



# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

## PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST THERESE, ESSENDON



### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

Programme Dates	Time	Event
Sunday 24 May	9:30am	Session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 31 May	9:30am 10:30am	Session 2 – PACE Function Room Mass to present as candidate for Sacrament
Wednesday 3 June	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 7 June	9:30am	Session 3 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 10 June	6:45pm	Sacramental Service followed by individual confessions for RE programme participants

**Enrolments closed – no places available**

**Capacity 15 students**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: THURSDAY 20 JULY

Programme Dates	Time	Event
Sunday 12 July***	9:30am	Session 1 – PACE Function Room ***NB: School term begins Monday 13 July
Sunday 19 July	9:30am	Session 2 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 22 July	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 26 July	9:30am 10:30am	Session 3 – PACE Function Room Mass to present as candidate for Sacrament
Thursday 30 July	6:30pm	Sacrament Mass with parish school students

**Enrolments close Friday 19 June**

**Capacity 15 students**

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Programme Dates	Time	Event
Sunday 23 August	9.30am	Session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 30 August	9:30am 10:30am	Session 2 – PACE Function Room Mass to present as candidate for Sacrament
Wednesday 2 September	6:45pm	Faith Night in St Therese's Church
Sunday 6 September	9:30am	Session 3 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 13 September	10.30am	Sacrament Mass with parish school students

**Enrolments close Friday 31 July**

**Capacity 15 students**

Our RE Programme is structured for primary-school children and is not suitable for secondary school children. Children should undertake all the Sacraments of Initiation (beginning with Baptism and concluding with Confirmation) at the parish in which they live. If you live outside the Parish of Our Lady & St Therese, Essendon you should seek Religious Education at your parish.

## **PROGRAMME DETAILS**

- Three x one hour sessions are held on Sundays at 9.30am in PACE function room
- Children must attend all sessions to be eligible to receive the Sacrament and parents will be required to sign their child in to each session using a QR code
- At least one parent/guardian to attend with student
- Siblings and unenrolled children are not permitted to stay

## **FAITH NIGHTS**

Faith nights are an opportunity for candidates and parents to learn more about the Sacrament and engage in some guided discussion. Candidate needs to attend with at least one parent. No siblings may attend.

## **CANDIDATE MASS**

Candidates are asked to attend a Mass where they are introduced to the congregation and where the congregation commits to supporting them in their faith journey. Candidates can attend any parish Mass on the nominated weekend.

## **SACRAMENT MASS**

Our RE students celebrate Sacrament Masses alongside the St Therese's parish school children.

The First Reconciliation Service and the Confirmation Masses are stand-alone services. First Eucharist Sacrament Masses are celebrated at our usual weekend Masses.

## **DRESS CODE**

For Sacrament Masses children are asked to dress in smart casual clothing with their Sacramental stole.

There is no requirement for girls to wear white dresses for First Eucharist Masses.

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## **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimum school year level requirements**

First Reconciliation: Student must be in Year 3 or above

First Eucharist: Student must be in Year 4 or above

Confirmation: Student must be in Year 6 or above

### **The Parish requires the following paperwork:**

- Baptism certificate if registering for Reconciliation
- Reconciliation certificate if registering for Eucharist
- Eucharist certificate if registering for Confirmation

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## **COSTS**

Fee per child per Sacrament programme is \$220 which includes the cost of all learning materials and a Sacramental stole on commencement. Fees are payable before the commencement of the programme. Details: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/RE-Programme-Fees.pdf>

## **SACRAMENTAL STOLE**

A Sacramental stole is provided to each child at the commencement of their first RE programme with the parish. Their stole should be retained between Sacraments. An additional symbol is added for each Sacrament and parents will need to arrange this at Caps n More, Unit 1/55 Halsey Rd, Airport West <https://capsnmoreemb.com/>