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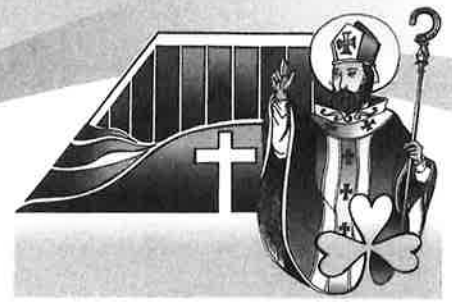
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Important parent information for First Reconciliation 2021.

Please keep this for your diary

An important message from Fr Dan.

Welcome to all our Sacramental families for 2021. Unfortunately with COVID we are still restricted in how we can run the programmes. With this in mind we strongly believe that Mass is an essential part of each programme. For your child to receive any of the Sacraments this year a compulsory part of each programme will be the attendance at 4 Masses leading up to the Sacrament. With this information you will receive a Mass card which will be signed by Fr Dan or if you attend another Church the priest there can sign. You will need to place your child's name on it and return by session 3 of the programme.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Mass for the beginning of your child's Sacramental journey.

Fr Dan McCaughan

PREPARATION COMMENCES: IMPORTANT:

For a candidate to be eligible to receive the Sacrament a parent and the candidate **must have attended** all steps of the preparation programme detailed below. We understand that sometimes there are **serious reasons** (hospital visit etc.) which prevent people from attending either Mass or Preparation.

Please arrange an **appointment with Fr Dan** to discuss, should this occur.

STAGE 1: MASSES BEGIN FORMAL PREPARATION

Attendance at a minimum of 4 Masses prior to your child receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is required. Mass and being part of the parish community is an essential part of your child's Sacramental Programme; you can choose either the Vigil Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am or 10am. With this information there is a Mass card that will need to be signed

STAGE 2: ENROLMENT APPLICATION:

Complete the enrolment application and return with payment of family levy \$50.00 and copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate. (Not necessary if they were baptised at St Patrick's) **Enrolment applications must be received to the Parish Office, 136 Flora Street Sutherland (Parish House) by 29 April 2021.** All correspondence during the programme will be emailed, please make sure your email address is clear on your enrolment form.

STAGE 3: PARENT MEETING—PLEASE MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY!!!!

Attend the parent meeting on **Wednesday 5 May 2021—6.00pm—Church. This is a parent only evening and at least one parent must attend.** (If you experience difficulty, however, with child minding etc. please bring your child/ren along with you).. *If you are absent from this evening, we will assume you no longer wish to proceed with your child's application and the enrolment and payment will be returned to you.*

STAGE 4: FORMATION SESSIONS

Children, together with their parents attend 3 formation sessions, these sessions are compulsory as there will be no make-up

Wednesday 12 May 2021: Formation Session One: 6pm concluding at 7pm.

Wednesday 19 May 2021: Formation Session Two: 6pm concluding at 7pm

Wednesday 26 May 2021: Formation Session Three: 6pm concluding at 7pm

STAGE 5: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Will take place over two evenings: **1st June and the 3rd June (6pm)**

You will be able to book your session after the parent information evening.