

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



*Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish-
Sacramental Program*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / PENANCE



Who is eligible to receive this Sacrament?

Children who are **Baptised Catholic** can enrol to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children who are baptised in another Christian denomination cannot receive Catholic Sacraments, unless they have been received into the Catholic Church and are part of the Catholic community.

To join the Catholic Church requires significant consideration and would have to be discussed with the Parish Priest. If you are considering taking this step, please contact the Parish Office and we will gladly support you on this journey.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to **children in Year 3 (2017) and above.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

We all learn forgiveness, not just by being forgiven, but also by asking for forgiveness. One way this happens is through reconciling with God, in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance*. God loves us so much and His mercy is endless, so we are given a lifetime of second chances and can receive this Sacrament many times.

Family based Sacramental Preparation

Preparation of your child for all of the Sacraments of Initiation (these include Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) occurs in a family context and is vital to the understanding of the Sacrament to be received. **As parents, it is your role to journey through the Sacraments with your child.**

Preparation books are provided with ideas and activities to explore with your child, in order to prepare to receive each of the Sacraments. The primary purpose of this preparation time is not to teach children all there is to know about the Sacrament. Instead, it is to reflect on our daily lives and God's presence with us: *forgiveness in our relationships* (Reconciliation); *the strength of the Holy Spirit at work within us* (Confirmation); and *being nourished on our faith journey with the Body and Blood of Christ* (Holy Communion/Eucharist).





This Sacramental preparation journey is a good time to focus on family rituals. Your child/ren will watch how you pray, how you participate, prepare and receive the Eucharist during Mass, how you interact and show forgiveness to others and how you share the Sign of Peace. Children will intuitively pick up on how you value these moments of faith. As parents, you need to know and understand the Sacraments you are asking your child to experience. To assist with this, a 'Parent's Guide' forms part of the resources you will receive.

The learning that takes place at the time of receiving a Sacrament, for the first time, is only the beginning. Arriving at a new and deeper understanding of our Catholic faith will not occur instantaneously. Children will continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of their faith, for the rest of their lives.

Enrolment Process

1. Fill in the **enrolment form**.
2. Attach a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate**.
3. Include **payment** for the **Reconciliation program**.
\$30 (1 child) or \$25 per child (for families with more than one child enrolled together in the same calendar year.)
4. Sign the Parental Consent form. Any court orders need to be submitted with the enrolment form.
5. Return all of the above to the Parish Office by **Friday 25 August 2017**.

Please Note:

For the benefit of your child's preparation to receive this Sacrament,
no late enrolments can be accepted.

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2017



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

AUGUST 2017

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | SUN |
|--|---|---|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| 14 Enrolment forms available | 15 Enrolment forms available | 16 Enrolment forms available | 17 Enrolment forms available | 18 Enrolment forms available | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Enrolment forms available | 22 Enrolment forms available | 23 Enrolment forms available | 24 Enrolment forms available | 25 Enrolment Close | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Parent Presentation and receive Sacramental Preparation Pack 1pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone | 30 Parent Presentation and receive Sacramental Preparation Pack 5pm St. Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 31 Parent Presentation and receive Sacramental Preparation Pack 7pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone | | | |

SEPTEMBER 2017

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | 9 | 10 Church Feast Mass at Chanel College 9:00am. |



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2017



| OCTOBER 2017 | | | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| | | | | | 7 Presentation of candidates at any Mass. Receive the 'Sorry Prayer'. Cluster group 3.00pm | 8 Presentation of candidates at Mass. Receive the 'Sorry Prayer'. |
| | | | | | 14 Cluster group 3.00pm | |
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| NOVEMBER 2017 | | | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | SUN |
| | | 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone 3:30pm - 5pm | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Sacrament of Reconciliation Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone 3:30pm - 5pm | 8 Sacrament of Reconciliation St. Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands 4:30pm - 4:50pm | 9 | | | |