

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Diocese of Sale

2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Revised February 2024

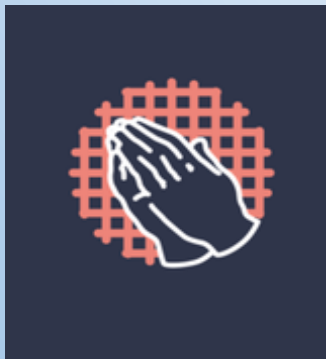


Family Centred, Parish Based, School and Catechist Supported

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A Sacrament Team of Dedicated Volunteers

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Catholic Primary School 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren Tel 9704 7255

Mary MacKillop Primary School 2 Ernst Wanke Rd Narre Warren North Tel 8794 5777

Trinity Catholic Primary School 103 – 129 Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South Tel 9704 1970

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BERWICK CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College Tel 9702 6588

75 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick

OFFICER CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College Tel 5943 3600

21 Majestic Drive, Officer

BEACONSFIELD CAMPUS - St. Francis Xavier College Tel 9707 3111

4 Beaconsfield Ave, Beaconsfield

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024 Sacrament Program at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish (OLHC), 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 by 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 Parent Formation Nights, workshops and celebrations for the benefit of all candidates enrolling, and to ensure that this program runs efficiently. We have also incorporated the Catechist Program, as part of the preparation for children attending Non-Catholic schools.

We request you to make note of all 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 any of the events you should be attending.

As parents, you are committing yourselves to nurture the faith of your children, the Parish will always be there to support you in that role.

It is the Parish preferred policy to enroll your child **for only one Sacrament per year**, to enable the children to have a better knowledge and faith experience of each Sacrament . Your support and co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

For any correspondences please , email sacraments@olhc.org.au or call the Parish office.
Tel (03) 9704 7935

Sacraments are a visible sign of God's presence in our world.

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 centered, 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.

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, sacrament coordinators, 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 Formation 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.
- attend a Parent & Child workshop
- attend weekend mass
- return all relevant paperwork, by the due date.
- assist their child with the preparation workbook.

THE ROLE OF THE PARISH

The Parish Sacrament Team is responsible for coordinating 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 Formation Nights for parents;
- invite families to enroll their children for Sacrament preparation;
- 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 SCHOOLS

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;
- nurture our children in an environment that leads them and their families to develop their personal relationship with Jesus.

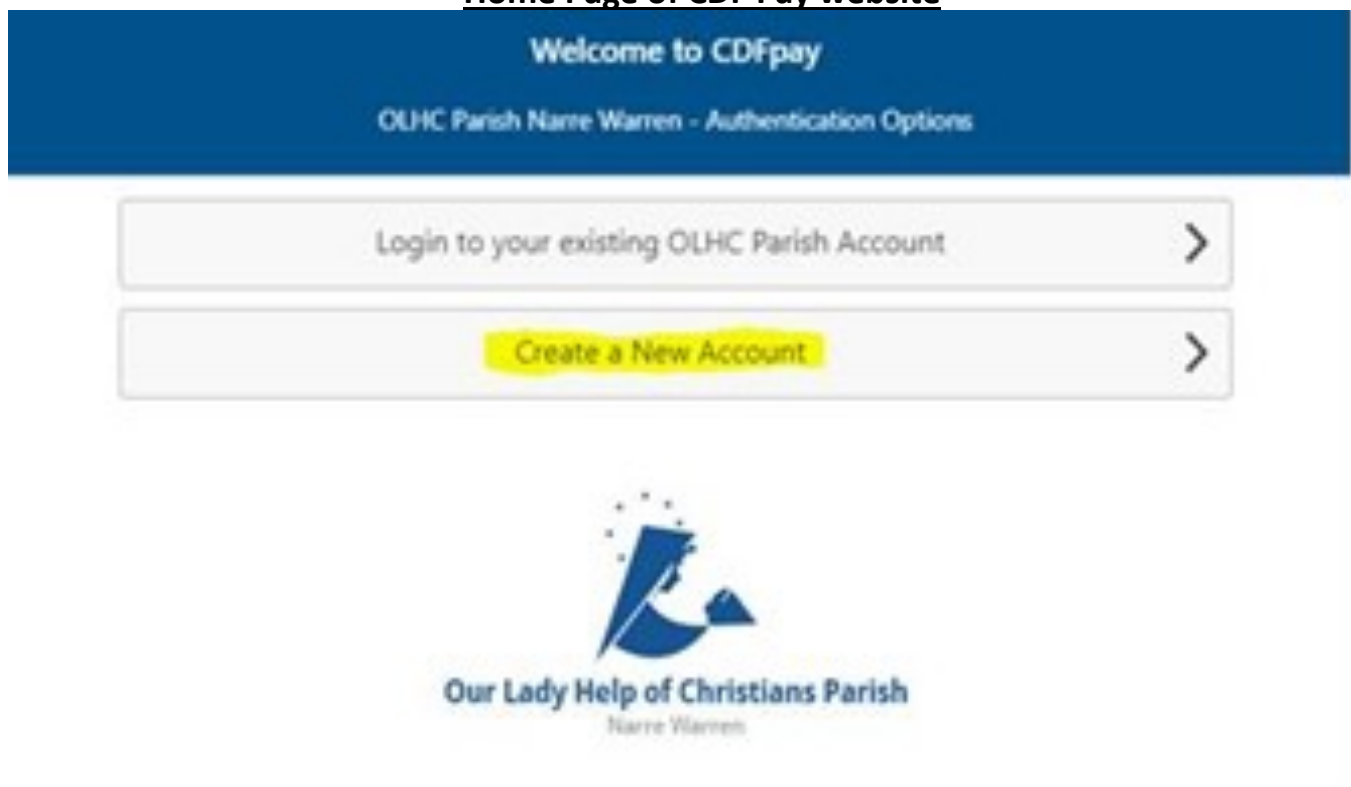
PAYMENT FOR ALL SACRAMENTS

A levy of \$50 is payable for each child enrolled in the sacrament program. Payments can be made via Catholic Development Fund - 'CDF Pay'. Please note, no cash payments will be taken on the Parent Formation night. Please record the payment date on the enrolment forms.

Please follow the guidelines given below to access **CDF Pay**:

1. Browse to the site 'https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au'
2. Select 'Create New Account' if you have not done before or Login and go to step 5.
3. Enter your email address and choose Log In.
4. Enter your full name and preferred password, then choose OK.
5. Choose the appropriate Sacrament: Reconciliation or First Holy Communion or Confirmation.
6. Select the '+' sign and choose the number of children you wish to enroll.
7. Enter your name, child's details and contact number.
8. Choose 'Summary and Checkout' to make payment using MasterCard/Visa/Bank transfer.
9. Enter the payment details and select Pay
10. A receipt will be generated confirming purchase that will also be emailed to your specified email address.

Home Page of CDF Pay website




Welcome to CDFpay

OLHC Parish Name Warren - Authentication Options

Login to your existing OLHC Parish Account >

Create a New Account >


Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Narre Warren

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

(Also known as Confession or Penance)

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who are in **Grade 3** and above. 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 form if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

PARENT FORMATION NIGHT



Date: Wednesday, **7th February** 2024 or Thursday **15th February** 2024

Time: 6:45pm for a 7pm start

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online

(Please refer to page number 6) <https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au>

Making a payment via CDF confirms your enrolment in the Parent Formation Night. - <https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au>

CDF Payment opens on Monday 15th January at 10am and closes on Friday 16th February at 10am

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings via www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book the dates and times for the Parent & Child Workshop and Celebration.

Bookings open on **Monday 19th February** at 10.00am

Bookings close on **Monday 26th February** at 10.00am

MASS ATTENDANCE

As part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children and their families are invited to attend Masses as often as possible. Weekend Mass timings are as below-

Saturday – 6.00pm & Sunday— 7.30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

RECONCILIATION PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

Parent/s and their child are invited to attend one of these workshops as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Wednesday 28th February 2024 5:00PM OR 7:00PM

Thursday 29th February 2024 5:00PM OR 7:00PM

ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Child attending a Non-Catholic schools are encouraged to attend three additional catechist classes. Attendance at these sessions is a part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Sunday 3rd March 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday 10th March 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday 17th March 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 20th March 2024 7.00pm

Wednesday 17th April 2024 7.00pm

Saturday 20th April 2024 11.00am

Saturday 27th April 2024 11.00am

DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION

Neat Casual Wear

Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass

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 and Reconciliation certificate** needs to be attached to the enrolment forms if baptised/received Reconciliation outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

PARENT FORMATION NIGHT



Date: Wednesday, **24th April** 2024 or Thursday **2nd May** 2024

Time: 6.45pm arrival for a 7pm start

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online.

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CDF Payment opens on Monday 1st April at 10am and closes on Tuesday 30th April at 10am

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings via **www.schoolinterviews.com.au** to book the dates and times for the Parent & Child Workshop and Celebration

Bookings open on **Monday 6th May** at 10.00am

Bookings close on **Monday 13th May** at 10.00am

MASS ATTENDANCE

As part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist, children and their families are invited to attend Masses as often as possible. Weekend Mass timings are as below-

Saturday – 6.00pm & Sunday— 7.30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS

Parent/s and their child are invited to attend one of these workshops as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 5.00pm or 7.00pm

Thursday 16th May 2024 5.00pm or 7.00pm

ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Child attending a Non-Catholic school are encouraged to attend three additional catechist classes. Attendance at these sessions is a part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Sunday 26th May 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday 2nd June 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday 9th June 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday 16th June 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION DATES AND TIMES

First Eucharist Mass dates			Times	Rehearsals	
Saturday	22nd June	2024	6.00pm	Wed, 19 th June	6.00pm
Sunday	23rd June	2024	9:00am	Wed, 19 th June	7.00pm
Sunday	23rd June	2024	11.00am	Thurs, 20 th June	7.00pm
Saturday	20th July	2024	6.00pm	Wed, 17 th July	6.00pm
Sunday	21st July	2024	9:00am	Wed, 17 th July	7.00pm
Sunday	21st July	2024	11.00am	Thurs, 18 th July	7.00pm
Saturday	14th Sept	2024	6.00pm	Wed, 11th September	6.00pm
Sunday	15th Sept	2024	9.00am	Wed, 11th September	7.00pm
Sunday	15th Sept	2024	11.00am	Thurs, 12th September	7.00pm
Saturday	12 th October	2024	6.00pm	Wed, 9th October	6.00pm
Sunday	13 th October	2024	9.00am	Wed, 9 th October	7.00pm
Sunday	13 th October	2024	11.00am	Thurs, 10 th October	7.00pm

DRESS CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION

Neat Formal Wear

Please observe modesty and reverence, keeping in mind the sanctity of the church and the sacredness of Mass



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrolment for Confirmation is offered to children who are in **Grade 6** and above. 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, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist certificates** need to be attached to the enrolment form if baptised/received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

PARENT FORMATION NIGHT

Date: Thursday, **25th July 2024** or Wednesday **31st July 2024**

Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Levy: A levy of \$50 is payable via CDF online. through <https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au>
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CDF Payment opens on Monday 17th June at 10am and closes on Friday 26th July at 10am

ONLINE BOOKINGS

Bookings open on **Monday 29th July** at 10.00am

Bookings close on **Monday 5th August** at 10am

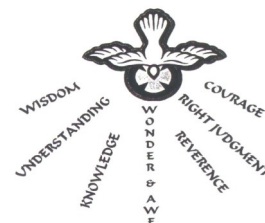
Bookings via www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book the dates and times for the Parent & Child Workshop and Celebration.

MASS ATTENDANCE

As part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, children and their families are invited to attend Masses as often as possible. Weekend Mass timings are as below-

Saturday – 6.00pm & Sunday— 7.30am, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

CONFIRMATION PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS



Parent/s and their child are invited to attend one of these workshops as part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Wednesday 7th August 2024 5.00pm or 7.00pm

Thursday 8th August 2024 5.00pm or 7.00pm

ADDITIONAL CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Children attending a Non-Catholic school are encouraged to attend 3 additional catechist classes. Attendance at these sessions is a part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Sunday, 4th August 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday, 11th August 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday, 18th August 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

Sunday, 25th August 2024 12:30 pm – 2.30pm

CELEBRATION DATES AND TIMES

CONFIRMATION MASSES

Friday 30th August 2024 at 7.00pm

Saturday 31st August 2024 at 2.00pm

Saturday 31st August 2024 at 6.00pm

REHEARSALS

Tues 27th August at 5.30pm

Wed 28th August at 6.00pm

Wed 28th August at 7.00pm

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Neat Formal Wear

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Prayer for children and families preparing to receive Sacraments

Loving God, we come to you
believing in your unconditional love for us.
May this time of Sacramental preparation be a time of blessing
for our beloved children, our families and our community
so we may grow more deeply in faith and love
to appreciate what is good in others and
be patient with what we do not understand.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.



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