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PARISH BASED RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2016

For FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017.

Dear Parents,

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Wednesday 9 November from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. The Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Sydney requires all Sacramental programs to be **Parish based**. This enrolment form needs to be returned to the **parish office** not the **school office** by the **23rd of September**.

This is a wonderful Sacrament of God's healing love and an essential dimension to our spirituality. Reconciliation provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the deeper questions of life: forgiveness, mercy and growth.

"Do not be afraid! God is waiting for you! God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to discover that the confessional is a place of mercy" (Pope Francis' message for the 31st World Youth Day (WYD))

Please be advised Baptised Catholic children in Year Two or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2017 are invited to enrol in our First Reconciliation Sacramental Program.

Session details are outlined in the attached document.

It is very important that you attach a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate to the enrolment form.

It is the teaching of the Church that your child make their First Reconciliation before receiving First Holy Communion.

I encourage at least one parent to be present with their child at each lesson.

The Church teaches that Sunday is our weekly Easter. As Christians we are called to the table of the Lord to remember and celebrate our faith with the believing community. Sometimes, young people find attending Mass difficult. We need to strive to create a positive culture where practicing ones faith is meaningful, nourishing and enriching. This can be done by 'full, active and conscious' participation (Second Vatican Council).

You will find attached to this document the required forms and information to join the program.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Paul A Smithers, B. Theol, M.T.S.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016 RECONCILIATION

If you wish your child to receive the sacrament Reconciliation in **2016** please complete this form and return it to the **Parish Office by 23 September**.

Name of child to be enrolled: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Year Level: ____

Parish of Baptism: _____

(If not baptised in this parish, please supply a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when this form is returned).

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: : _____ Religion: _____

Address: _____

Phone Nos.: _____

Email address: _____

PREFERRED LESSON SESSION TIME:

Please number preferences 1, 2, 3 (there will be two groups for each session).

Sunday 11.05am – 12.05pm

Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Regular attendance at Mass each week is encouraged in preparation for the celebration of Reconciliation (Confession).

It is compulsory you attend the Parent Information night on 12th October 7.00pm in Hall

Registration does not automatically mean your child is enrolled in the program. To confirm your child's registration bring the commitment card (which you will receive at the information night) completed to Mass on the weekend 15/16 October.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLMENT:

- Children being enrolled should be in Year 2 and above.
- Must live in the Parish or be registered in the Parish.
(If you are not registered in this parish, you can do so at the Parish Office).
- The child must be a baptised Catholic.
(If the child was not baptised in this parish, a copy of their baptismal certificate is required).
- Baptismal Certificate (only if not baptised at Regina Coeli Parish)
- Administration fee of \$40 Can be paid directly to the Parish Office or

by credit card at: reginacoeliparish.org click
which will take you to this page:



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Regina Coeli, Beverly Hills

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This service is provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

To make a payment to your parish click on the dropdown box and select a payment type (Biller code).

Biller Code: (BEVERLY HILLS PARISH)

Full Name:

Phone Number:

Name of Sacrament:

Amount (AUD):

Select your payment option:

Complete the details (including RECONCILIATION in the box marked “Sacrament”. Print the receipt and attach it to your enrolment form or email to reginasacramental@gmail.com

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

- Must attend a Rite of Enrolment Mass 15/16 October
- Must attend 3 weekly 1hr preparation sessions. Attendance at all lessons is compulsory and at least one parent is to be present with their child at each lesson.

First Reconciliation 2016		
Parent Information Night	Wednesday 12 Oct	7.00pm Parish Hall
Rite of Enrolment Mass	Saturday 15 October 5.00pm Sunday 16 October 8.30am Sunday 16 October 10.00am	
Lesson 1	Sunday 16 Oct Wednesday 19 Oct Thursday 20 Oct	11.05am-12.05pm 6.30pm to 7.30pm 3.15-4.15pm
Lesson 2	Sunday 23 Oct Wednesday 26 Oct Thursday 27 Oct	11.05am-12.05pm 6.30pm to 7.30pm 3.15-4.15pm
Lesson 3	Sunday 30 Nov Wednesday 2 Nov Thursday 3 Nov	11.05am -12.05pm 6.30pm to 7.30pm 3.15pm-4.15pm
First Reconciliation	Wednesday 9 November	5.00pm to 7.00pm

For any further inquiries please contact Mrs Elisabeth Gooley on 9554 8155 ext 3.

Elizabeth works Tuesday and Thursday 11.30am-3.30pm, or direct on reginasacramental@gmail.com