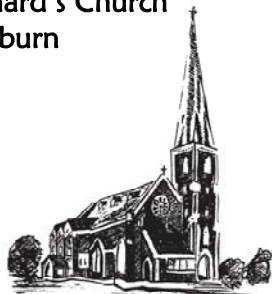


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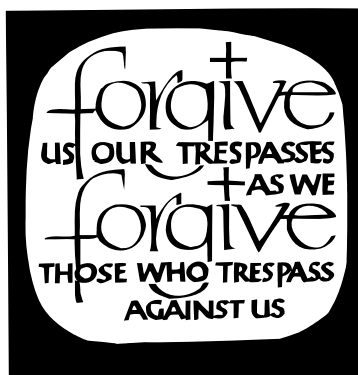


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Willoughby



## Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

### FIRST RECONCILIATION 2010 Letter to Parents



14th December 2009

Dear Parents,

We are writing to you regarding the preparation process for **First Reconciliation** for 2010.

The preparation process is undertaken in the six weeks immediately prior to the reception of the sacrament. It is based on the diocesan program introduced four years ago. It is parish and family based.

The process prepares children and parents for the communal form of Reconciliation. It involves weekly activities at home, at Mass on Sunday and in small discussion groups. The weekly schedule of activities and discussion topics are set out in the attached document "Sacramental Process – First Reconciliation 2010."

The Communal Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated with Fr Rex Curry presiding and a number of other priests assisting. Celebrations will take place at St Leonard's Church Naremburn, St Philip Neri church Northbridge, and St Thomas' Church Willoughby.

#### **Enrolment**

We would be grateful if you could complete the form "First Reconciliation 2010 Enrolment." The on-line version of the form is available at our website. A printed version is also available.

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When using the on-line form, please fill out the requested details, print the form using the "Print Form" button at the top of the form (for your own records), and then return it by email by pressing the "Submit by Email" button at the top of the form. Alternatively you can mail the form to the parish office. Please return the form **by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**.

A payment of \$25 is required to help cover the cost of preparation materials. Payment can be made at the parents' meeting or by mailing to the parish office. Please make cheques payable to **Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore**.

### **Parents' Preparation Meeting** *(parents only)*

Fr Rex Curry and Fr Peter Hendriks will lead the parents' preparation meetings. At the end of the preparation session you will be provided with the parents' booklet to help you support your child's preparation. This booklet provides notes on the sacrament and the preparation process, including prayers, rituals and activities for home during the preparation period and a reflection on each of the four small group discussion sessions. The parents' preparation meeting also provides the opportunity to confirm groups and ask any questions regarding the process. **It is essential that at least one parent attends this meeting.**

### **Leaders' Preparation Meeting** *(leaders only)*

The leaders' preparation meeting provides training and support for group leaders. At the end of the meeting, leaders are given the preparation materials for their groups. It is essential that all leaders attend the leaders' preparation meeting.

### **The Process** *(children and parents)*

The preparation process is based on four integral components each week over a four week period in the weeks immediately prior to reception of the sacrament – (1) small group discussion sessions, (2) home sheet activities, (3) home rituals, and (4) special rituals at the principal Sunday morning Masses in each community.. Each of the four components is designed for the participation of both parents and children. A rehearsal is held one week prior to the celebration.

### **Family and Parish Participation**

The First Reconciliation communal sacramental celebration is for candidates and their families. It includes readings from Scripture, communal prayers, singing and confession. After the candidates have made their confession, other family and parish members are also invited to confession. The celebration then concludes with a prayer and final song.

### **Conclusion**

We look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Preparation Meetings. Additional copies of this letter and the enrolment form are available at each parish church and on the website. Should you require any further information, please contact us directly.

All the best,

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