

St Benedict's Primary School

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20th May 2018

First Holy Communion Sunday 1st July 2018 Practical Information

Attire

Students are to wear 'smart casual' clothing.

Arrival

Children are to arrive no later than 8:30am. On arrival, parents are to take their child to the Parish Centre where teachers will be waiting. Parents and guests are then to make their way to the church. During this time Fr Dan will pray with the children and teachers will organise the students to process into the church.

Seating

Each family will be allocated seating according to how many family members and guests they will be bringing. Your seating will be indicated by a family name card which will be displayed on the end of the pew. As all of the First Holy Communion candidates will be responsible for different aspects of the Mass, your child will be seated on the end of the pew on the inside isle for ease of movement during the celebration. If you have any guests that require spacing for mobility aids, please let Nat Wright (REC) know so that this can be planned for.

Etiquette

We understand that many of you will be seeing relatives and friends you haven't seen for some time. We do ask you to refrain from talking during the celebration and especially when the children are receiving their First Holy Communion. This is a time of prayer for all of us. Please remember that your child will look to you. You might remind them that as they return after Communion it is a time to pray to Jesus and give thanks.

Photography

No videos, cameras or other electronic equipment are to be used during the celebration as this distracts you and the children from the real purpose of why they have come. There will be an opportunity after Mass for you to take group and individual photos. The time for this will be indicated by Nat Wright (REC).

Receiving the Blood and Body of Christ

For First Holy Communion the Church offers the Blood of Christ (the blessed wine) as well as the Body of Christ (the blessed bread). Parental consent is required if you desire your child to receive the wine (alcoholic) at the 2 Mass practices during school hours, and the Blood of Christ (the blessed wine) on the day of the celebration.

First Holy Communion Practice (during school hours)

Wednesday 20th June 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 27th June 9:00-11:00am

Please complete the attached form and return to Nat Wright (for St Benedict's students) or Fr Dan (for non-St Benedict's Primary students) by Monday 4th June.

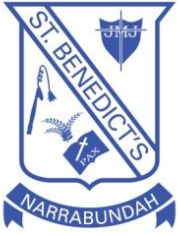
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Natalie Wright and Father Dan

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First Holy Communion

I _____ (parent/guardian) give/ do not give (please circle one) for my child _____ (child's name) to receive the wine during First Holy Communion Mass practice (20th and 27th June) and the Blood of Christ (the blessed wine) on the day of the First Holy Communion celebration (1st July) .