

# FIRST RECONCILIATION 2026

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St Peter and Paul Parish First Reconciliation Program is an at-home preparation program which revolves around attendance at Mass as a member of the parish community. Parents journey with their child in preparing for First Reconciliation by taking them through their workbooks and reflection sheets at home, and then attending Mass to hand in the completed work. In this way both parent and child participate as a family in their Faith.

To be eligible for the Sacrament children must be in Year 3 or above and be either a baptised Catholic or have been received into the Catholic Church prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

If your child has not yet been baptised or has been baptised into another Christian denomination and you would like them to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to arrange a meeting with Fr Chris. (4232 2081 or [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au))

In order to successfully complete the program, the following requirements must be met before a First Reconciliation candidate can attend the First Reconciliation ceremony:

- Attendance at a Parent Information Night (at least one parent/guardian must attend)
- Attendance at a Commitment Mass (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)
- Attendance at Mass to hand in the reflection sheets (candidate and at least one parent/guardian must attend 3 evening Masses over a period of 5 weekends, with one reflection sheet to be handed in per Mass)

**All dates are in the table overleaf – please plan your diary accordingly so that you don't miss the cut-off dates as you may be forced to wait until next year for your child to receive the sacrament.**

***If you are unable to commit to these requirements then you are asked to wait until next year to enrol your child.***

**Enrolments close on Friday, 24 July 2025.**

Please enrol online at:

**[www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation)**

**If you have trouble enrolling online, or if meeting the cost of the program (\$35) will be difficult for you, please contact the Parish Office on**

**4232 2081 or [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au).**

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DATE	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
27 February to 24 July	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ENROLMENTS OPEN</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrol and pay online at  <a href="http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation">www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NB: You will need to upload a copy of your child's Baptism certificate in order to complete enrolment.</b>            If you cannot find their certificate, please contact the parish of Baptism.</p>
Friday, 24 July	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ENROLMENTS CLOSE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrolment will no longer be possible after this date.</p>
Tuesday, 28 July, 7:00pm OR Thursday, 30 July, 7:00pm <i>(runs for approximately 1½ hours)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance at one evening by at least one parent or guardian is compulsory. Candidate does not have to attend.</b></p>
Saturday 1 August, 6:00pm OR Sunday 2 August, 5:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>COMMITMENT MASS</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass)</b></p>
<p><b><u>FROM THE WEEKEND OF 8/9 AUGUST TO 5/6 SEPTEMBER</u></b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Reflection sheets are to be handed in at an evening Mass in Kiama (6:00pm Saturdays, 5:00pm Sundays) - <b><u>one sheet per weekend</u></b>.  <i>The weekends do not have to be consecutive.</i></p> <p>There will be 4 reflection sheets corresponding to the lessons in the student workbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>WEEKEND 1</u></b> – Hand in Reflection sheet 1 &amp; 2.</li> <li>• <b><u>WEEKEND 2</u></b> – Hand in Reflection sheet 3.</li> <li>• <b><u>WEEKEND 3</u></b> – Hand in <u>Reflection sheet 4</u>, the <u>completed workbook</u> and the <u>Celebration of First Reconciliation Booking Form</u>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The candidate and at least one parent/guardian must be present at each Mass when handing in the reflection sheet. The children will be called up during Mass to place their sheet into a box in front of the altar.</b></p>	
<p><b>NB: The cut-off weekend for returning Reflection Sheet 4 and the completed workbook is Saturday 5 September, 6:00pm and Sunday 6 September, 5:00pm</b></p>	
<p><b><u>FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONIES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p><i>A short practice will be held before each session.</i>  <i>Attendance is required at one session only.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, 8 September – 3:30pm</li> <li>• Wednesday, 9 September – 4:00pm</li> <li>• Thursday, 10 September – 6:00pm</li> <li>• Friday, 11 September – 3:30pm</li> <li>• Saturday, 12 September – 10:00am</li> </ul>