



# St Francis Xavier's Parish

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## Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2017

### Enrolment in the Church and Giving of Workbooks

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Saturday 6.00pm Mass

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Sunday 9.30am Mass

### Information Session (for children and parents, to be held at the Parish Centre)

27<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 10.30am

28<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 3.30pm

### Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6.15pm

Venue – St Francis Xavier's Church

## GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

Our Parish offers a preparation programme for children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Baptised children in Year 3 or above are eligible.

This programme involves activities at home and in the church.

At least one parent must attend the Information Session so that the family will know how to accompany your child during their preparation for the sacrament.

During the 6.00pm Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup> July) and 9.30am Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> July) enrolment Masses there will be a special ritual for the children and parents involved in the preparation for the Sacrament. This is to enrol the children in the presence of their families and parishioners who will be praying for them.

Books will be given to all parents and candidates with a short introduction and orientation. Children will need to complete the simple activities in the booklet with the help of their family. A team of parishioners will be available to help with these activities if needed.

So, parents (or older relatives) need to be able to commit to each of the preparation sessions and Masses listed above as well as helping your child complete the booklet.

Please note the date above for the actual celebration of the Sacrament. Family members are encouraged to come along during the celebration of the sacrament.

Families are asked to pay \$10 to cover the cost of the workbook.

Please contact the Parish Centre if you have any difficulties with dates, etc.

**First Reconciliation 2017 Enrolment Form**  
*(Please bring this to one of the Enrolment Masses)*

Name of child: .....

Names of Parents/guardians: .....

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Address: .....

Phone/email: .....

Date & Place of Baptism: .....

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*(if not baptised in this parish, please attach a copy of the Baptism certificate.)*

School:.....

Signature of parent/guardian: .....