments are a visible sign of God’s presence in our world.
THE ROLE OF THE PARISH

The Parish Sacrament Team is responsible for co-ordinating sacrament preparation and offers a formal program which enables parents to be involved in the process with their children. Our Pastoral Associate is available to help families of children who do not attend our parish schools in order to offer support and assistance. The role of all members of our parish is one of support - through communal and personal prayer, hospitality and giving witness to Christian living.

What is expected of the Parish?

The Parish is expected:

- To plan and conduct Information Nights;
- To invite families to enrol their children for sacrament preparation;
- To provide resources such as kits, workbooks and workshops in order to support and assist families with the preparation of their children.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In keeping with Diocesan Policy, children attending our three Parish Primary Schools are educated about the sacraments within a curriculum framework from Prep to Grade 6. This means that the child’s understanding and learning is developed throughout their school life at a level appropriate to their age.

What is expected of the Parish Schools?

The Parish Schools are expected:

- To provide a formal education in faith;
- To nurture our children in an environment that leads them and their families to develop their personal relationship with Jesus.

*Taken from “Achieving the Right Balance”, Diocese of Sale, Sacraments of Initiation for Children.

A balanced approach to growth in faith is achieved when family, parish and school each recognize and carry out their particular role.*
SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
(also known as Confession or Penance)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE
ENROLMENT FOR THE YEAR

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who have reached the age of discretion. The church regards this as 7 years of age, but it is up to the parents and the Parish Sacrament team to discern whether or not the child is ready to receive this sacrament.

Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 12th February 2015
Time: 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church

Levy: Children enrolled at Don Bosco, Mary Mackillop or Trinity will pay a levy of $22.00 per child per year through their school fees and will not pay an enrollment levy at the enrolment night.

Children attending any of the other schools will be required to pay a levy of $55.00 per child per Sacrament at the enrollment night. (As explained in the letter dated 23rd Oct 2014.)
ENROLMENT MASSES

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 14th February 2015  6.00pm
Sunday, 15th February 2015  9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 17th February 2015  7.30pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

The workshops will be held at Don Bosco School Hall (within the school grounds at the back of the church.)

Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops. Please bring a pencil and some textas to the workshop.

Monday, 23rd February 2015  5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 24th February 2015  5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 25th February 2015  5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 26th February 2015  5.00pm or 7.00pm
FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS FOR 2015

Saturday, 14th March 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 18th March 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 18th April 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 7.00pm
Wednesday, 6th May 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 9th May 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 10th June 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 13th June 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 25th July 2015 10.30am
Saturday, 8th August 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 12th August 2015 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9th September 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 12th September 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 28th October 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 31st October 2015 10.30am

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Please bear in mind the sanctity of the church and observe modesty and reverence.
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
(also known as First Holy Communion)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE

ENROLMENT FOR THE YEAR

Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church and should have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year or prior, before enrolling for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 30th April 2015
Time: 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church
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ENROLMENT MASSES

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 2nd May 2015  6.00pm
Sunday, 3rd May 2015    9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 5th May 2015    7.30pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

The workshops will be held at the Don Bosco School Hall.
(within the school grounds at the back of the church)

Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops.
Please bring a pencil and some textas to the workshop.

Monday, 11th May 2015    5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 12th May 2015    5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 13th May 2015  5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 14th May 2015   5.00pm or 7.00pm

DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION:

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE ENROLMENT FOR THE YEAR

Children should have been baptised in the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before enrolling to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 30th July 2015

Time: 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church

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ENROLMENT MASSES

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 1st August 2015 6.00pm
Sunday, 2nd August 2015 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 4th August 2015 7.30pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

The workshops will be held at the Don Bosco School Hall
(within the school grounds at the back of the church.)

Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops.
Please bring a pencil and some textas to the workshop.

Monday, 17th August 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 18th August 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 19th August 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 20th August 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY –
Thursday 17th September 2015

The Reflection day will be an all day event and your child’s attendance at the Reflection day is mandatory.

More information about this day will be given at the enrolment night.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS FOR 2015

Fri. 16th October 2015 at 7.30pm
Rehearsal Wed 14th Oct at 6pm

Sat. 17th October 2015 at 10.00am
Rehearsal Wed 14th Oct at 7.30pm

Sat. 17th October 2015 at 2.00pm
Rehearsal Thurs 15th Oct at 6pm

Sun. 18th October 2015 at 3.00pm
Rehearsal Thurs 15th Oct at 7.30pm

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Primary School 9704 7255
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren
Religious Education Leader: Andrea Smith

Mary MacKillop Primary School 9704 9377
Cnr. Ernst Wanke Rd & Narre Warren North Rd
Narre Warren North
Religious Education Leader: Lize Privitera

Trinity Primary School 9704 1970
Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South
Religious Education Leader: Diana Jans

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier College (Junior Campus) 9702 6588
75 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick

St. Francis Xavier College (Senior Campus) 9707 3111
Cnr. Beaconsfield Ave & Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield