

# The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

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## **Parish First Holy Communion 2023**

Dear parent/guardian

I hope you and your families have all had a wonderful Christmas and New year, and are looking forward to the various celebrations that will be taking place throughout the rest of the school year. Our First Holy Communion for the children within our Parish Communities will take place in Spring, and we will be starting our Preparation Sessions during Lent.

I would like to invite any children within our Parish Communities who are in year 4 or above and who wish to make their First Holy Communion this year, to come along to these sessions. You must attend all five sessions (see timetable overleaf). The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confessions) will be celebrated in March, with the First Holy Communion Masses taking place in May and June.

If you and your child decide that they want to receive their First Holy Communion this year, I invite you and your family to start coming regularly to one of our weekend Masses, and to also attend the Preparation Sessions. Registration for First Holy Communion will take place at the very first session (no matter which one you choose to attend).

There will be three opportunities to attend each session, which are held between both Parish communities, and it will not matter which session you decide to attend. Once registration has been completed, and we have all the information passed in to the Parish Office, we will confirm the Communion Mass timetable. Children would normally receive First Holy Communion with their class companions.

## With You Always Sessions

<b>Session 1</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March St. Sebastian's <b>Church</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
<b>Session 2</b>			
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March St. Sebastian's <b>School</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
<b>Session 3</b>			
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March St. Sebastian's <b>School</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
<b>First Reconciliation Services 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>			
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. Sebastian's <b>Church</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Session 4</b>			
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March St. Sebastian's <b>School</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March St. Oswald's Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm	
<b>Session 5</b>			
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April St. Oswald's Church 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April St. Sebastian's <b>School</b> 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April St. Oswald's Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm	

### Our weekend Mass timetable is:

Saturday evening at 4:30pm in Saint Oswald's Church  
 Sunday morning at 9:30am in Saint Oswald's Church, and  
 Sunday morning at 11:00am in Saint Sebastian's Church.

I look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass over the coming weeks and months.

God bless, and make sure you continue to stay safe.



Fr. Liam Collister