

RECONCILIATION (FIRST PENANCE) SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

To enrol for a sacrament, your child needs to be a **baptised Catholic** and must have **at least one parent who is Catholic**. If you (the parent) is Catholic and your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised in another Christian faith but not received into the Catholic Church and you would like them to be, you will need to contact the parish office (Ph: 4261 1315) to make an appointment to see Father Francis.

Attendance at the Parent Night for all Sacraments is a compulsory requirement when enrolling your child for a sacrament. If you are unable to make this night, you will need to contact the parish office (well before the date) so that we can make other arrangements.

RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE (FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 OR OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTISED CATHOLICS)	DATES
ENROLMENT WEEKENDS After the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or at any of the Sunday Masses, on any of the weekends indicated, parents will collect an Enrolment Sheet and record their child's name on the sheets at the back of the church.	Saturday/Sunday 8 th and 9 th February 15 th and 16 th February 22 nd and 23 rd February
PARENT NIGHT This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament but it is also an enrichment night to refresh your knowledge, so that you can assist your child to prepare well for this sacrament. <i>On this night, parents bring back Enrolment Sheet, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish and has not received any other sacraments at St John's).</i>	Thursday 27 th February 6pm
COMMITMENT WEEKEND At the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30am or Sunday 6pm Mass, parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will collect the child's Lesson Booklet . Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.	Saturday/Sunday 29 th February and 1 st March
THE PROGRAMME This programme runs for 6 weeks. The children and their parent/s are asked to be at mass every weekend during this time. If you need to be at mass at a different parish on any of these weekends, please write the name of the parish and get the priest to sign at the back of your book. At the end of mass on the weekends listed, the child/parent presents the booklet with the lesson/s completed to one of the parishioners/teachers at the back door to the side of the church where the completed lessons will be stamped/signed. If you are unable to be at church on a particular weekend, then you can get your booklet stamped on the next weekend but the lessons must be completed. If you have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Anne Johnston (Catechist Co-ordinator) anntr46j@internode.on.net OR Kylie Crowe (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) Kylie.Crowe@dow.catholic.edu.au	Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 7 th and 8 th March 14 th and 15 th March 21 st and 22 nd March 28 th and 29 th March
WORKSHOP DAY Held at St John's Parish School This day will include a practice for the Sacrament	Thursday 19 th March 8:30am – 2:40pm
AFTER SCHOOL LESSON (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Meeting Room (Parish Office Building) Candidates are to attend both sessions	4pm – 5pm Wednesday 11 th March Wednesday 18 th March
PRACTISES FOR THE CEREMONY (For ALL Reconciliation candidates) St John's Parish Church Children must attend practice	Wednesday 25 th March 4pm – 5pm
RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE St John's Parish Church Please arrive at 6:15pm	Thursday 2 nd April 6:30pm