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## The Sacramental Programme St Cecilia's & St John the Baptist Parishes

Dear Parents,

Now that your child is in Year Four, he/she has reached that stage in his/her life that the Diocese of Geraldton sees as the appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of Eucharist.

Through the sacramental programme in our parish, we wish to see the continuation of the Life of Grace started at his/her baptism. This should mark a growth stage in his/her faith as well as demonstrate a further commitment to the Faith Community which gathers regularly in worship of God and service to our brothers and sisters.

Through the Sacraments we want your child to enter more deeply the mystery of Christ; to deepen the sense of belonging to God and the Church; to allow the sacrament to be a channel of God's Gifts and provide an opportunity for him/her to receive specific instruction in the faith.

Your child is still very much dependent on his/her parents and the sacrament will only have meaning and relevance when it flows from a family life where faith in Christ and Christian values are experienced and explicitly witnessed to. **So, if we are to enrol your child in this year's sacramental programme, I would expect to see on the part of the parents an active participation in the worship and social dimension of the Catholic Community in Hedland.**

At each stage of the programme there should be a commitment of the parents of the children to attend meetings and instructions which deepen the understanding of the different sacraments being administered. (For children attending Non-Catholic Schools, a commitment to bring the children to a series of instructions to prepare them for the reception of the relevant sacrament). Also, the programme asks that parents publicly express a commitment to participate fully in the preparation of the children for the sacraments by joining in an enrolment ceremony at the Sunday Mass.

Please complete the enclosed form if you wish to enrol your child in the 2022 First Holy Communion sacramental programme and agree to meet the requirements outlined above and **bring along to the Enrolment Mass on Saturday 26 or Sunday 27 March at your local parish church.**

Yours Sincerely

*Fr Edward Khaemba C.S.Sp.*

*Fr Gaspar Muski C.S.Sp.*



## Enrolment for the Reception of First Holy Communion

Full Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a copy)

Date of First Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a copy)

School and Year \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (& Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No's \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Consent to join Parish email list YES/NO

### Covenantal Agreement of Parents and/or Guardians

As the parents/guardians responsible for the upbringing and spiritual growth of \_\_\_\_\_, we ask that she/he be formally enrolled in the programme of preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

We accept that in coming forward to receive this sacrament we are the primary teachers of the faith of our child and will do all that we can through our home life and personal example to pass this faith on to our child (eg by regularly attending Church and becoming an active member of the Parish). We agree to attend all meetings for parents and guardians which form part of the programme for the reception of this sacrament.

Parents/Guardian

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_