Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Diocese of Sale

Sacrament Program for 2014

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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&

A Team of Dedicated Volunteers
Dear Parents/Guardians,
Welcome to the 2014 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 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 celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

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.
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.

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.
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, 13th February 2014
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.
ENROLMENT MASSES

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

Saturday, 15th February 2014 6.00pm
Sunday, 16th February 2014 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm
Tuesday, 18th February 2014 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.)

Tuesday, 25th February 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Wednesday, 26th February 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Thursday, 27th February 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 19th March 2014 7.00pm
Saturday, 22nd March 2014 10.30am
Wednesday, 2nd April 2014 7.00pm
Saturday, 5th April 2014 10.30am
Wednesday 30th April 2014 7.00pm
Saturday, 3rd May 2014 10.30am
Saturday, 24th May 2014 10.30am
Wednesday 28th May 2014 7.00pm

DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION:

Neat Casual Wear.

Please bear in mind the sanctity of the church and observe modesty and reverence.
First Half of the Year-2014

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.
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Tuesday, 25th March 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm

Wednesday, 26th March 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm

Thursday, 27th March 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
PLANNING NIGHT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

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

Monday, 31st March 2014 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist on 26th/27th April and 10th/11th May)

Monday, 28th April 2014 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist on 31st May/1st June and 14th/15th June)

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Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass.
Second Half of the Year-2014

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
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ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, 19th June 2014

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.
**ENROLMENT MASSES**

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

Saturday, 21st June 2014  
6.00pm

Sunday, 22nd June 2014  
9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

Tuesday, 24th June 2014  
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.)

Tuesday, 15th July 2014  
5.00pm and 7.30pm

Wednesday, 16th July 2014  
5.00pm and 7.30pm

Thursday, 17th July 2014  
5.00pm and 7.30pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS**

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
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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, 31st July 2014
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, 2nd August 2014 6.00pm
Sunday, 3rd August 2014 9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

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)
Tuesday, 12th August 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Wednesday, 13th August 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
Thursday, 14th August 2014 5.00pm and 7.30pm
PLANNING NIGHT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES
((This is a parent-only meeting to plan your child’s First Eucharist Mass.)

Monday, 18th August 2014 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in September and October)

Monday, 15th September 2014 7.30pm
(for those celebrating Eucharist in November)

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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, 21st August 2014  
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, 23rd August 2014  6.00pm  
Sunday, 24th August 2014  9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm  
Tuesday, 26th August 2014  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, 8th September 2014  5.00pm and 7.30pm
Tuesday, 9th September 2014  5.00pm and 7.30pm
Wednesday, 10th September 2014  5.00pm and 7.30pm

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY – 18th September 2014 (More information will be given about this day at the enrolment night.)

CONFIRMATION MASSES

Fri. 10th October 2014  7.30pm  Rehearsal Wed 8th Oct at 6pm
Sat. 11th October 2014  10.00am  Rehearsal Wed 8th Oct at 7.30pm
Sat. 11th October 2014  2.00pm  Rehearsal Thurs 9th Oct at 6pm
Sun. 12th October 2014  3.00pm  Rehearsal Thurs 9th Oct at 7.30pm

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
Don Bosco Primary School 9704 7255
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren
Religious Education Co-ordinator: Andrea Smith

Mary MacKillop Primary School 9704 9377
Cnr. Ernst Wanke Rd & Narre Warren North Rd
Narre Warren North
Religious Education Co-ordinator: Lize Privitera

Trinity Primary School 9704 1970
Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South
Religious Education Co-ordinator: 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