

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

**Henley Beach. S. A.**



4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Families,

**Re: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2022: Year 3**

Your child has now reached the age when they can continue their journey of receiving the gifts and graces of the Sacraments. You are the first teachers and communicators of the faith to your child, and therefore we ask you to consider your child's readiness for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This is an opportunity to introduce your child to the wonder of forgiveness and setting things right with God and others in a tangible way. It is another formal step into our Church family and life.

**PARENT ENROLMENT AND INFORMATION EVENING: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> MAY, 7.00pm at OLSH Church. (This is WEEK 1 of the Second Term) Your attendance is Compulsory for this meeting – your child is not expected to attend this.**

This is a brief gathering with a reflection time, prayer and some input on the blessings and difficulties of being forgiving and forgiven people.

At this Enrolment Evening parents will be asked to hand in a completed Enrolment Form:

1. **Enrolment Form** which will include the **date** of your child's baptism. The Enrolment form is part of this letter. (If you forget to bring it with you on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May we will have spare copies there.) If you are unable to attend on 4<sup>th</sup> May make sure to get a friend to bring the Form for you.
2. **Choose an evening** for your First Reconciliation Ceremony. Or tick the box which indicates you are able to go to any evening – we would like a good spread of children over the three evenings, so your flexibility, if possible, is appreciated. WE would expect to have three priests available – and so up to 40 children would be maximum for an evening.
3. **Pay for resources:** \$25 (this can be paid either by using QKR at Star of the Sea or by **cash** on the night.)

The preparation is family-centered, Parish-based and school-supported. We will be using Kath Horan's Booklets which have age-appropriate home-sessions which tie in with the Class sessions at Star of the Sea, and the **two afternoon sessions** which Stella will run for us in the Parish Hall for **children who do not attend Star of the Sea School. Dates for these two sessions will be confirmed for you at the Enrolment Night.**

This is an opportune time to thank Jhovana for her presence in the School and Parish while Stella Foley has been on leave. Stella returns in the Second Term and will be on the team for sacramental preparation.

Places in the Church will be on a first come basis. Masks are still mandatory as of this date – but who knows where the Virus will take us?

The Dates for celebrating the Sacrament are:

**Monday 20 June 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 21 June 6.00pm**

**Thursday 23 June 6.00pm**

Regards

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## First Reconciliation 2022

### Enrolment Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism of Child Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Ceremony Preference (write #1, #2, #3 – and if you are flexible just write #1 in all boxes): all ceremonies are for 6.00pm**

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Resources Payment: QKR  CASH