

2026 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. Only one parent needs to attend the information evening.

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 either 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. This needs to be done prior to the Parent Night.	Saturday/Sunday 7-8 February 14-15 February
PARENT NIGHT 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) - only one parent is required to attend this evening.</i>	Thursday 19 February 6pm in the Church
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 21-22 February
THE PROGRAMME 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 Parker (Parish Sacramental Team) - shirleyparker@hotmail.com OR Kylie Stephens (St John's School Religious Education Coordinator) - StephensK02@dow.catholic.edu.au	Lesson booklets need to be stamped on the following weekends: Saturday/Sunday 28 February-1 March 7-8 March 14-15 March 21-22 March
AFTER SCHOOL LESSON (for state school children only) Held in the Parish Meeting Room (Parish Office Building) Candidates are to attend both sessions	Wednesday 4 March 4:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday 11 March 4:00pm – 5:00pm
WORKSHOP DAY Held at St John's Parish School. Mufti clothes may be worn (please ensure enclosing footwear is worn)	Thursday 19 March 9:00am - 12:30pm (St John's students - normal school hours)
RECONCILIATION/FIRST PENANCE St John's Parish Church	Thursday 26 March 5pm Friday 27 March 5pm