



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH NAMBOUR

Embracing Kenilworth, Palmwoods, Yandina and Bli Bli

"Building a community of Jesus' disciples" We welcome you - We are one family

Dear Parents and Carers,

You wish to enrol your child to prepare for the **Sacrament of Eucharist** this year. Probably, your child would have celebrated Confirmation last year. May the Holy Spirit be with you and your family and bring you much joy as you prepare to celebrate with your child. During this preparation children will make their First Reconciliation according to the Second Rite (Communal celebration with Individual Confession). Then in the following year, they will be invited to make a Reconciliation during Lent according to the First Rite (Individual Confession and Absolution).

YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Holy Eucharist with Second Rite of Reconciliation	First Rite of Reconciliation

The dates for preparation for **Holy Eucharist** in 2023 are:

1. Parent Information Evening – (option I): **Thursday, 27th April at 7pm.**
2. Parent Information Evening – (option II): **Thursday, 4th May at 7pm.**
3. Enrolment Liturgy at all Masses on the **Weekend of 6th and 7th May.**
4. In the weeks following there will be **four sessions** in which parents and children along with a leader will explore the Sacrament of Eucharist. These will take place during the weeks beginning: 13/14th May, 20th/21st May, 27/28th May, and 3rd/4th June.
5. **Retreat/Family Day:** On Friday 9th June (7pm), we are having a family day during which the children will celebrate First Reconciliation according to a simple Second Rite. There will also be a tour of the Church and an opportunity for parents to give some feedback on the process.
6. The children will receive their **First Eucharist** at the 8am Mass on the weekend of 11th June, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Before the Mass the children will be under the supervision of teachers and team leaders. After the Mass on First Communion day, everyone is invited to the Parish/Family picnic at Good Samaritan Convent Building. Please bring the Sash you were given at your Confirmation.

We pray that preparing your child to receive these Sacraments will be a rewarding experience for you and your child. If you need to discuss anything further please ring the Office on 5441 1034.

Thank you.

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