



14th September, 2017

Dear Parents in our Parish Community,

The beginning of the Reconciliation/First Communion Sacramental Preparation of our young parishioners, will begin in Term 4 this year, 2017. **The children involved will be those currently in Year Two and above.**

This is an *Invitation* for you to attend an **Enquiry Meeting** regarding your child's continuation of the Sacraments of Initiation. This will take place through a Parish Based and Family Centred process. This means that it is **you** who do the preparation with your child **-but- we help you** with this, through a process of guided reflection and children's workshop.

In order to explain the way our preparation takes place, you are invited to attend an Enquiry (Information) Session. This session will provide you with the opportunity to decide whether this is the right time for you to begin the preparation process for your child's continuation of Initiation into the Faith Community which began at the time of their Baptism.

Enquiry Meeting for Parents - Wednesday 25th October, 2017, 7:30pm, in the Church

It is important that you attend the Enquiry Meeting so that you are fully informed before deciding whether to join our sacramental preparation. At this meeting you will receive essential information for the enrolment ceremony at the weekend Mass on 28th/29th October. ***Note: A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate is required at enrolment if your child was not baptised at OLQP Greystanes.***

On the back of this letter are the days, dates and times of the meetings for Remembering Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion Sacramental Preparation for your child, commencing with enrolment in October 2017. ***Please keep this form in a safe place to refer to dates***

Preparing your child for the sacraments is a privilege and a responsibility. Therefore, if you decide to prepare your child for the sacraments, it is very important that at least one parent attends each of the parent meetings listed on the back of this letter and every child attends the workshop/Mass with at least one parent. Please advise the Parish of any special notes/orders or circumstances to be considered.

I look forward to continuing the journey with families in our Parish Community.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul Marshall

Parish Priest



RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PROCESS 2017/2018
Begins in Term 4 2017

Enquiry Meeting - Wednesday 25th October, 2017 7:30pm in the Church

Enrolment Mass - Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th October, 2017

at a Mass of your choice Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10am, 6pm

2017 REMEMBERING BAPTISM - Reflecting on how and when their journey began

Parent Meet - Mon 13th Nov 7:30pm OR Tues 14th Nov 10am OR Tues 14th Nov 7:30pm *St GPC*

Ritual with the Children - Monday 20th Nov, 7.30pm OR Tuesday 21st Nov, 7.30pm *Church*

2018 RECONCILIATION

Parent Meet 1 - Mon 19th Feb 7:30pm OR Tues 20th Feb 10am OR Tues 20th Feb 7:30pm *ST GPC*

Workshop 1 - Sat 24th Feb 4:45pm OR Sunday 25th Feb 4:45pm *Camilleri Hall* then 6pm Mass *Church*

Parent Meet 2 - Mon 26th Feb 7:30pm OR Tues 27th Feb 10am OR Tues 27th Feb 7:30pm *ST GPC*

Workshop 2 - Sat 3rd March 4:45pm OR Sun 4th March 4:45pm *Camilleri Hall* then 6pm Mass *Church*

Rite of Reconciliation - Monday 12th March 7:30pm OR Tuesday 13th March 7:30pm *Church*

(Note: Your child's Reconciliation Day will be allocated by the Parish Team at Parent Meeting 1)

2018 EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Parent Meet 1 - Mon 21st May 7:30pm OR Tues 22nd May 10am OR Tues 22nd May 7:30pm *ST GPC*

Workshop 1 - Sat 26th May 4:45pm OR Sunday 27th May 4:45pm *Camilleri Hall* then 6pm Mass *Church*

Parent Meet 2 - Mon 28th May 7:30pm OR Tues 29th May 10am OR Tues 29th May 7:30pm *ST GPC*

Workshop 2 - Sat 2nd June 4:45pm OR Sun 3rd June 4:45pm *Camilleri Hall* then 6pm Mass *Church*

Prayer Preparation - Monday 4th June 7:30pm OR Tuesday 5th June 7:30pm *Church*

First Communions will be celebrated in the month of June 2018- Dates to be advised in 2018 at Reconciliation Meeting

PARENT MEETINGS - take place in the **St George Preca Parish Centre**. There are 3 choices for each meeting [except the Enquiry Meeting] enabling you to pick a day and time convenient for you.

Attendance of at least one parent at each meeting is essential.

WORKSHOPS - **Child with Parent** will take place in the **Camilleri Hall** on Parish grounds.

You choose either Saturday or Sunday followed by 6pm Mass in the Church.

Attendance of at least one parent with your child at each workshop is essential.