

DATES AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024

Ss 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)

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 and 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, 2 August 2024.

Please enrol online at:

<https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation>

If you have trouble enrolling online, or if meeting the cost of the program (\$30) will be difficult for you, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

**Lisa Twist is the First Reconciliation Coordinator.
Please contact her if you have any questions or issues:
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DATE	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
<p>31 January to 2 August 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENROLMENTS OPEN</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrol and pay online at https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB: You will need to upload a copy of your child's Baptism certificate in order to complete enrolment. If you cannot find their certificate, please contact the parish of Baptism.</p>
<p>Friday, 2 August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENROLMENTS CLOSE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrolment will no longer be possible after this date.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 6 August, 7:00pm OR Thursday, 8 August, 7:00pm <i>(runs for approximately 1½ hours)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance at one evening by at least one parent or guardian is compulsory. Candidate does not have to attend.</p>
<p>Saturday 10 August, 6:00pm OR Sunday 11 August, 5:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMITMENT MASS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FROM THE WEEKENDS OF 16/17 AUGUST TO 14/15 SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reflection sheets need to be handed in at an evening Mass in Kiama (6:00pm Saturdays, 5:00pm Sundays) - one sheet per weekend.</p> <p>There will be 3 reflection sheets corresponding to the lessons in the student workbook. One reflection sheet is to be handed in over 3 Masses throughout this period of time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The completed workbook is to be handed in with the final reflection sheet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">NB: The cut-off weekend for returning the final reflection sheet is Saturday 14 September, 6:00pm and Sunday 15 September, 5:00pm</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday, 17 September – 3:30pm ● Wednesday, 18 September – 4:00pm ● Thursday, 19 September – 6:00pm ● Friday, 20 September – 3:30pm ● Saturday, 21 September – 10:00am 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONIES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A short practice will be held before each session.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attendance is required at one session only.</i></p>