



*Lord, it is wonderful  
for us to be here.*

## PARISH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION NORTH WODEN

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Dear Parents

### RE: FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at Holy Trinity, Curtin, on Saturday 17 September and Sunday 18 September 2022.**

#### Who is eligible?

**Children in Year 4 or above who celebrated their First Reconciliation** may be enrolled in the Parish's Family-Based Sacramental Program for First Eucharist.

**The enrolment form and associated fee must be received by Friday 22 July.**

#### Enrolment

Enrolment by Friday 22 July can be done online (using Qkr! App, preferred method) or by return of the enrolment form to the Parish Office, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin.

To enrol online:

- Access or download the **Qkr! app**.
- Tap on 'North Woden Transfiguration Parish'
- Tap Sacrament of First Eucharist (second option)
- Complete the form and make your online payment.

**The requested offering per family is \$40.** This helps to defray the cost of a workbook, commemorative certificate, memorial gift and administrative costs. If you have difficulty meeting the offering, please contact me for a confidential discussion.

#### Why a Family-Based Program?

**The Parish Family-Based program affirms the participation of parents in their child's faith journey with the prayerful support of the Parish community.** The program compliments but does not replace the religious instruction given at Catholic schools or through a School of Religion. Parents have found the program to be a graced time with their child and that has made the celebration of the sacrament all the more meaningful.

#### Hosting a Family Group

**The program is dependent on the generosity of some parents to host or to co-host a family group.** A 'Host Nomination' form is enclosed for your consideration. The role of a host is not difficult, with session notes provided. N.B. Hosts will be required to attend an Information Session via Zoom **5.30pm, Tuesday, 26 July** followed by the Parent Information Night via Zoom at 6.00pm.

All hosts must have, or have applied for, a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. There is no cost involved in applying for a WWVP card for volunteers. Further information as to how to apply for a WWVP card is found on the 'Host Nomination' form.

## What does the program involve?

The program includes:

- **An Information Night for hosts of a family group** via Zoom at 5.30pm, Tuesday, 26 July.
- **An Introductory Night for parents** to receive an overview of the family sessions via Zoom at 6.00pm, Tuesday, 26 July.
- **Four family group meetings for parents and children** following the Introduction Night.
- **Presentation Mass.** Each family to attend one of the following: **Saturday 27 August 6pm or Sunday 28 August 9.30am at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin.**
- **A children's retreat day and practice, Friday 19 August 2021, 9.15am-2.15pm, in the Holy Trinity School Hall.** (Please note: date subject to change. Further information will be provided at the Parent Introductory Night, Tuesday 26 July 6pm.)

At the Introductory Night, you will receive notification of meeting options for home groups and you will be asked to nominate your preference.

## Celebration of First Eucharist

You will need to nominate a weekend Mass (Sat. 6pm, Sun. 9.30am or Sun. 5.30pm) on the weekend of 17-18 September for the celebration. There will be a limited number of seats available for candidates, their families and guests, mindful of the need to accommodate other parishioners at each of these Masses. This will be further explained at the Parent Introductory Night.

## What next?

**If you would like your child to celebrate First Eucharist this year, you must register via the Qkr! App or return the enrolment form and payment to the Parish Office by Friday 22 July.** Meanwhile, enquiries can be directed to the Parish Office (6281 3999 / [wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodennorth@cg.org.au) ).

Yours sincerely,

Fr John Woods  
Parish Priest