Preparing Your Child
Using this Kit: Procedures and Resources

Procedures

1. As your child nears the time of his/her First Communion, time should be set aside for preparing him/her for the first celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, which will take place prior to First Communion.

2. The parish will provide information regarding the celebration of the Sacrament and will offer an information night for parents at the beginning of the preparation time and will make these resources available.

3. Preparation time for the Sacrament will begin with the parish Rite of Enrolment, should take approximately three to four weeks and is done in the home.

4. Parents should set aside a time each day to assist the child in understanding the importance of forgiveness in our daily lives and in our life with God. They should also learn how God’s love and forgiveness is celebrated through the Sacrament of Penance.

5. Resource material in the Kit provides background reading for parents, ideas for working with the child and a daily activity for the child to do.

6. The time of preparation concludes with a celebration of the Second Rite of Penance, which is organised by the Parish.

Resources

Contained in this kit are various resources to assist you in preparing your child for the first experience of the Sacrament of Penance.

ACTIVITY CHART
This provides the main focus for the preparation. An explanation of its use is found on the Chart.

MAGNET
This is for use with the Chart. Your child decorates it with his/her name and uses it to mark daily progress on the Chart.

BOOK – “Your Child’s First Confession”
This book provides background reading to assist parents.

LEAFLET – “Exploring and Celebrating Reconciliation”
This leaflet provides many ideas to assist in helping the child’s understanding of forgiveness and reconciliation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS AND VIDEOS.
This provides titles of storybooks and videos that can be used by the family to focus on and discuss forgiveness and reconciliation.