



2024 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 17th April at 5pm and 7pm

Thursday 18th April at 7pm



at St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Sacred Space, Epping North

**We look forward to celebrating your child's Reconciliation with your family.
Please find below information and reminders to help our celebrations run smoothly.**

Arrival Time

- Please ensure you arrive at least 10 minutes before the celebration begins.

Duration

- We anticipate the celebration of Reconciliation will be approximately 1 hour.

What to bring

- Children should bring their stoles.
- A pin will be on their chair, to be pinned to their stoles when they arrive.

Dress and attire

- Candidates are to wear what you would consider 'special-occasion' clothes.

Stoles

- Reconciliation candidates have been supplied with a stole to wear during the celebration. The stole is draped like a scarf.
- Your stole can include a symbol of Reconciliation (eg. cross, prayer hands) and dates for each Sacrament your child has received (Baptism and now Reconciliation). The size of the lettering and symbols is up to you.
- The stole can be decorated simply and beautifully with any material (eg. embroidery, fabric paints, quilt patch, appliqué, cut felt pieces)
- You may wish to consult with a craft store/ specialised service, such as Sacramental Stoles, Bundoora. Web: www.sacramentalstoles.com.au, Phone: 0403 203 437

Photography

- A staff member will take photos throughout the Reconciliation. These photos will be provided to families.
- We ask families to remember that the liturgy is a sacred and special time. Please ensure any photos or videos do not disturb the reverence of the liturgy. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a private moment. Please do not take photos during this time.
- There will be an opportunity for families to take group and individual photos at the end of the celebration.

Seating arrangements

- Seating will be allocated to candidates and families.
- All candidates can have five guests in total.
- A place card for each of the candidates will be in the aisle seat.
- There will be a small number of extra seats available on the night.

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- At the time of Reconciliation, a member of staff will indicate when it is your child's time to receive the Sacrament. At this time you will walk with your child to the priest and introduce yourself and your child and then return to your seats.
- Once your child is introduced to the Priest, he/she sits down and begins to participate in the Sacrament.
- When students have received their blessing they will light a candle with their family/carers and then return to their seats, where they can say a silent prayer, reflecting on their Sacrament.

Presentation Masses

- As part of celebrating the Sacraments with the Parish community, families are asked to attend a Presentation Mass, prior to the celebration of Reconciliation. At this Mass, the Priest will acknowledge your child and the parishioners will be asked to pray for them as they take this next step in the faith journey.

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Ethan Inturrisi Emilia Menelaou Leo Pardo Alessio Della Croce James Tsakmakis Oliver Gullaci Xavier O'Mahony Oliver Thistlethwaite Martina Denise Marshall Nathaniel Ishak Janica Shandan Mia McFarlane Andrei Tayvius Kasipale Zara Habbaki Elisha Jobin Anastasia Hanna Emilia Nelson	Mia Paravizzini Massimo Schiafone Joshua Andrews Milla Clohesy Niko Kuna Jesse Said Jonathan Reece Perera Noah Wani Japleen Sandhu Morris Wang Stephen Bernard Abheetha Perera Chloe Ellul Savio Varghese Kirsten Elyse Villas Santiago Cappello Aleesia Nesci Irushi Subasinghe Alan Prabeen Sharbl Enaya Jose Cunha Alves Caleb Grosso Christian Strangis Kongor Dheiu Bul	Sienna Misiti Salvatore Ragona Ava Busuttil Tianna Thomas Theodore Mikheal Agnes Elizabeth Jaismon Nathanael Gonzalez Domenic Amore Gia Kazako Noah Ethan Ho Mok Cheong Cleo Puopolo Bethany Vinar Joshua Bosco Zara Senes Flynn Sladden Elric Pinto Jack Touma Francesco Correnti Leyton Lee-Fong Mason Vangeli Vanessa Dmello Luka Rukavina Lucus Vonella Benjamin Iacopelli

If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Homegroup teacher or Sarah via email sarah.spiteri@smcmepplingnth.catholic.edu.au



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Presentation Masses

Dear Parents,

Sacraments are celebrations for the whole Catholic community to celebrate together, this is reflected at the Parish of Epping, Epping North and Wollert, as the parish prepares and celebrates the Sacraments as a community.

As part of celebrating the Sacraments with the Parish community, families are asked to attend a Presentation Mass. At this Mass your child will be called forward and the parishioners will be asked to pray for them as they take this next step in the faith journey.

Presentation Masses for our Sacramental candidates begin on **Saturday 11th March**. Your child is asked to come to **one** of the following Parish Masses and introduce themselves to the Parish community:

Date	Location
Saturdays: 11th, 18th or 25th March	SMCM: Saturday at 5:30pm
Sundays: 12th, 19th or 26th March	St Peter's Church: Saturday at 9:45am
	St Peter's Church: Sunday at 9:00am or 10:30 am

Candidates are to:

- Go to Fr Anh before Mass commences and let him know that you are there for Presentation.
Hello, my name is _____, I am making the Sacrament of _____ and I am here to present myself to the community.
- When the Priest calls you out to be presented, you will introduce yourself.
Hello everyone, my name is _____, I am making the Sacrament of _____. I am feeling _____. Please pray for me.

A **Passport** will be provided by the Parish to be signed off by Father Anh or Parish Leader. As the Mass begins, Father Anh will introduce them to the community, urge the community to pray for them and then they will receive their passport, which will be signed when the Mass finishes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,

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