



St Mark's Parish

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16th March 2018

Dear Parents

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

Enrolment Period Friday 16 March 2018 – Friday 6th April 2018

Parents of children in Year 3 and older grades are most welcome to enter the Parish-based program to prepare their child for First Eucharist (First Holy Communion). Preparation meetings (four) are held in home groups of six parents with six children. The program requires parents willing to volunteer to lead and / or offer their homes (once a week for an hour over four weeks). St. Mark's parish centre (upstairs) is also available before **Saturday and Sunday 6pm Mass, after 9am Sunday Mass, weekday afternoon or early evening** for small program meetings for First Eucharist preparation. There are families from different school communities who are involved in this Sacrament, so it is encouraged to welcome new families when forming these groups. Please leave a space or two when forming groups, so to help all families feel included.

Celebrations for First Eucharist are held over **two Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass on 9th and 16th June, three Sundays 9am Mass on 3rd, 10th and 17th June 2018**. Please fully complete all details and return to the parish office the enrolment form with a copy of **First Reconciliation Certificate (two sheets in total) but no later than 6th April**. Please keep the attached timeline in a prominent place, as you will need this on hand to follow the essential meetings. Please note the essential **Parent-Only Evening Meeting with Fr. Michael McLean PP EV, Parish Priest is on Thursday 3rd May 2018 from 7.30pm in the St. Mark's Hall** (parking is available in the school grounds).

The parish community of St. Mark's invites families to come along with their children **regularly to Mass**. Children's liturgy is available in term times at the 9 am Sunday Mass.

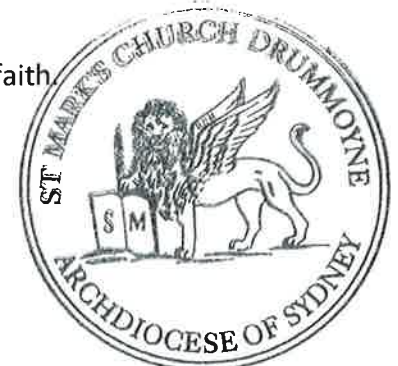
For all enquires please contact Sr. Antonia Nedu Pastoral Associate on email pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au or leave your message at the Parish Office phone: 9181 1795.

The cost of the program per family is \$30, which includes a children's activity workbook. *If this is a difficulty for any family please speak to Fr. Michael or Sr. Antonia*. This can be paid to St Mark's Parish by electronic transfer via our website (www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au – click on the red 'Make a Donation or Payment' button at the bottom of the screen and click on Sacramental Programs). *Please note for organisation purposes, no late applications can be accepted.*

With every blessing as you, accompany your child on this journey of faith.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ

Fr Michael McLean, Parish Priest
Episcopal Vicar for Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



ENROLMENT FORM – 1st EUCHARIST 2018

Please Print Clearly

Candidate's Full Name _____

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Parents' Phone Contacts Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Parents' Email Addresses _____

IMPORTANT – Please Attach a Photocopy of the 1st Reconciliation Certificate
(photocopy is acceptable)

School Attended by Candidate _____

First Eucharist (please circle 1st and 2nd) Preference	Saturday Vigil 6 pm	9 June	16 June
	Sunday 9 am	3 June	10 June

Below are meeting times for the four-week Parish Based Sacrament home group sessions.

Select **two possible times – either two afternoon, two evenings or weekends.**

Please number 1st, 2nd

Please note that one choice only is not acceptable

Mondays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Tuesdays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Wednesdays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Thursdays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Fridays	4 pm to 5 pm		7 pm to 8 pm	
Saturday	5 pm to 6 pm			
Sunday	10 am to 11 am		5 pm to 6 pm	

I am willing to offer my home: (circle) YES IF NEEDED NO

I am willing to lead/facilitate a group: (circle) YES IF NEEDED NO

Please be generous in offering to be a leader/facilitator. The program cannot be offered unless sufficient leaders volunteer. Thank you to those willing to offer their homes as meeting venues preference option. **Resources and support** will be provided at Leaders' Meeting. All volunteers leader & home host are to have a **WWCC (Working with Children Check)** and to have signed **Code of Conduct for Working with Children**.

NB: St Mark's Parish Centre (upstairs) is available **before Saturday 6 pm Mass, after 9 am Sunday Mass, before 6 pm Sunday Mass, Weekday afternoon or early evening** for families who would like to hold their groups. Only small groups can be accommodated - enquiries: parish office 9181 1795 or pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Parents: **Please return to St Mark's Parish Office (not the School)** this form together with copy of **1st Reconciliation (two sheets in total)**. Forms must be fully completed and submitted not later than **Friday 6 April 2018**. *Thank you.*



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TIMELINE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST 2018 (Please keep in a prominent place)

Friday 6 th April	Final date for return of enrolment form. Form must be <u>fully completed</u>.	
Tuesday 1 st May 7.30 pm Parish Centre	Parent Leaders' Meeting	
Thursday 3 rd May 7.30 pm St. Mark's School Hall	Parents Only Meeting	
Saturday 5 th May 6 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Mark's Church	Enrolment by Parents and Children in Mass	
Sunday 6 th May 9 am Mass @ St. Mark's Church	Enrolment by Parents and Children in Mass. *Parents bring commitment form.	
Preparation Sessions	4 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm or 10 am (Sunday) Home Group Meetings or another group time that suits you & your group.	
Weeks commencing start from 7th May.	Monday: 7, 14, 21 & 28 May	Tuesday: 8, 15, 22 and 29 May
	Wednesday: 9, 16, 23 & 30 May	Thursday: 10, 17, 24 & 31 May
	Friday: 11, 18 & 25 May, 1 June	Saturday: 12, 19 & 26 May and 2 June
	Sunday: 13, 20 & 27 May, 3 June	
22 nd & 29 th May Tuesday 7 – 8pm 2 nd June Saturday 11 – 11.55am 9 th June Saturday 11 – 11.55am 16 th June Saturday 11 – 11.55am	Reconciliation individual rite at St. Mark's Church	
Saturday 6 Pm Vigil Mass 9 & 16 June 2018	First Eucharist Celebration Masses. <i>(Please be seated at least 15 minutes before Mass)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ There is ample opportunity for photos at the end of each Mass, and after Mass family groups with Father. ✚ Please note: No photos / Videos / Mobile phones are to be used during Mass. ✚ RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT IS DEPENDENT ON PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF PREPARATION PROGRAM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SUNDAY MASS, 2. SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 3. WEEKLY PREPARATION SESSIONS. 	
Sunday 9 am Mass 3, 10 & 17 June 2018		
ALL ENQUIRES: Please contact Sr. Antonia Email: pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au Parish office- 9181 1975.		