

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2024

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE

in our 'Community of Communities'  
St Ignatius, Toowong; Holy Spirit, Auchenflower;  
Holy Family, Indooroopilly;  
St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia



Monday, 30 September 2024

Dear Parents,

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish, St Lucia, invites children in Year 4 or above, who belong to St Thomas Aquinas Parish and who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, to enrol in the

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE.**

In the **Sacrament of Penance**, also referred to as Reconciliation or Confession, we say sorry to God for our sins and receive His forgiveness and healing. The Sacrament of Penance calls us to repentance and a change of heart, and is a celebration of God's love and mercy.

In the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist under the species of bread and wine, who gave His life for us and now invites us to share with Him the eternal banquet in heaven. The Eucharist is a sign of our communion with God and the Church.

The **SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE** will be held on **Friday 22 November 2024**  
at **5.00pm** at **St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia.**

The **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be held on **Sunday 24 November 2024**  
at **9.30am Mass** at **St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia.**

This year, St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish will hold a combined preparation program for the above sacraments. Children and their parents are required to attend Holy Mass followed by the preparation session every Sunday over six Sundays as follows:

#### Mass and Preparation sessions

Sunday 13 Oct Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 1 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Sunday 20 Oct Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 2 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Sunday 27 Oct Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 3 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Sunday 3 Nov Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 4 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Sunday 10 Nov Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 5 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Sunday 17 Nov Mass - 9:30am (followed by morning tea); Session 6 - 10:45am to 11:30am

Enrolment for the SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE is now open and can be completed online, via the following link: <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/our-sacraments/first-eucharist/st-thomas-aquinas-st-lucia-sacrament-enrolment/>

**ENROLMENT FEE:** \$120 per child.

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE:** Tuesday 8 Oct 2024

**RITE OF ENROLMENT:** Sunday 13 Oct 2024 at 9:30am Mass.

Kindly direct all enquires to Anne Rego, Parish Pastoral Associate via email: [pastoral.jesuit@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pastoral.jesuit@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone: 0416321848.

God Bless,

*Anne Rego (on behalf of the Sacramental Team)*