



# St Benedict's Primary School

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11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## First Holy Communion

Dear Parents,

Thank you for inviting St Benedict's Parish to support you in your preparation of your child for First Holy Communion this year. I look forward to seeing you and your child on **Sunday 20th May** for our First Eucharist Retreat.

The timetable for the retreat is as follows:

9:00-10:00am	Parish Mass led by our Year 6 students
10:00-10:15am	First Holy Communion candidates and parents to remain in church for a brief introduction.
10:15-11:00am	Parent information session in the school library.
	First Holy Communion candidates to complete activities in the Year 5/6 classes (scripture, family name seat card)
11:00-11:15am	Tea and Coffee break
11:15-12:00pm	First Holy Communion candidates and parents to go to church for a stop-start explanation of the Eucharistic Prayer. Practical information/questions about the First Holy Communion celebration
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch

Children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will participate in activities focussing on the *Last Supper*. This will take place in the Year 5/6 classrooms. Ms Wright, Ms Ellison and Ms Jones will run the children's activities.

Parents will participate in the First Holy Communion Retreat with Father Dan supported by Mrs Stratford. It is hoped this adult session will nourish faith, deepen understanding, and allow for thoughtful discussion.

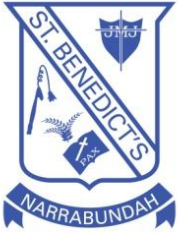
Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Please complete the attached form to assist with catering and return to school by **Wednesday 16th May**.

Attendance at the retreat is important as essential components of preparation for First Holy Communion will be covered. Information regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (**Sunday 1st July**) will also be distributed and discussed on the day. To aid with the preparation of the celebration can you please decide on the maximum number of people that will be attending your child's First Holy Communion. This information provided early will help with planning for the celebration.

Thank you for your support with nurturing your child's faith development and spiritual journey.

Kind regards,

Natalie Wright  
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## First Holy Communion Retreat 20th May 2018

Child:

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Parent(s)/Carer(s) attending:

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Dietary requirements: (please circle)

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

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**Please return this note to school by Wednesday 16th May 2018**