



The Sacrament of Reconciliation


Let us pray that we may experience
the sacrament of reconciliation with
renewed depth, to taste the infinite
mercy of God.



Pope Francis

**“Come to me, all you who labour and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11: 28**

YEAR 4 FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME 2024

Dates	Theme for RE lessons	Notes
Spring Half Term 2		
Tuesday 20th February '24 - 6pm	Parents' Meeting in school to explore the Sacrament, discuss ways you can support your children and ask any questions.	
Sunday 25th February '24 - 10am	Enrolment Mass at St. Monica's Church	
Wk1 Session 1&2	The Great Commandment. Scenarios to consider. Prayer session	
Wk2 Session 3&4	Called to change - what is sin? Zacchaeus and Jesus Prayer session	
Wk3 Session 5&6	God's Love - The Lost Sheep, The Prodigal Son Prayer session	
Wk4 Session 7&8	God's forgiveness Prayer session	
Wk5 Session 9&10	Receiving the Sacrament - my conscience; the process of receiving the Sacrament. Prayer session	
1st week after Easter	a. We get ready for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. b. Class Teacher to invite Canon Browne in to talk to the children.	
Tues 9th April	Retreat Day - held in school. The children will deepen their understanding of the Sacrament through dance, art and drama.	
Thursday 18th April 2024 FIRST RECONCILIATIONS 4pm in church		Prayer Sessions - these are short collective prayer sessions in class, following themes from the Loved and Forgiveness Reconciliation resource, which provide the children with the opportunity to reflect on what they have learnt in RE lessons and to spend some quiet/ still time with God. The teacher creates an atmosphere in class conducive to reflection and may use multi-sensory strategies.
Sunday 21st April, 10am in church Presentation of Certificates and Celebration		Canon Browne will meet the children during their preparation journey to allay any worries about receiving the Sacrament.
Week beginning 15th April		The Retreat Day is a joint day for Y3 and Y4 and will be held in school.
a. After Reconciliation b. Growing Stronger in God' way Prayer session		On Thursday 18th April the children arrive at church for 4pm. They will take part in a short service before they are invited up one at a time to make their First Reconciliation.
Friday 26th April 9am Y4 Class Assembly based on Preparations for First Reconciliation		On Sunday 21st April 2024 the children receive certificates and the celebration takes place in the resource room in church after Mass.
At the end of the programme the class teacher will conduct a survey with children and parents in order to evaluate the programme and consider possible improvements that could be made.		