

Communion News

6th February 2023

This Week

We have moved on to the chapter "God Helps Me to get it right".

We have looked at the story of Zacchaeus and heard how Jesus helped Zacchaeus to change, **please complete pages 34- 44.**

We also visited the Church and have had a short run through of the Service for the reconciliation on Saturday. The sacrament is a celebration of God's Love and forgiveness, so please do talk to your child about the Sacrament and about ways of saying sorry and what it means to be forgiven.

Please look through the pages 29, 30 40, 41 and 42 which may be particularly helpful before the Reconciliation service on

Saturday. One of the most important ways in which you can help your child, is to help them with the format of the sacrament, and thinking in advance what kind of things your child might feel sorry for.

We tell the children, that during the sacrament of reconciliation they will meet Jesus, Father Keith (or another priest) will take Jesus' place, and by talking to the priests we are talking to Jesus.

Father Keith or any priest will never tell anyone what you say to him, just as no one ever knows what you say to Jesus in your heart when you speak to him.

Perhaps try to plan a little celebration for after the sacrament, such as; cooking their favourite meal, or a trip to a restaurant. Whatever you choose to do, try to make the day a special one with happy memories.



Sorry Prayer

Oh My God, I am sorry for what I have done wrong.
I know you love me and I want to Love you too. With your Help I will try not to sin again.

This is the sorry prayer, which the children use in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is the one that is also in their 'I belong' book on page 40. It would be good if you could begin to say this prayer with your child. We will be giving the children another copy at the service, so they mustn't feel worried about learning it.

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Reconciliation Service Saturday 11th February

At either **2:30pm** or **4.00pm**.
Please keep to the time you signed up for at the last parents meeting.
Please be there a few minutes before the start of the service.

Readers

If your child is reading in the service please arrive 15 minutes early so that they can practise their reading.

Badges

The children at St. Thomas Becket School.

Remember to wear your badge into school the week after reconciliation so that the school can also remember and join in the celebration, Children at other schools wear your badge to church so the Parish can join in with your celebration.

If your child is unable to make the reconciliation service, please contact Cherie or Emma and make arrangements with Father Keith to do the sacrament at a different time.

This sacrament must be completed, in order for your child to receive the sacrament of communion.

The children can wear their badges to their classes as well.

Have a happy Reconciliation service.