

# Reconciliation Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2024



# Parable of the Prodigal Son



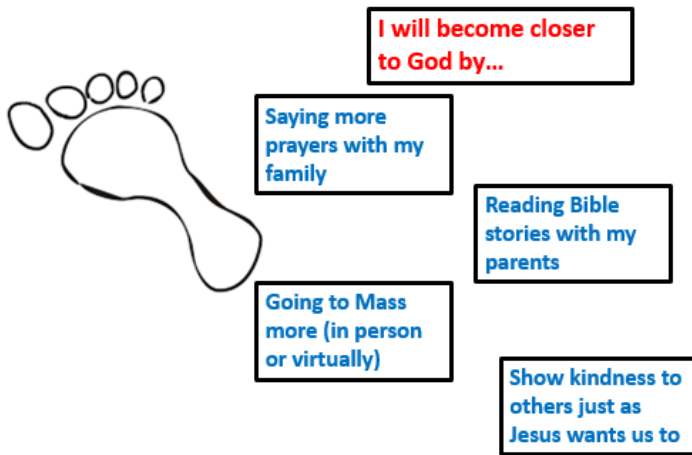
## Parable of the Forgiving Father



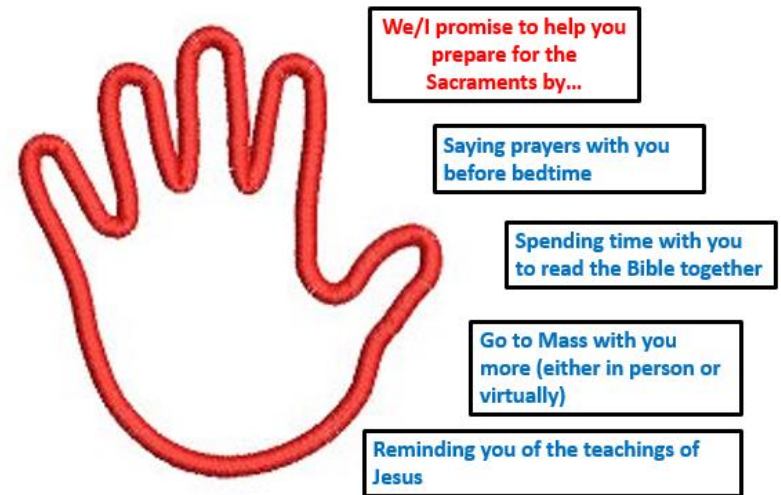
# Hands and Feet Reflection...

## Take a moment...

What you are going to do **between now** and **receiving the Sacraments** to **become closer to God?**



Parents discuss with your child **how you are going to support them** on their journey of faith.



# What happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation?



Confession (or *Penance* or *Reconciliation*) is the Sacrament where we confess our sins or times when we have done wrong

We tell Jesus, through the Priest, that we are sorry for the wrong things we have done (sins).

By saying sorry to Jesus, the Priest forgives us in Jesus' name.

This Sacrament heals our souls because our sins have been taken away.

We are reconciled with God, with the Church and with the people we have hurt. We are forgiven.



The father  
who  
embraces and  
welcomes his  
son home  
with joy.



The son  
who confesses  
his sin and asks  
forgiveness.

The moment  
of  
reconciliation  
between the  
father and  
son in the  
parable of the  
prodigal son.  
This reminds  
us of the  
mercy of  
God.

## The Prodigal Son



# Preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you need to **EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE**.

**Task: Discuss what does *conscience* mean?**

Conscience is the **voice within us**.  
It helps us to know what **God wants us to do**.  
It helps us to know the **difference between right and wrong**.  
The **Holy Spirit** helps us to **listen and follow our conscience**.



# Preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation



## Examine your Conscience

- Pray to the **Holy Spirit** for help.
- Think about the times when **you did not act as a loving child of God.**
- Think about the **sins** you are going to confess.
- After you have **Examined your Conscience**, you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The **Priest** will **never tell anyone** what he has heard in Confession.



**Task:** Talk to your parents about times when you have **both** done or said the wrong things and that you are sorry for.

Can you remember **why** you did or said those things?

### Examination

My Relationship with God

Do I remember to pray each day?

Do I pay attention in Mass?

### My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbours

Do I obey my parents and my teachers? Do I do what they ask me to do?

Do I say mean things to my mum and dad or my brothers and sisters?

Do I always say 'Thank you' to people?

Do I do jobs around the house to help?

Do I hurt other people's feelings by calling them bad names?

Do I make fun of others?

Do I tell lies?

Do I start fights with my brothers and sisters at home?

Do I blame other people for the things I do?

Do I get other people into trouble?

Do I cheat or play unfairly in games?

Do I leave people out of my games on purpose?

Do I do my homework without complaining?

Do I take things that do not belong to me?

Do I take care of my belongings?

Do I follow the rules about using the computer at home?





## Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time.



1. Don't be scared! Your parent will introduce you to Father Adrian then wait for you in Church while you receive the Sacrament.
2. Father Adrian will sit on the Altar - you will sit in front of him with your back to everyone.
3. Don't be worried if you forget what to say. You can have the words to the Service and Father will help you.
4. When you have received the Sacrament, you will be asked to say some 'Penance'. You will kneel in front of one of the side altars.
5. When you have finished your Penance, you are free to leave quietly with your parent.
6. If parents wish to receive the Sacrament, they can do after their child (**Parent preparation for First Holy Communion**).



- 'Father this is (name of child) I have had him/her Baptised and brought him/her up in the practice of the faith. I'd like him/her to experience God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.'



# Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## FORM OF CONFESSION

Child: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my First Confession. I didn't love God when I ..... (*tell the priest your sins*)

*The priest will talk to you and ask you to show that you are truly sorry by giving you a penance to do or say.*

Priest: Now tell God that you are truly sorry.

Child: O my God, because you are so good I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace I will not sin again.

Priest: The priest will give you absolution. (*Your sins are forgiven*)

Priest: Go in peace.

Child: Thanks be to God.



## Arrangements to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1pm – 3pm.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3pm – 5pm**

**Book a time slot on School Cloud from  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
- available every 10 minutes**

**Any Questions?**



# Sacramental Programme

<b>Weds 13.3.24 1-3 pm</b> <b>Thurs 14.3.24 3-5 pm</b>	<b>Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)</b>
<b>Sunday 17.3.24</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Family Mass for Y3 and Y6</b> <b>Y3 to lead – Thanksgiving for Reconciliation</b>
<b>Sunday 21.4.24</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Family Mass for Y3 and Y6</b>
<b>Weds 24.4.24</b> <b>6p.m.</b>	<b>Y3 First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents and Children</b> <b>The Eucharist and final arrangements</b>
<b>Saturday 11.5.24</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 9.6.24</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Y6 and Y3 Family Mass: Y6 to lead</b> <b>Service of Light and Corpus Christi</b>

## Family Masses

9:15am for 9:30 start

School Uniform



# First Holy Communion

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May : 12 Noon

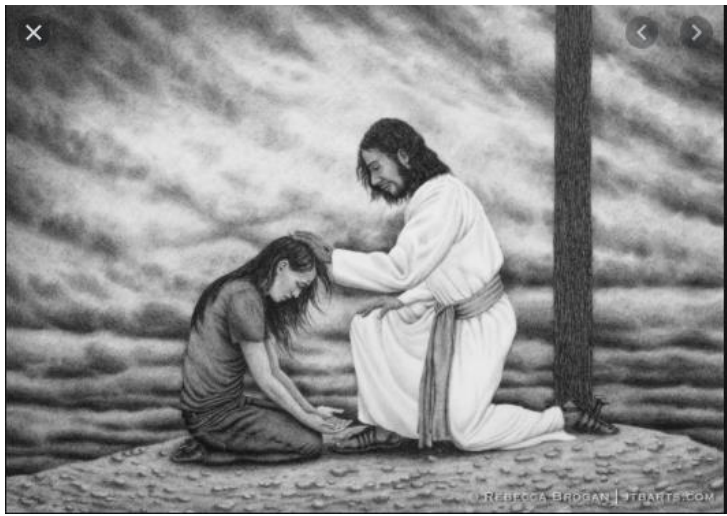
Girls: White dress (veil and gloves optional).

Boys: Grey trousers, white shirt (can be short-sleeved) and red tie.

- Children to arrive between 10:30 – 10:45am ready in their outfits for photograph.
- Parents to leave.
- 1 bench per family – approximately 7 to 8 people including your child.

Any Questions?





**Oh my God,  
Because you are so good, I  
am very sorry that I have  
sinned against you.  
And by the help of your grace,  
I will not sin again.  
Amen.**

