



St Mark's Parish

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31 August 2018

Dear Parents,

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2018

Enrolment Period 31 August 2018 – 20 September 2018.

Parents of children in Year 2 and older grades are most welcome to enter the Parish-based program to prepare their child for First Reconciliation. Preparation meetings (four) are held in home groups of six parents with six children. The program requires parents willing to volunteer to lead and / or offer their homes (once a week for an hour over four weeks). St. Mark's parish centre (upstairs) is also available before **Saturday and Sunday 6pm Mass, after 9am Sunday Mass, weekday afternoon or early evening** for small program meetings for First Reconciliation preparation. There are families from different school communities who are involved in this Sacrament, so it is encouraged to welcome new families when forming these groups. Please leave a space or two when forming groups, so to help all families feel included.

Celebrations for First Reconciliation are held over two evenings on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November 2018**. Please fully complete all details and return to the parish office the enrolment form with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate (unless your child was baptised at St. Mark's Drummoyne). Please keep the attached timeline in a prominent place, as you will need this on hand to follow the essential meetings. Please note the essential **Parent-Only Evening Meeting is Wednesday 17th October from 7.30pm in the St. Mark's Hall** (parking is available in the school grounds).

For future reference, please note completion of the First Reconciliation program is a pre-requisite to reception of First Eucharist (Communion). Dates for enrolment of **the First Eucharist (Communion) 2019 is between 22 March to 5 April 2019**. The parish community of St Mark's invites families to come along with their children regularly to Mass. Children's liturgy is available in tern times at the 9am Sunday Mass.

Any further queries to Fr. Michael or Sr. Antonia (pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au), Parish Office 9181 1795.

The cost of the program per family is \$30, which includes a children's activity workbook. *If this is a difficulty for any family please speak to Fr. Michael or Sr. Antonia.* This can be paid to St Mark's Parish by electronic transfer via our website (www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au – click on the red 'Make a Donation or Payment' button at the bottom of the screen and click on Sacramental Programs). *Please note for organisation purposes, no late applications can be accepted.*

With every blessing as you, accompany your child on this journey of faith.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McLean'.

Fr Michael McLean, Parish Priest
Episcopal Vicar for Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



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TIMELINE FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION 2018 (Please keep in a prominent place)

Thursday 20 th September	Final date for return of enrolment form. Form must be <u>fully completed</u>.	
Tuesday 16 October 7.30 pm Parish Centre	Parent Leaders' Meeting	
Wednesday 17 th October 7.30 pm St. Mark's School Hall	Parents Only Meeting	
Saturday 20 October 6 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Mark's Church	Enrolment by Parents and Children in Mass *Parents bring commitment form.	
Sunday 21 October 9 am Mass and 6pm Mass @ St. Mark's Church	Enrolment by Parents and Children in Mass. *Parents bring commitment form.	
Preparation Sessions	4 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm or 10 am (Sunday) Home Group Meetings or another group time that suits you & your group.	
Weeks commencing start from 22 October.	Monday: 22 & 29 October, 5 & 12 November	Tuesday: 23 & 30 October, 6 & 13 November
	Wednesday: 24 & 31 October, 7 & 14 November	Thursday: 25 October, 1, 8 & 15 November
	Friday: 26 October, 2, 9 & 16 November	Saturday: 27 October, 3, 10 & 17 November
	Sunday: 28 October, 4, 11 & 18 November	
Prayer & Practising Evening (Attendance Essential)	Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.00pm St. Mark's Church	
First Reconciliation Celebration (1st Rite)	<u>Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 November 2018, 7.00pm</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Please note: No photos / Videos / Mobile phones are to be used during celebration. ✚ RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT IS DEPENDENT ON PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF PREPARATION PROGRAM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SUNDAY MASS, CHILDREN LITURGY, 2. PRAYER & PRACTISING EVENING & 3. WEEKLY PREPARATION SESSIONS. 	
ALL ENQUIRES: Please contact Sr. Antonia Email: pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au)		

ENROLMENT FORM – First Reconciliation 2018

Please Print Clearly

Candidate's Full Name _____

Parents Name _____

Address _____

Parents' Contacts Mobile: _____ Home: _____

Email: _____

Baptism (Parish & Year) _____

IMPORTANT – Please Attach a Photocopy of the Baptism Certificate
(Photocopy is acceptable) unless Baptism took place at St. Mark's Drummoyne

School attended by Candidate:		
First Reconciliation Celebration Preference (Please Circle)	Tuesday 20 November	Wednesday 21 November

Below are meeting times for the four-week Parish Based Sacrament home group sessions.

Select **two possible times – below**. Please number **1st**, **2nd**

Please note that one choice only is not acceptable

Monday	4 – 5 pm		7 – 8 pm
Tuesday	4 – 5 pm		7 – 8 pm
Wednesday	4 – 5 pm		7 – 8 pm
Thursday	4 – 5 pm		7 – 8 pm
Friday	4 – 5 pm		7 – 8 pm
Saturday	5 – 6 pm		
Sunday	10 -11 am		5 – 6 pm

I am willing to offer my home: (circle) **YES** **IF NEEDED** **NO**

I am willing to lead/facilitate a group: (circle) **YES** **IF NEEDED** **NO**

Please be generous in offering to be a leader/facilitator. The program cannot be offered unless sufficient leaders volunteer. Thank you to those willing to offer their homes as meeting venues preference option. **Resources and support** will be provided at Leaders' Meeting. All volunteers leader & home host are to have a **WWCC (Volunteer - Working with Children Check)** and to have signed **Code of Conduct for Working with Children**.

NB: St Mark's Parish Centre (upstairs) is available **before Saturday 6 pm Mass, after 9 am Sunday Mass, before 6 pm Sunday Mass, Weekday afternoon or early evening** for families who would like to hold their groups here. Only small groups can be accommodated - enquiries: parish office 9181 1795 or pa@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Parents: Please return to St. Mark's Parish Office (not the School) this form together with a copy of Baptism Certificate (unless Baptism took place at St. Mark's Drummoyne). Form must be completed and submitted **not later than Thursday 20 September 2018**. *Thank you.*