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PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION

3 February 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on **Thursday 30 March 2023 during two sessions, 5.00pm-6.00pm and 6.30-7.30pm.**

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 Friday 17 February 2023.** **It is essential also to provide a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.**

The Enrolment form and copy of Baptismal Certificate, may be emailed to reginasacramental@gmail.com It may also be dropped into the Parish office. If the Parish office is closed, the paperwork may be safely placed in the black security box to the right of the screen door at the Parish Office Centre.

THE FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM consists of:

Parent Information Night-

This is to be held on Thursday 2 March at 7.00pm in the Church. It is essential at least one parent attends the meeting. Children do not need to attend.

Three Lessons-

The three lessons will be held on Thursday evenings in the Church at 5.00pm-6.00pm **or** 6.30pm-7.30pm.

The lesson dates are as follows:

9 March
16 March
23 March

It is essential that your child attend the three lessons with at least one parent.

First Reconciliation Ceremony-

The First Reconciliation Ceremony is to be held on Thursday 31 March at 5pm-6.00pm **or** 6.30pm-7.30pm.

EQUIREMENTS 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 must be supplied at the time of enrolment.

CHECKLIST

Enrolment form

Copy of child's Baptismal certificate

A donation of \$40 per family would be appreciated. This is to cover administrative costs.

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

Click this button **SUPPORT US** on the front page.

Choose 'Make a Donation',
Proceed to 'Online Payment Service'
Choose 'Sacramental Programs' or 'Other' from drop down bar.

Please print the receipt for your donation and attach it to your Enrolment form.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

Parent Information Night	Thursday 2 March	7.00pm
Lesson 1	Thursday 9 March	5.00pm-6.00pm or 6.30pm-7.30pm
Lesson 2	Thursday 16 March	5.00pm-6.00pm or 6.30pm-7.30pm
Lesson 3	Thursday 23 March	5.00pm-6.00pm or 6.30pm-7.30pm
First Reconciliation Ceremony	Thursday 30 March	5.00pm-6.00pm or 6.30pm-7.30pm

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 9554 8155 then press 3 or email reginasacramental@gmail.com

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Peter Kwak

Parish Priest

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023

ENROLMENT FORM

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, please complete this form and return it to the **Parish Office by Friday 17 February 2023**

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.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation-

Lessons and First Reconciliation Ceremony Preferred Time-

Please choose the timeslot you prefer-

5.00pm-6.00pm

OR

6.30pm-7.30pm

Signature of Parent or Care Giver _____