



*St Mel's Parish, Campsie*

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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

## **FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year in our Parish, children will be prepared for both their first Confession (Reconciliation) and their First Holy Communion at the same time, and the preparation will be combined into six consecutive weekly lessons at St Mel's parish hall, to be conducted by myself, the parish priest.

If you wish to enrol your child or children (Year 3 or above) for the Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion, please **fill in the attached Enrolment Form and add a copy of his or her baptism certificate and return by Tuesday 3 May to:**

Father Peter Joseph at the church before or after any Mass –

or drop them off at the parish office

or email them to: [stmelscampsie@bigpond.com](mailto:stmelscampsie@bigpond.com)

or put them in the mail-box at the front of the presbytery, 7 Evaline St, Campsie.

**First Confessions** will be held in the church on **Saturday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022** starting at 1:00pm going up to 4:30pm (each student will be allocated a time).

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 at 11:30am Mass.**

**The six lessons** will be held in St Mel's parish hall from 6:00 – 7:00pm on:

**Wednesday evenings – May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29**

One parent/carer will be required to attend the lessons with their child. Every child must attend **all six lessons**, to be able to receive both Sacraments.

Children who have already done their first Reconciliation preparation (but not First Holy Communion) must also attend all 6 lessons. Naturally, they are not required at the first confessions in the church on 25 June.

The lessons will be followed by Mass in the church at 7:00pm which everyone is encouraged to attend.

Children in Year 3 or above, who were baptised according to the Roman Catholic Rite, are eligible to make their First Confession and receive First Holy Communion. If your child has not been baptized, please contact me.

As you know, First Holy Communion is an event of the greatest importance in the life of every Catholic and it is something to be given serious thought and preparation.

Please give this matter careful consideration and if you have any questions please call me on the telephone number at the top of this page, any day from 10:30am to 9:00pm.

Wishing every blessing upon you and your families,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

*Father Peter Joseph*

Fr Peter Joseph  
Parish Priest

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
**for First Communion Mass, Sunday 3 July, 11:30am**

- The rehearsal will be at the end of the last evening's lesson on 29 June.
- What to wear at First Holy Communion:  
Boys: white long-sleeved shirt with tie and long pants.  
Girls: white dress (shoulders covered) and veil.
- Avoid talking inside the church.
- Turn off mobile phones inside the church.
- To prevent distractions and to maintain reverence, **no photos or videos** may be taken in the church. Please tell this to any family members or relatives coming.
- There will be a professional photographer on the day to take individual photos in the hall before Mass. There will also be opportunity for parents and family to take a group photo at the end outside the church.
- After Mass, a certificate will be presented to each child outside the church.

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For your records, please note which Mass you chose to attend with your child and to introduce yourselves to Father Peter Joseph after Mass:

Saturday 21 May 5pm or  Sunday 22 May 8:30am or  Sunday 22 May 10:00am

Remember to contact Fr. P. Joseph if you cannot come to one of the lessons.



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## FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT FORM 2022

Child's full name in CAPITALS (UPPERCASE):

\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate)*

Has your child made first Confession (Reconciliation) already? Yes / No

Parent's / Carer's full name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's / Carer's email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will attend Mass with my child and introduce ourselves to Fr Joseph after Mass on:  
 Saturday 21 May 5pm or  Sunday 22 May 8:30am or  Sunday 22 May 10:00am
- My child and I will attend the 6 lessons, and I understand I must contact Father P. Joseph if we cannot attend one of the lessons.
- I will not take photos or videos in church.
- I allow my child to be in the group photo after Mass outside the church. Yes / No

Parent's / Carer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with the baptism certificate by Tuesday 3 May