

DATES AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

St Peter and Paul Parish First Holy Communion Program is an at-home preparation program which revolves around attendance at Mass as a member of the parish community. Parents journey with their child in preparing for First Holy Communion by taking them through their workbooks and reflection sheets at home, and then attending Mass to hand in the completed work. In this way both parent and child participate as a family in their Faith.

In order to successfully complete the program the following requirements must be met before the candidate can receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

- Candidate must be in year 3 or above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or be currently enrolled in our First Reconciliation Program.
- Attendance at a Parent Information Night (at least one parent/guardian must attend)
- Attendance at a Commitment Mass (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)
- Attendance at Mass to hand in the worksheets (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)

All dates are in the table overleaf – please plan your diary accordingly so that you don't miss the cut-off dates and be forced to wait until next year for your child to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to commit to these requirements then you are asked to wait until next year to enrol your child.

Enrolments close on Friday, 20 September 2024.

Please enrol online at:

<https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/eucharist>

If you have trouble enrolling online, or if meeting the cost of the program (\$30) will be difficult for you, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

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Please contact her if you have any questions or issues:

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DATE	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
31 January to 20 September 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENROLMENTS OPEN</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrol and pay online at https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/eucharist</p>
Friday, 20 September 2024	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENROLMENTS CLOSE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrolment will no longer be possible after this date.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 24 September – 7:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Thursday, 26 September – 7:00pm <i>(runs for approximately 1 ½ hours)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Attendance at one evening by at least one parent/guardian is compulsory. Candidate does not have to attend)</p>
<p>Saturday, 28 September – 6:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Sunday, 29 September – 5:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMITMENT MASS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass)</p>
<p><u>FROM THE WEEKEND OF 5/6 OCTOBER TO THE WEEKEND OF 16/17 NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>Reflection sheets need to be handed in at an evening Mass in Kiama (6:00pm Saturdays, 6:00pm Sundays) - one sheet per weekend.</p> <p>There will be 4 reflection sheets corresponding to the 4 lessons in the student workbook. One reflection sheet is to be handed in over 4 Masses throughout this period of time.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">The completed workbook is to be handed in with the final reflection sheet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The candidate and at least one parent/guardian must be present at each Mass when handing in the reflection sheet. The children will be called up during Mass to place their sheet into a box in front of the altar.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">NB: The cut-off weekend for returning the final reflection sheet and workbook is Saturday 16 November, 6:00pm and Sunday 17 November, 6:00pm</p>	
<p>Thursday, 21 November</p> <p>9:00am to 2:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT DAY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Hall, Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Candidate only needs to attend.</p>
<p>Feast of Christ the King</p> <p>Saturday, 23 November – 6:00pm</p> <p>Sunday, 24 November – 6:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance is required at one Mass only.</p>