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Reconciliation Preparation and Celebration

Dear Parents,

Thank you for inviting St Benedict's Parish to support you in your preparation of your child for Reconciliation this year. You will have received a book to work through with your child at your own pace. It need not be finished before your child receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation and may be used as an ongoing support to deepen their understanding after receiving this sacrament of healing.

I look forward to seeing you and your child on Saturday 18th March for the Reconciliation Retreat in our Parish. Both the adult and children's programs begin at 10:00am and will be finished by 3:00pm. We will meet in the Parish Centre at 10:00am – this is the building next to St Benedict's church. Parents will participate in the Reconciliation Retreat with Father Ken Barker. It is hoped this nourishes faith and provides robust discussion at an adult level.

Children preparing to receive their First Reconciliation this year will participate in a program focussing on the parable of the Prodigal Son. This will take place in the Year 5/6 classrooms of St Benedict's School. Ms Younger and Father Mat will run the children's program, supported by Ms Ellison and Mrs Stratford.

Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided by the Parish. Could you please offer a donation for this (suggestion of \$5 to the parish to help with costs). Alternatively, you may wish to bring your own food.

If you are unable to attend this retreat and wish your child to make their First Reconciliation this year, please contact Father Mat at the Parish Office on 6295 7879 to discuss an alternative preparation plan.

Children are invited to make their First Reconciliation on Sunday 19th March 2017. Families will need to come to the 9:00am Mass and Reconciliation will be offered afterwards. It is hoped that the weekend will be seen as an opportunity for reflection, prayer and healing. Family members are most welcome to receive Reconciliation on Sunday as well.

Thank you for your support with nurturing your child's faith development and spiritual journey.

Meaghan Younger
REC St Benedict's Primary