St Benedict’s Parish Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation

Dear Parents,

I write to remind you that children in St Benedict’s Parish are invited to make their First Reconciliation on Sunday 6 March after 9:00am Mass. Families are asked to attend the 9:00am Mass and support their children in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation afterwards.

In addition to the preparation completed through our school’s Religious Education program there will be a whole day of preparation activities on Saturday 20 February. Students and their families will need to participate in the Year of Mercy Retreat day on Saturday 20 February. Father Ken Barker will run the Retreat for adults and Father Mat and Ms Meaghan Younger will coordinate the children’s activities. All other members of families are most welcome to be with us for the whole day. The Year of Mercy Retreat will begin at 9:00am. Formal sessions will conclude at 4:00pm but families are encouraged to stay afterwards for Reconciliation (for those who have already made this sacrament) and Mass at 6:00pm. This special Retreat Day is an initiative of the Parish for celebration of the Year of Mercy and will focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son. It should be a special day of prayer and spiritual development.

There will also be an hour long ‘practicalities and questions’ session after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 28 February. It is vital that families attend both the 20 February and the 28 February sessions to assist their child prepare for First Reconciliation. If you are unable to do so and wish your child to make their First Reconciliation this year please contact Father Stephen at the Parish Office (6295 7879) to discuss an alternative preparation plan.

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

Meaghan Younger
REC St Benedict’s Primary

DATES

- 20/2 Family Retreat Day 9:00 – 4:00
- 28/2 Mass & preparation 9:00 – 11:00
- 6/3 First Reconciliation following 9:00 Mass