

5 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Agnes' Catholic Parish would like to invite your child to continue their Sacramental journey. The Sacrament of Penance will be the next step for your child and will be held in March 2021.

We all know that teaching our children to love God and Jesus is incredibly important. We also understand that parents and families are their children's first and continuing educators, and they have a lasting influence on their children's attitudes and achievements. With your encouragement, your child will gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith, and as a family you can walk alongside them on their journey. This will have more of an impact on your child than anything that can be taught. The importance of this Sacrament and the curriculum your children will learn will be explained to you.

St Agnes' Catholic Parish will be hosting two Registration Information Nights for parents. They will be held at St Agnes' Catholic Church, Hay Street, Port Macquarie. We encourage you to attend the first evening. However, if this is not convenient, a follow up night will be provided on 17th February.

Please attend one of the following:

- Tuesday, 16th February 2021 at 6pm
- Wednesday, 17th February 2021 at 6pm (Follow up night)

In an attempt to streamline our processes, we are trialling a combined online Registration Form and booking system. Copies of Baptism Certificates (if new to the Parish), parent's/guardian ID and any legal documents will be collected at the Registration Information Night. Following your attendance at this night, information will be emailed to you regarding a workshop for you to enjoy with your child. The workshop provides time for family centred learning and discussion.

For your Registration Form and booking for the Registration Information Night, please visit the St Agnes' Catholic Parish website through the link below

<https://stagnesparish.org.au/>

Please scroll down to the "Sacraments" heading and choose "School Sacraments." There is a link under *Penance* to click for your Registration Form which includes your options for booking for the Registration Information Night. You will receive a notification email once completed.

Please note: Access to this Registration and booking form will close at 5pm on Friday 12th February 2021.

As the Registration Information Night is a parent only event, child minding for all children will be available on both nights, so please follow the prompts on the form if this is required.

Please do not hesitate to contact your school office or Peta Rourke - Sacramental Coordinator, Mob: 0400 420 614. Thank you very much for your cooperation. As a Parish community, we look forward to working together in preparing your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Yours sincerely

Father Peter Wood
St Agnes' Catholic Parish