



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PRIEST: REV. FR. MICHAEL ROMEO

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### LETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED FIRST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR

Dear parents and caregivers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to offer my thanks to you for your cooperation and participation as we prepared our parish children for their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year. The reception of these sacraments is not the culmination of a process but the beginning of a lived relationship with Jesus and His Church.

We would like to invite you to discuss with your child as to how they may wish to deepen their participation in the life of the parish by becoming involved as either Altar Servers, Readers or members of a children's choir.

#### Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. We have a small group of Altar Servers in the parish and we would like to grow this group. This would initially involve some formation and training for all current and new altar servers. We would be looking to create a roster of Altar Servers for Sunday Masses.

#### Readers

Reading from the Scriptures at Mass is an important ministry. This would also involve some formation to help the children have the confidence to undertake this ministry with a view to having them reading at Sunday Mass.

#### Children's Choir

We are continually developing our music ministry in the parish and we have a number of volunteers who provide music for our liturgical celebrations. We would like to begin a children's choir under the direction of Mrs Julia Johnston to sing at Mass once a month.

If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server, Reader or a member of the children's choir, could you contact me at [parishpriest@paynehamcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@paynehamcatholic.org.au) or Sr Josie at [pastoralassociate@paynehamcatholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralassociate@paynehamcatholic.org.au) by the 30 October.

Yours sincerely,

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