

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
2017-2018

There will be no Parish programme for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) this year.

In 2018, children who are baptised Catholics and who will celebrate their ninth birthday in that calendar year, will be invited to participate in the preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Penance programme will commence in Term 1 Week 2 (first week in February). Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament will occur during the Season of Lent which is traditionally the time of preparing for Easter.

The Confirmation/Eucharist programme will follow on, with Confirmation being celebrated on Friday, 09 June, 2018 and First Communion on 10/11 June. Bishop Michael McCarthy will be in our parishes that weekend.

The programme will involve a workbook that is completed at home as well workshops before or after weekend Mass. Workshops will have small group participation as well as a larger gathering for prayer. During the Mass, children will participate in a 'Liturgy of the Word for Children' in the hall. Attendance at the workshops and Mass is vital to the children's preparation.

More details will be forthcoming in Term 4 but, should you have queries, please do not hesitate to contact a Team Member or myself at the email address below.

May Our Blessed Lord carry you gently through your days.

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