



You can expect to

- ❖ Receive information through the parish newsletter at Mass, on the website or through the school newsletter alerting you to the time and date of first parent's night. This is usually in **third term** of the year.
- ❖ Attend a parent's information night to start the yearly program.
- ❖ Receive assistance from the parish to help you to work with your child at home preparing for the sacraments
- ❖ Attend one parents and child evening to assist with preparation for the sacraments



## Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish

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## Sacrament of Penance

For older children



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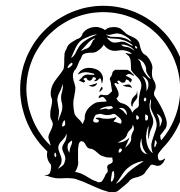
## Policy...

- ❖ Children who have been fully initiated through baptism, confirmation & the reception of first eucharist and have reached the age of ten are eligible to prepare for the reception of the First Rite of Penance.
- ❖ Children preparing for the sacraments of confirmation and the reception of first eucharist will celebrate the second rite of penance with their family prior to being fully initiated. Immediate and informal preparation for this sacrament takes place within the family as assisted by the parish.
- ❖ Formal preparation for the first rite of penance may take place for the child from the age of 10 years. Enrolment is in **term three** of the school year.



## Preparation...

- ❖ In our Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish, fully initiated children **ten years** and older, may prepare for the sacrament of penance [First Rite]
- ❖ When readiness is discerned each child is enrolled in the parish program for sacramental preparation.
- ❖ Each child is expected to be receiving on-going catechesis both before and after the time of celebrating the sacrament of penance.
- ❖ All parents and children are expected to attend parent information meetings and family preparation sessions
- ❖ Formal enrolment takes place at weekend parish Masses



## Catechesis...

- ❖ Catechesis is the means whereby a child can learn about his/her faith in age-appropriate classes specifically designed to assist with information and formation in the Catholic faith. For children attending Catholic schools this is part of the school curriculum
- ❖ Catechesis classes for children in State Schools are conducted in the St Bernard's Community centre at 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt during the course of the preparation session.
- ❖ Days and times of weekly classes are determined each year. These will be available at the first parent's information session in term three of the school year.

