

"MY SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY"

FROM EUCHARIST TO PENANCE

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Parent Information for the Sacrament of Penance

We are offering families a time of preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance according to the **First Rite of Reconciliation**. That is, individual prayer, confession and absolution with a priest. It is intended for children who have already celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. **Usually, they would be in Year 6 or above to celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation.**

At their First Eucharist preparation they would have celebrated the Sacrament of Penance according to the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** in a simple way.

Your children will already have been fully Initiated through the Sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**. As fully initiated Christians the Sacrament of Penance calls us to a constant renewal of life as Christians. In this Sacrament we thank God for his great mercy as we humbly place ourselves before God and the whole Body of Christ, the Church.

Conscience – making good choices

We hope that what we do during this time of preparation will also help equip parents to develop their children's conscience according to the Gospel. To do this we will be using the "See, Judge, Act" process. That is, help the children to:

know the difference between right and wrong so they:



"see" more clearly;



are able then to decide what to do ("judge" – conscience);



then "act" upon that judgement.

When we do choose to do the wrong thing we can come to realise our sin by the grace of God working in us. This is where repentance begins. Then we go and seek forgiveness and, importantly, make restitution to those we have harmed.

We Will Be Doing This During Lent.

Lent is a time when the whole Church is called to a renewal of heart in light of our vocation as children of God by Baptism as we prepare for Easter. This is not a one off Sacrament like Baptism and Confirmation. It is a way we respond to the call by the Gospel to examine our conscience, seek forgiveness and healing. As a Church we are only too aware of our constant need to ask for forgiveness for our own sins and to forgive others who hurt us. The sin of one of us diminishes the whole Body of Christ.

Enrolments Close: Ash Wednesday, 6th March, 2019.

What Will We Be Doing?

On the First Sunday of Lent (10th March 2018) we will present some material to share with your child at home. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to guide the children in making a good choice.

Then:

- Each Sunday during Lent Children's Liturgy during Mass will focus on this Sacrament.
- The children will receive a Passbook for use in each of the four weeks.
- And at each Mass on those Sundays the Homily will reflect what the children are doing.

Celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation

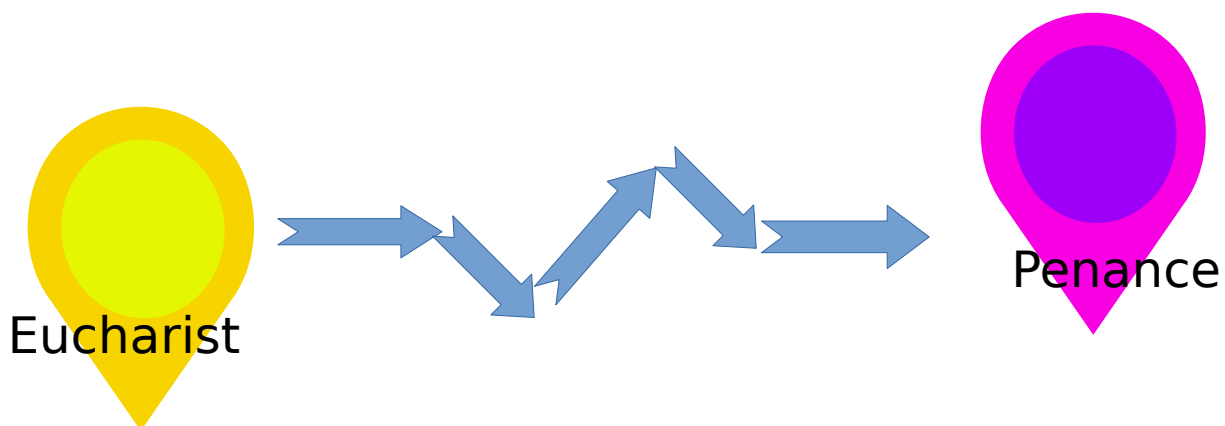
On the 4th Sunday of Lent (31st March), there will be a celebration of the **First Rite of Reconciliation** at 10.30am.

Children may also celebrate the First Rite for the first time on any Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm from the 30th March.

The Parish Will be Praying For and With You.

We hope this is an opportunity for both children and parents to renew their commitment as disciples of Christ as we acknowledge our need for healing and forgiveness since our Baptism.

Fr Graham Gatehouse





Sacramental Enrolment Form

Penance

St Josephs Parish
177 Currie St Nambour 4560
Email: stjoesam@ozemail.com.au

ENROLMENTS CLOSE: 6th March 2019 Ash Wednesday - For children in Year 6

If your child was not baptised in this parish, please attach a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Child's Full Name: Date of Child's Birth:

Date of Child's Baptism: Parish / Place of Baptism:

Date of Child's Confirmation: Parish / Place of Confirmation:

Date of Child's First Communion: Parish / Place of First Communion:

Current school: Current school year level:

Is there any other information about the child we should know about?

Do you give permission for photographs to be taken of this child? No Yes

Mother's Information

Mother's Full Name: Religion:

Residential Address: Postcode:

Phone Numbers: Home: Mobile:

Email:

Father's Information

Father's Full Name: Religion:

Residential Address: Postcode:

Phone Numbers: Home: Mobile:

Email:

Parental Authority for Children to receive the Sacraments – Family Law Issues

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THIS SECTION OF THE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY **BOTH** PARENTS

A copy of any Court Orders concerning residence arrangements for the candidate, time spent by the candidate with either parent, or parenting issues must be supplied with this enrolment form.

Are there any such Orders? No Yes

If 'Yes', has a copy of every such Order been attached to this form? Yes No

I hereby give consent for the candidate to be admitted to the Sacrament of Eucharist of the Catholic Church

Mother's Signature: Date:

Father's Signature: Date:

Please tick if you are not willing to receive future correspondence from this parish

Privacy and Photography/Video

The privacy of all individuals is important to the St Josephs Parish and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available at <https://nambourcatholics.net/privacydoc.html> or on request from the Parish Office. See over for Statements.

Parish Account: St Josephs Catholic Parish Nambour. BSB: 064 786 Acc #: 329186001

Parish Office Use Only: Date of Sacrament: ___/___/20___ President: _____ Church: _____

Email List (A) (B) (C) Baptismal Certificate Family Law Document VPDS Receipt:

Privacy Collection Statement

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Photography and Video

We understand that you may wish to make a photographic or video record of this celebration. In so doing please exercise courtesy, sensitivity and common sense in relation to photographing children other than your own. We request that you confirm with other children's parents before including them in your personal photographs. The images that you take should only be used as your mementos of this event. Where photos contain children who are not yours, these should not be shared in any public forums, such as social media.