

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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## **2017 RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Reconciliation is a sign and experience of God's unconditional forgiveness and mercy. We are called to be one people united with Christ and one another. God's love for us does not cease when we fail. By expressing our sorrow for our sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience forgiveness and healing. Our relationship with God and our unity as Church is made whole again.

You are invited to enrol your child in the Reconciliation Program. Reconciliation is available for all baptised Catholic children in Year 2 or above. (In 2018 children in Year 3 who have made their Reconciliation will be invited to apply for First Holy Communion.)

The Reconciliation Program begins with an evening meeting for parents only. It continues with 4 small group sessions for parents and child, one per week over four weeks. Each of these weeks begins with attendance at Sunday Mass. Finally, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

The program details are as follows:

<b>Enrolment due by:</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> Lodge completed form in the Parish Office (Presbytery) along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate.
<b>Parent Night:</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm in the Oblate Rooms beside the church</b> -receive information and materials
<b>Commitment Sunday:</b>	<b>at all Masses on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October</b> Presentation of the candidates to the Parish
<b>Sunday Mass each week</b>	
<b>Four Group sessions: (Sunday or Wednesday)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 11am, or 18<sup>th</sup> October 6pm</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> October 11am, or 25<sup>th</sup> October 6pm</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> October 11am, or 1<sup>st</sup> November 6pm</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> November, or 8<sup>th</sup> November 6pm</b>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm</b>

Attendance at the Parent Night, Sunday Mass and 4 preparation sessions is expected. Active participation in all steps of the Preparation Program is essential.

Please complete all the details on the Application Form and return it to the Parish Office at the Presbytery by 20<sup>th</sup> September. With the completed Application Form please attach a copy of applicant's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptised in Sefton.)

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## APPLICATION FOR RECONCILIATION 2017

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE/FEMALE

CHILD'S SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S PLACE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please attach copy of Baptism Certificate if not Baptised in Sefton)*

Parents/carer are needed to lead the small group sessions.

Please consider volunteering.

FOR PARENTS: I am willing to lead a small group Yes/No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR GROUP SESSIONS:

Sundays 11.00am

Wednesdays 6 pm

**For enrolment, this form must be returned completed to the Parish Office by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September together with a copy of applicant's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptised in Sefton.)**