

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Sacramental Program 2023

To celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace - Pope Francis

7th March, 2023

Dear Parents,

Please take some time to have a look over the information concerning the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The following children have indicated they will be receiving the Sacrament this year:

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| Aanya K | Alicia L'E | Alliemay W | Alier D | Alvina E |
| Amelia R | Arach D | Arjun K | Axel Q | Benjamin J |
| Bill M | Daniel S | Diya T | Ethan M | Emily-Rose M |
| Evan J | Finn C | Gia V | Hudson N | Inari I-I |
| Isabelle P | Jaxon L | Kayden P | Kuei A | Leah F |
| Lucilla F | Luke L | Meleena W | Mercy A | Michael L |
| Mokitha M | Natalie S | Naveen K | Nimna D | Nylah C |
| Reuben H | Romeo A | Samantha J | Samuel M | Sanuk M |
| Steven A | Xavier V | Zoie Y | | |

Important information regarding the Family Evening and the celebration of the sacrament is provided on the back of this note.

If you have any questions please see me at school or email me at: jdini@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,
John Dini (Catholic Identity Leader)

Important Information to Remember

Family Sacramental Evening

The Family Sacramental Evening will take place on **Wednesday 15 th March**, in the OLSC Sports Centre at **6:30pm**. The evening is an important part of your child's preparation for the sacrament and is designed to deepen the faith and understanding of all within the family to allow the sacrament to be celebrated with reverence and understanding. Therefore, we ask that all children receiving the sacrament, and their families, attend this evening.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on **Wednesday 29th March**, in the OLSC Sports Centre at **6.30pm**. Please ensure that you **arrive no later than 6:15pm** so that children can receive their sacramental sash, pin and to process in together at the beginning of the celebration. Children receiving the sacrament should wear appropriate **smart-casual clothing**, similar to a special family celebration.

During the celebration, please refrain from taking photos. There will be an opportunity to take photos with Father after the celebration.

During the time when students are receiving individual reconciliation (confession), please respect the sacredness of the moment by refraining from talking. This is a special time in which you might like to reflect and pray for your child and all of the children receiving the sacrament.

Students will have the opportunity at school to practise the celebration, including individual reconciliation. They will be able to role play and practise the prayers they will say. We encourage you to practise these also with your children. You may like to pray the Act of Contrition each evening as a family.

Act of Contrition

*'O My God,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
because you are so good and with your help,
I will not sin again.'*