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PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019 FIRST RECONCILIATION

7 February 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on **Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm.** Please nominate your preference on the attached enrolment form.

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 Three or above are invited to enrol in the Parish based First Reconciliation Sacramental Program.

It is the practice of the Catholic Church that your child make his/her First Reconciliation before receiving First Holy Communion.

If you wish your child to receive First Reconciliation, please complete the attached enrolment form and return it to the **Parish Office by Tuesday 26 February 2019.** It is essential to attach a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.

The Parish office is open Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am-3.30pm, Thursday 11.30am-3.30pm, and Friday 8.30am-2.30pm. Outside these times, forms may be safely placed in the black security box to the right of the screen door at the Parish Centre.

THE FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM consists of:

- Parent Information Night
- A Mass of Commitment
- Two lessons

The Parent Information Night is to be held on Thursday 14 March 7.00pm in the church. **It is essential at least one parent attend this meeting. Children do not need to attend.**

The Mass of Commitment is to be held on the weekend 16/17 March. Please bring your child to either Saturday 16 March 5.00pm Mass, Sunday 17 March 8.30am or 10.00am Mass.

The two lessons will be held on Thursday evenings, 21 & 28 March at 7.00pm in the church.

It is essential that your child attend the Mass of Commitment and the two lessons with at least one parent.

If you are unable to attend the lessons, private catch up lessons will need to be organised with the Sacramental Coordinator.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLMENT

- The child being enrolled should be in Year 3 and above.
- The child must be a Baptised Catholic.
A copy of their Baptismal Certificate is required.


REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

- At least one parent must attend the Parent Information Night on Thursday 14 March at 7.00pm in the Church.
- The child must attend a Commitment Mass on Weekend of 16/17 March.
- The child must attend 2 weekly preparation lessons with at least one parent, and also complete given homework activities.

CHECKLIST

- Enrolment form
- Copy of child's Baptismal certificate
- A donation of \$50 per family would be appreciated. This is to cover administrative costs.

You may make this donation as Direct Payment to the Parish Office, by going to reginacoeliparish.org

Click this button  choose 'sacramental program' from drop down bar and write FIRST RECONCILIATION in the box. Please print the receipt for your donation and attach it to your enrolment form. The donation may also be made in cash, included with your enrolment form.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

Parent Information Night		Thursday 14 March 7.00pm
Rite Of Commitment Mass		Any Mass on Weekend of 16/17March
Lesson 1	Thursday 21 March	7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Church
Lesson 2	Thursday 28 March	7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Church
First Reconciliation	Thursday 4 April	5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm

I look forward to meeting with you to continue our journey of faith together. If there are any questions arising from this letter do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Gooley, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator on 9544 8155 then press 3 or email reginasacramental@gmail.com

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Peter Kwak
Administrator

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ENROLMENT FORM

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament Confirmation please complete this form and return it to the **Parish Office by Tuesday 26 February 2019**

Name of child to be enrolled: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Year Level: _____

Parish of Baptism: _____

Please supply a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when this form is returned

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Please print email address neatly.

Preferred Reconciliation Session Time:

Please number preferences 1, 2

Thursday 4 April 5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 4 April 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Signature of Parent or Care Giver _____