

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH MARSFIELD

25th June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A number of parents from our local public schools have contacted me in recent weeks about preparing their child for First Communion. Our First Communion liturgies for 2024 will be held on 30th November and 1st December. Enrolments for First Communion will open towards the end of Term three.

A prerequisite for your child to receive his/her First Communion is that they be Baptised within the Catholic tradition and be in year 3 or above.

It is also a prerequisite that any child who wishes to enrol in the First Communion program has prepared for their First Reconciliation.

Unfortunately, whilst our Reconciliation program for 2024 was held during term one of this year, it seems that a number of children from Kent Rd and Eastwood Heights schools did not receive the information pack in time to enrol for that program. Mindful of this and to cater to these children's needs, we are offering a second Reconciliation program during term 3 of this year.

Child and parent "Conversations" - Tuesday 13th, 20th and 27th August at 4pm

For three weeks prior to First Reconciliation your child and at least one parent will participate in a "Child and Parent" centered program which focuses on helping your child to prayerfully prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each "Conversation" comprises of activities designed to allow you to engage with your child in a way which deepens their understanding of their faith and builds your relationship with your child and with God. Additionally, there are home activities for you to complete, which further your child's understanding and allow the whole family to come together for prayer, reflection, and ongoing conversation.

Reconciliation: After the children have completed their Reconciliation program Fr Greg will be available at a mutually agreeable time to celebrate Reconciliation with your child, and with any other older members of the family who might like to receive the sacrament.

If you would like to enroll your child in the First Reconciliation program, please complete the enrolment form attached to this letter **AND** provide a copy of his/her Baptism certificate.

Please submit your enrolment form, and a copy of your child's certificate of Baptism to the parish office by Friday 2nd August.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further enquiries or concerns. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely,



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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH
FIRST RECONCILIATION
Enrolment Form 2024

Family Name:

Child's Name:.....

Date of Birth:

School Attending:Year:

Baptism Details: Parish:

Date of Baptism.....

Mother's Name:

Address:

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Phone: HomeMobile.....

Email address:.....

Father's Name.....

Address.....

Phone: Home.....Mobile.....

E-mail address:

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Name: Signature:

**Please submit this form, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the parish office by Friday,
2nd August 2024**