



St Mel's Parish, Campsie

7 Evaline Street, Campsie, NSW 2194

Phone: 02 9787 1582

A.D. 2024

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Parish's children will be prepared for their first Confession (Reconciliation) and their First Holy Communion in six weekly lessons at St Mel's parish hall, conducted by myself, the parish priest.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 15th June 2024 at 11:00am Mass.**

First Confession: each student will be allocated an evening after class.

The six lessons will be held in St Mel's parish hall from 6:00 – 7:00pm on Thursday evenings:

May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13

If you wish to enrol your child or children (Year 3 or above) for the Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion, please **fill in the attached Enrolment Form and add a copy of their baptism certificate and return by Wednesday 1st May** to:

Father Joseph at the church before or after any Mass;

or email them to: stmelscampsie@bigpond.com

or bring them to the parish office/presbytery mail-box, 7 Evaline St, Campsie.

One parent/carer will be required to attend the lessons with their child. Every child must **attend all six lessons**, to be able to receive both Sacraments.

Children in Year 3 or above (baptized of course) are eligible to make their First Confession and receive First Holy Communion. If your child has not been baptized, please contact me.

As you know, First Holy Communion is an event of the greatest importance in the life of every Catholic and it is something to be given serious thought and preparation. Please give this matter careful consideration and if you have any questions please call me on the telephone number at the top of this page, any day from 10:30am to 9:00pm.

Wishing every blessing upon you and your families,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

Father Peter Joseph

Fr Peter Joseph

Parish Priest

See over for additional information →

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
for First Communion Mass, Saturday 15 June, 11:00am

- The rehearsal will be at the end of the last evening's lesson on 13 June.
- What to wear at First Holy Communion:
 - Boys: white long-sleeved shirt with tie and long pants.
 - Girls: white dress (shoulders covered) and veil.
- Avoid talking inside the church.
- Turn off mobile phones inside the church.
- To prevent distractions and to maintain reverence, *no photos or videos may be taken in the church*. Please tell this to any family members or relatives coming.
- There will be opportunity for a group photo & individual photos in the hall after Mass.
- A certificate will be presented to each child in the hall.
- It is compulsory for your child to attend every lesson. *If you or another family member cannot bring your child to a class, send your child with someone else who is coming*. If you have problems arranging this, contact Fr. P. Joseph on 0418 136 785.

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For your records, please note which Mass you chose to attend with your child and to introduce yourselves to Father Peter Joseph after Mass:

- Saturday 4 May 5pm or
- Sunday 5 May 8:30am or
- Sunday 5 May 10:00am



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ENROLMENT FORM 2024**

Child's name in CAPITALS: *(Write the name as you want it to appear on the certificate)*

School: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

(Please attach a copy of Baptismal Certificate)

Parent's/Carer's full name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Mobile: _____

Parent's/Carer's email: _____

- I will attend Mass with my child and introduce ourselves to Father Joseph after Mass on:
 Saturday 4 May 5pm or Sunday 5 May 8:30am or Sunday 5 May 10:00am
- My child and I will attend the 6 lessons, or I will arrange for someone else to bring my child.
I will contact Father Peter Joseph if I have a problem arranging this.
- I allow my child to be in the group photo after Mass in the hall. Yes / No
- I will not take photos or videos in church.

Parent's/Carer's signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form with the baptism certificate by Wednesday 1st May

(See front sheet on how & where to return this form)