

ALSTONVILLE / WARDELL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

All children who are in Year 4 and beyond and who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to receive First Eucharist.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekends of 27th & 28th August, 3rd & 4th September and 10th & 11th September 2022. You have the choice of the Saturday evening Mass (6.00 pm), the Sunday morning Mass (8.30 am) or the 5.00pm Mass at Wardell.

If you would like to enroll your child for First Eucharist please fill in the attached form and return by **Wednesday 27th July 2022**. A meeting of parents of our First Communicants has been set down for:

Wednesday 29th June at 6.00 p.m. in the St Joseph's School Staffroom

It is of the utmost importance for you to attend this meeting.

The meeting will address the meaning of the Sacrament of Eucharist and will be the opportunity to organise the various groups for home instruction. This will involve all parents from both Government schools and St Joseph's.

Family based preparation will occur during July/August and will consist of four lessons, at which you the parent, will be asked to be present. The activity booklet that your child completes must be returned to the Parish office by Wednesday 24th August 2022. The booklet will be returned to the children at mass when presented with the Holy Communion Certificate.

Please consider being a Sacramental Leader to help prepare a small group of children (3 or 4) in a home. Simple lessons are provided and ongoing support is available. Lessons last for 30 to 45 minutes. Parents will have the opportunity to look at the resource lessons at the parent meeting.

If you do not feel confident in leading a small group, you may be able to make your home available for the four lessons, one day a week over four weeks. You do not need to provide any refreshments, just space!

I do hope to see you at our meeting on Wednesday 29th June. The next Sacramental preparation for your child will be marriage! (Or, hopefully in some cases – Ordination).

In Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Max Gow".

Fr. Max Gow PP