**Application for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2018**

*(Only those in Year 3 or older are eligible who have been baptised and received First Reconciliation)*

**PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS**

Surname:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Middle name(s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Male Female

School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year/Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Home address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of Baptism (Attach copy of Certificate):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of First Reconciliation (Attach copy of Certificate):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please note: If your child made their First Reconciliation on 21 November 2017 at OLR, you do not need to attach a copy of the Baptism or Reconciliation certificate.

**This form must be returned to the Parish Office on or before Friday 16 March 2018 together with the $30.00 fee for books and all materials.***(From 17 March 2018 a late fee of $10.00 will be charged.* ***No applications will be accepted after Thursday 29 March 2018****.)*

*First Holy Communion will take place on 2/3 June at 6:00 PM Saturday vigil Mass, and on Sunday at 9:00 AM, 10:30 and 4:30 (Vietnamese Mass)*

*Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice by the Mass time you prefer. Write* ***“1” or “2”*** *in the blank by the Mass time. (Applications handed in early are more likely to have preference for Mass times.)*

*6:00 PM Saturday \_\_\_\_ 9:00 AM Sunday\_\_\_\_\_*

*10:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_ 4:30PM\_\_\_\_ (Vietnamese Mass)*

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*Office use only:* Date received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Receipt No.\_\_\_\_\_ Fee paid:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Our Lady of the Rosary Parish***

 ***2 Weston Street Fairfield NSW 2165***

February 2018

Dear Parents ,

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be administered to those who are eligible to receive this Sacrament on **2/3 June 2018.**

Attached to this letter is an application form that must be returned to the parish office by Friday **16 March 2018** to avoid the $10.00 late fee**. No applications** will be accepted after Thursday **29 March 2018.**

There will be a **Parent Information evening** held on **Thursday evening 5 April 2018 at 7:00PM** in Our Lady of the Rosary Church. **All candidates for First Holy Communion and at least one parent are required to attend this meeting.** Attendance will be taken.

To be eligible to receive First Holy Communion all candidates must have been baptised and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If your child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **21 November 2017** in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, you do not need to bring a copy of the Baptism Certificate nor the First Reconciliation certificate. All other children who will make their First Communion need to attach a copy of the Baptism and First Reconciliation Certificate with the application form.

On the other side of this paper are all of the dates that will be important for you in the preparation of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It is very important that you will be present at all of the preparation lessons and activities leading to the reception of the sacrament.

I wish you many blessings as you begin the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with your child.

With best wishes,

Sister Valerie (Sacramental Coordinator)

**Important Dates for the program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2018**

1. **Friday 16 March Applications due into the parish office ($10.00 fee if late)**
2. **Thursday 29 March Last day to accept late applications for First Communion**
3. **Thursday 5 April Parent Information Evening 7:00 PM in Church**
4. **Sunday 8 April Enrolment Ceremony at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass.**

**Preparation classes will take place on Monday Evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 PM in the Church. These preparation classes will take place every week in May except the 14th and 16th of May since these are the dates of the Naplan Tests. There will be 4 Preparation Lessons altogether.**

**Week 1 Lesson: Monday 30 April 7:00 PM or Wed 2 May at 3:30 PM**

**Week 2 Lesson: Monday 7 May at 7:00 PM or Wed 9 May at 3:30 PM**

**Week 3 Lesson: Monday 21 May at 7:00 PM or Wed 23 May at 3:30**

**Week 4 Lesson: Monday 28 May at 7:00 PM or Wed 30 May 3:30 PM**

**All lessons will take place in the Church. Children and at least one parent must attend each session.**

**Friday 1 June Retreat Day for First Communion Candidates (9 AM to 3 PM)**

 **Schools will be informed about this event. (Children only)**

**2/3 June First Holy Communion (6:00 PM Saturday Vigil; 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass also 4:30 Vietnamese Mass)**

**Important information concerning all of these dates will be given at the Parent Information Evening held on Thursday 5 April 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

**If you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in 2018, you must attend all of the events mentioned above.**