



OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH

November, 2017

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
THURSDAY 22ND MARCH, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Students in Year 3, 2018

As your child has now reached the age for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; we invite you to consider enrolling in the Sacramental Programme at Our Lady of the Way Parish. In this parish we run home based groups for the Sacramental Programme in line with the Parramatta Diocesan Policy. This programme requires a more active participation of parents in the preparation of their children. It is an opportunity to continue to build our faith community and is often a time of renewal of faith in the lives of parents and caregivers.

Each group consists of 6-8 families meeting in the home of one family and one parent facilitating the group. To be involved in the programme parents are required to bring their child each week to the group session they have nominated. The facilitator's role is to guide the group through the programme provided. They are not required to be experts or teachers to the group. Families offering their home for the weekly group sessions will need to provide a meeting space (e.g. lounge room/family room) for approximately 6- 8 children and their parents or caregivers. These families are not required to provide supper.

An information evening will be held for parents and caregivers before the programme begins. **This evening, as well as the commitment/enrolment Mass, is compulsory for all families.** At the information evening we will be also asking you to nominate a group that you and your child will join to participate in the programme. If you are able to facilitate a group please complete the form attached and return to the parish office, your SRE teacher or Our Lady of the Way School Office by Tuesday 6th February 2018. There will also be an **information session for parents and caregivers who offer to facilitate their group**, before the Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday 24th February and 9.00am on Sunday 25th February 2018 in the Parish Hall.

We ask you to pray and seriously consider taking on the role of facilitator for one of these groups when your child is preparing to receive the sacraments. If you would like to discuss this role, please feel free to contact me in the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Parent information meeting: Tues. 13th February **OR** Thurs. 15th February at 7.30pm-Parish Hall.

Enrolment Mass: Sat. 24th February 6.00pm Vigil **OR** Sun. 25th February 8.00am/9.30am

Reconciliation: **THURSDAY 22ND MARCH – 7.30 PM.**

We look forward to working with you and your children in receiving the Sacraments.

Yours sincerely


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Fr. Mick O'Callaghan – Parish Priest.

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RECONCILIATION 2018**

FAMILY BASED HOME GROUPS

I am willing to be a facilitator for the Reconciliation Program

I am willing to offer my home for the Reconciliation Program

Parent's Name : _____ Mobile No _____

Address : _____

Email : _____

Child's Name : _____

School & Class : _____

Please indicate the day and time that you would be available:

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
a/noon	a/noon	a/noon	a/noon	a/noon	a/noon	a/noon
evening	evening	evening	evening	evening	evening	evening

Please indicate a time you would like the session to begin:

For further information please feel free to contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

We thank you for considering this very special role in our parish.

Fr Mick and the Sacramental Team
Our Lady of the Way Parish