OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Primary School 9704.7255
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren
Religious Education Coordinator: Anne Healy

Mary MacKillop Primary School 9704.9377
Cnr. Ernst Wanke Rd & Narre Warren North Rd
Narre Warren North
Religious Education Coordinator: David Gulavin

Trinity Primary School 97041970
Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South
Religious Education Coordinator: Diana Jans

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier College (Junior Campus) 9702.6588
75 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick

St. Francis Xavier College (Senior Campus) 9707.3111
Cnr. Beaconsfield Ave & Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Diocese of Sale

Sacrament Program for 2013

Family Centred, Parish Based
School and Catechist supported

Please Note:
It is the Parish Policy that children receive only one sacrament per year

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Carmel Mura
(Sacramental Program Volunteer)

PLANNING NIGHT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

(This is a parent-only meeting to plan your child’s First Eucharist Mass.)

Monday, 26th August 2013 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in September and October )

Monday, 16th September 2013 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in November)

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Neat Formal Wear:

Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2013 Sacrament Program at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, we accept the responsibility for passing on our Christian faith, values, traditions, beliefs and stories to the children of our community. While on this endeavour, we are looking forward to supporting you through prayer, teaching and example and welcome the opportunity to work with you and your child, as your child prepares to receive the sacraments.

In planning the Sacrament program, we have carefully considered the dates and times for enrolment nights, workshops and celebrations, for the benefit of all candidates enrolling, and also to ensure that this program runs efficiently.

Therefore we request you to make note of the relevant dates and times allocated for the different Sacraments, to enable you to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. This will ensure that you do not miss out on any of the events you should be attending. However, if for any reason you have missed the enrolment night, we request you to wait until the next scheduled date.

We would also like to bring to your attention that it is the Parish policy to enrol your child for only one Sacrament per year, so as to enable the children to have a better knowledge and faith experience of each Sacrament. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
FAMILY CENTRED SACRAMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST AND
CONFIRMATION
Within the community of our Lady Help of Christians Parish, children can learn what it is to be a Catholic. In keeping with the guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation for Children (policy of the Diocese of Sale) our parish offers an approach to sacrament preparation that is family centred, parish based and school & catechist supported. This is a three-way partnership in which families, the parish and schools collaborate in the preparation and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sacraments are a visible sign of God’s presence

THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY
Parents are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith and are assisted in this by the more formal education provided by parishes and schools. Parents educate and form their children’s faith by:
- Their daily example of Christian living;
- Sharing of the faith through stories;
- Praying together as a family, e.g. prayer before meals, bedtime prayer;
- Giving their children the opportunity to experience belonging to a faith community, especially at Sunday mass.

Parents, with the assistance of teachers, parish pastoral associates and the parish priests have an important role in discerning the readiness of their children to celebrate a particular sacrament.

What is expected of families?
Parents/guardians are expected:
- To attend the Parent Information Night specific to the sacrament their child will be celebrating. This is important in order to gain an overview of the sacrament and to obtain information about enrolment and preparation kits.
- To attend an Enrolment/Commitment Mass.
- To attend a Parent/Child workshop.
- To return all relevant paperwork, etc. by the due date.
- To assist their child with the preparation workbook.

ENROLMENT MASSES
(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)
- Saturday, 8th June 2013 6.00pm
- Sunday, 9th June 2013 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 11th June 2013 7.30pm

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS
(Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops. Please bring the workbook, a pencil and some textas to the workshop.)
- Monday, 24th June 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
- Tuesday, 25th June 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 26th June 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS
- Wednesday, 7th August 2013 7.00pm
- Saturday, 10th August 2013 10.15am
- Saturday, 7th September 2013 7.00pm
- Wednesday, 11th September 2013 10.15am
- Wednesday, 16th October 2013 7.00pm
- Saturday, 19th October 2013 10.15am
- Wednesday, 13th November 2013 10.15am
- Saturday, 16th November 2013 7.00pm

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Please bear in mind the sanctity of the church and observe modesty and reverence.
**Second Half of the Year-2013**

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
(Also known as Confession or Penance)

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who have reached the age of discretion. The church regards this as 7 years of age, but it is up to the parents and the Parish Sacrament team to discern whether or not the child is ready to receive this sacrament.  

Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

**ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP**

- **Date:** Thursday, 6th June 2013
- **Time:** 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.
- **Venue:** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church
- **Levy:** A levy of $40 is payable at this workshop for families to receive the enrolment package.

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**THE ROLE OF THE PARISH**

The Parish Sacrament Team is responsible for co-ordinating sacrament preparation and offers a formal program which enables parents to be involved in the process with their children. Our Pastoral Associate is available to help families of children who do not attend our parish schools in order to offer support and assistance.  

The role of all members of our parish is one of support - through communal and personal prayer, hospitality and giving witness to Christian living.

**What is expected of the Parish?**

The Parish is expected:

- To plan and conduct Information Nights;
- To invite families to enrol their children for sacrament preparation;
- To provide resources such as kits, workbooks and workshops in order to support and assist families with the preparation of their children.

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**A balanced approach to growth in faith is achieved when family, parish and school each recognize and carry out their particular role.**

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**THE ROLE OF THE PARISH**

**Catholic Primary Schools**

In keeping with Diocesan Policy, children attending our three Parish Primary Schools are educated about the sacraments within a curriculum framework from Prep to Grade 6. This means that the child’s understanding and learning is developed throughout their school life at a level appropriate to their age.

**What is expected of the Parish Schools?**

The Parish Schools are expected:

- To provide a formal education in faith;
- To nurture our children in an environment that leads them and their families to develop their personal relationship with Jesus.

* Taken from “Achieving the Right Balance”, Diocese of Sale, Sacraments of Initiation for Children.
First Half of the Year-2013

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**ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP**

Date: Thursday, 7th February 2013
Time: 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church
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**PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS**

(Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops. Please bring the workbook, a pencil and some textas to the workshop.)

Monday, 27th May 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Tuesday, 28th May 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Wednesday, 29th May 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm

**CONFIRMATION MASSES**

Fri. 21st June 2013 7.30pm Rehearsal Wed 19th June at 6pm
Sat. 22nd June 2013 10.00am Rehearsal Wed 19th June at 7.30pm
Sat. 22nd June 2013 2.00pm Rehearsal Thurs 20th June at 6pm
Sun. 23rd June 2013 3.00pm Rehearsal Thurs 20th June at 7.30pm

**CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY- 13th JUNE 2013** (More information will be given about this day at the enrolment night.)

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children should have been baptised in the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before enrolling to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 9th May 2013
Time: 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church
Levy: A levy of $40 is payable at this meeting for families to receive the enrolment package.

ENROLMENT MASSES

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 11th May 2013 6.00pm
Sunday, 12th May 2013 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 14th May 2013 7.30pm

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Saturday, 9th February 2013 6.00pm
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Tuesday, 12th February 2013 7.30pm

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Tuesday, 26th February 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Wednesday, 27th February 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Thursday, 28th February 2013 5.00pm and 7.30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 13th March 2013 7.00pm
Saturday, 16th March 2013 10.15am
Wednesday, 24th April 2013 7.00pm
Saturday, 27th April 2013 10.15am
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First Half of the Year-2013

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
(also known as First Holy Communion)

Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church and should have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year or prior, before enrolling for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.)

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Monday, 25th March 2013 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in April and May.)
Monday, 29th April 2013 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in June and July)

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