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Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

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to grow as his disciples,
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Sacrament of First Holy Communion Preparation Course 2020

Dear MacKillop Parents,

I invite you to enrol your child in the Parish's preparation course for First Holy Communion (First Eucharist). Baptism and Reconciliation are necessary steps in this Diocese for a child to receive his or her First Holy Communion. Most children have also received Confirmation.

The Preparation Course for this year has changed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. First Holy Communion programme this year will be conducted mainly at school with Sister JiJi and will commence week 1 of term 4.

There are three steps in the preparation course:

- Step 1: Parent Enrolment**—When you return the enrolment form (attached) to your class teacher your child will be given a booklet.
- Step 2: Child prepare during class using the booklet.**
- Step 3: First Holy Communion.** Each child will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion over 2 weekends in 4 separate sessions, with 20 candidates at a time and 4 family members. The dates will be Saturday 7th November, Sunday 8th November and then the following weekend Saturday 14th November and Sunday 15th November. These Masses will be at 2pm.

Holy Communion is the last and most wonderful step in a child's journey to become a fully initiated member of the Church. In this course the Parish wants to help children and parents understand why this sacrament is so vital to living a fruitful Christian life.

Attached to this letter is an Enrolment Form. Please complete this with copies, if needed, of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation certificates and return them to the school as soon as possible.

A donation of \$20 is asked of families to help with the costs.

I do believe this will be a most engaging and rewarding experience for your child and for you as parents.

With every blessing,

Fr Vincent R Casey

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First Holy Communion 2020 Enrolment Form

Child's first name	
Child's surname	
Date of birth	
School attending	Year: e.g. Year 4
Mother's full name	Religion
Father's full name	Religion
Contact address	
Phone	Mobile
Email	
Date & place of Baptism	
Date & place of Confirmation	
Date & place of First Reconciliation	
If your child was not Confirmed at this Parish, or did not receive First Reconciliation at this Parish, then please supply a copy of each of your child's Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation certificates.	
Are copies included here?	Yes / No / Not needed
Is a \$20 donation included with this enrolment?	Yes / No
Signature of parent	
For office use: Date enrolled	

Please circle your 2 preferred dates for your child's First Holy Communion Mass.

Saturday 7 November

Sunday 8 November

Saturday 14 November

Sunday 15 November

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