

## 2022 RECONCILIATION (FIRST PENANCE) SACRAMENTAL DATES

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
<p><b>ENROLMENT WEEKENDS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>*COVID MODIFICATION – DUE TO RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS, ENROLMENT FORMS WILL BE ALSO GIVEN OUT THROUGH ST JOHN'S SCHOOL.</b></p>	<p>Saturday/Sunday 12th and 13th February 19th and 20th February</p>
<p><b>PARENT NIGHT</b> This night is to inform parents about the practicalities of the sacrament and reinforce the importance of adequate preparations for the sacrament. <i>On this night, parents bring back Enrolment Sheet, pay \$30 and present Baptismal Certificate (only if candidate was baptised in another parish).</i></p> <p><b>*COVID MODIFICATION – PLEASE REMEMBER A MASK AND TO SOCIAL DISTANCE.</b></p>	<p>Thursday 24th February 6pm</p>
<p><b>COMMITMENT WEEKEND</b> At the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30am or Sunday 6pm Mass, <b>parents will be asked to stand and read out a commitment</b> to prepare their child for this sacrament. Parents will <b>collect the child's Lesson Booklet. Candidates and their parents/carers must attend.</b></p>	<p>26th and 27th February</p>
<p><b>THE PROGRAMME</b> This programme runs for 8 weeks beginning with the enrolment weekends. The children and their parent/s are asked to be at mass every weekend during this time. 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 have any questions regarding the content of the lessons, please contact: Shirley Druery (Catechist) <a href="mailto:shirliedruery@bigpond.com">shirliedruery@bigpond.com</a> Ernestina Leonard (Catechist) <a href="mailto:leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au">leonards01@dow.catholic.edu.au</a> <b>OR</b> Renee Maguire (St John's School Religious Education Co-ordinator) <a href="mailto:maguirer02@dow.catholic.edu.au">maguirer02@dow.catholic.edu.au</a></p> <p><b>*COVID MODIFICATION – CANDIDATES MAY ALSO BRING THEIR BOOKLET TO SCHOOL EACH MONDAY TO BE STAMPED. THAT IS, MONDAY 7TH MARCH, MONDAY 14TH MARCH, MONDAY 21ST MARCH AND MONDAY 28TH MARCH.</b></p>	<p>Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 5th and 6th March 12th and 13th March 19th and 20th March 26th and 27th March</p>
<p><b>WORKSHOP DAY</b> Held at St John's Parish School. This day will include a practice for the Sacrament. Non-St John's students will work with the catechists on this day. This day will include one of the afternoon lessons.</p> <p><b>*COVID MODIFICATION – DEPENDING ON THE RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME, THE WORKSHOP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN CLOSER TO THE DATE.</b></p>	<p>Thursday 31st March 8:30am – 2:40pm (St John's students) 9:00am - 2:30pm (non-St John's students)</p>
<p><b>AFTER SCHOOL LESSON</b> (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Meeting Room (Parish Office Building) Candidates are to attend both sessions</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd March - 4:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday 31st March (as part of the workshop day)</p>
<p><b>RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE</b> St John's Parish Church. Please arrive at 5:45pm.</p> <p><b>*COVID MODIFICATION – DEPENDING ON THE RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME, THE CEREMONY MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN CLOSER TO THE DATE.</b> <i>Please note – If a second ceremony is needed, we will try to allow preferences for dates, however the ceremonies need to be similar in number. You will be given a chance at a later date to give your preference.</i></p>	<p>Thursday 7th April 6:00pm</p>