

Religious Education Task – 17.6.20

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Reconciliation

During our last Religious Education task we read the parable of the prodigal son. We reflected on the story and you produced some impressive Art work. Click [HERE](#) to look at your fantastic work.

Today we are going to learn about The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

One of the more formal ways of saying sorry to God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is sometimes called Confession or Penance. It is in this Sacrament that Christians celebrate God's love and mercy. It helps them to think about their lives and how they are following Jesus and it gives them the opportunity to make a new start. There is a lot of information to read below to find out about the sacrament of Reconciliation. Some of the words can be quite tricky to understand, it will help to discuss this information with an adult.

- 1. Read the information below about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

RECONCILIATION



In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we celebrate God's love and mercy. We learn about the joys and challenges of living as a follower of Jesus in love and peace.

During Reconciliation, the Church celebrates the love and mercy of God and calls people to confess sins, seek forgiveness and be reconciled to God and to one another.

Reconciliation is known by various names: Penance, Confession, Sacrament of Forgiveness

It is another sacrament we can celebrate often. It helps us to live as followers of Jesus.

Sometimes the parish family comes together to celebrate a Service of Reconciliation. During this time individuals may make their confession to a priest. At other times the priest and one member of the parish family celebrate the sacrament.

Before confessing their sins, people will have spent some time thinking about ways in which they have not lived as Jesus did. This is called an examination of conscience.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

At the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest welcomes the person in the name of Jesus. They make the Sign of the Cross together. Sometimes they listen to a passage from the Bible.



The person confesses his or her sins to the priest.

The priest asks them to say or do something to make up for their sins and as a sign that they will try to do better in the future. This is called a penance.

The person prays an act of sorrow, such as:

“O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.”

The promise to make a new start is called a firm purpose of amendment.

The priest then raises his hand over the person and says the words of forgiveness and absolution.

“I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Together they say a prayer for God's forgiveness and love.



The word penitent means the person who is saying sorry. The word absolution means forgiveness.

There are three steps to a making new start:

- 1 To recognise and admit purposeful wrongdoing.
- 2 To say sorry and ask forgiveness for the wrongdoing and really mean it.
- 3 To make up in some way for the hurt and harm caused.

2. Answer the questions below on the blog.

- Q How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help people?
- Q How would you prepare to celebrate this Sacrament?
- Q How do you think you could make up for any hurt and harm caused?
- Q What difference might this Sacrament make to the one who receives it?

3. Watch the video below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb8pzvnnL20>

Your final task is to make a poster of all the important things involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Use the video and the information above to help you with this task. You might like to number each step involved and draw pictures. This will help you understand all of the important stages involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember to upload a picture of your work and I can add it to the blog. Good luck!