



Dear Parents,

I welcome all children who have completed their First Reconciliation, been Confirmed and are currently in Year 5 to prepare for First Eucharist. Enrolments can now be made via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSIVAA4UFOt-GZwEXaFCW9tRQRaNtSxgoY35OpXg-PY3waBA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The sacrament of Holy Communion brings to completion the Christian process of initiation.

In this sacrament, we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. We remember particularly the Last Supper, that final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. At that meal, Jesus gave us the Eucharist so that we could remember him in a special way.

When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him, and we become one with each other. As a community, we become 'the body of Christ'.

A **compulsory parent information session** will be held on Tuesday February 22nd at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held in St Alipius Church. All Covid protocols will be adhered to. Please register your attendance via www.sapliturgy.net.au.

If for any reason Covid numbers impact being able to gather in the church we will endeavour to hold this session via Zoom.

During this session we will discuss what Eucharist is and how you may celebrate this with your child within your home as they prepare for their sacrament. This will be an opportunity to learn more and to seek answers to any questions you may have.

We kindly ask for payment of \$30 to cover the costs of facilitating this program. This can be made via cash or card on the night.

If you have any questions leading into this journey I encourage you to contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611 or ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Yours in faith

Fr Jorge

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