

2018 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM at ST DECLAN'S PARISH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A LETTER FROM FATHER CHRIS RYAN MGL

Dear Parents/Carers,

There will be a **Parents Information Evening** at which we will outline the program to prepare the children who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** (the children must be in year 3 or older). This will then be followed by four gatherings within a four week period. **I must stress the importance of at least one parent accompanying their child at all of the meetings.** The meetings will be held at Saint Declan's Church, 92 Penshurst St, Penshurst.

Please note that if you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Communion they must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If they have not, please contact Lynne Taylor at the Parish Office (9580 1310) or email her as soon as possible so we can make arrangements.

The dates are as follows:

Parent Information Evening:

Tuesday 10th of April 7:30pm

(Children need not attend this night but may do so if there are child-minding issues)

Welcome Masses Saturday/Sunday 5th-6th of May (6pm vigil, 7am, 9am, 11am, or 6pm)

Lesson 1:	Tuesday	8 th of May	7:30pm to 8:15pm
Lesson 2:	Tuesday	15 th of May	7:30pm to 8:15pm
Lesson 3:	Tuesday	22 nd of May	7:30pm to 8:15pm
Lesson 4:	Tuesday	29 th of May	7:30pm to 8:15pm

At least one parent must attend each meeting with their child.

Special Reconciliation Friday 25th of May between 4:30 – 5pm

Rehearsal: **Thursday, 31st of May** or **Friday, 1st of June** (depending on Mass time)

First Communion: four Masses to choose from on the weekend of

2 nd of June 2018 – 6pm Mass	}
3 rd of June 2018 – 9am Mass	}
3 rd of June 2018 – 11am Mass	}
3 rd of June 2018 – 2pm Mass	}

These 3 Masses are celebrated with the parish community

If you have not already done so, please bring a **copy** of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the Information Evening **if your child was NOT baptised here** or **if they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at another parish.**

Please be aware that **from the 12th of March** the enrolment form is available **on the Saint Declan's Parish website** (www.stdeclanspenshurst.org), **at the parish office** during the week, or **in the church sacristy** on weekends. *This should be filled in and returned to the Parish Office prior to the Information Evening. Forms can be returned either in person, by post, or email.* However, it is important to come to the Information Evening to get all the details about the program.

I look forward to meeting in April and continuing our journey together. If there are any issues coming out of this letter that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me or Lynne Taylor, our Sacramental Coordinator (*at the office or via email: scrmnt07@tpg.com.au*).

With every blessing,

Fr Chris Ryan MGL
Parish Priest

