



St Mark's Parish

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Dear Parents,

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2017

Enrolment Period 1st September 2017 – 22nd September 2017.

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 21st and Wednesday 22nd November 2017**. 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 11th 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) 2018 is between 16 March to 6 April 2018**. 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,

*Fr Michael McLean, Parish Priest
Episcopal Vicar for Education
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