



Information for Parents

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at St Michael Church, Thirroul on **WEDNESDAY EVENING, 28 OCTOBER 2026** at **7:00PM SHARP**.

ALL YOUR FAMILY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Thank you for helping with your child's preparation for this Sacrament.

Please be on time, and **be seated in the church before 7:00pm**.

Your child sits **with you** in the church.

Please join in the singing and answer up the responses which will be on the screens.

Besides the responses, there are three important prayers that both you and the children all say together.

Please practise these with your child.

Your child does NOT have to learn these prayers off by heart; they will be on the screen ... but they need to speak up when saying them.

These three prayers are printed below.

*We come to you, God of love,
to say to you,
and to our sisters and brothers,
that we have done wrong things,
that we have said wrong things,
and that we have not used the gifts
you have given us.
We ask you to give us
mercy, healing and forgiveness.
We ask you, Lord, to give us
the wisdom and courage to be good. Amen.*

*O my God,
I am very sorry
that I have sinned against you,
because you are so good
and with your help I will not sin again.*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

➔ When it comes time for individual confession,
please take your child to one of the priests,
introduce yourselves and your child, then leave your child to sit with the priest.

✓ **Then the child simply says their sins.**
*There is no blessing or Sign of the Cross, or Act of Contrition,
as this will have already been done together.*

✓ The priest will then give your child a penance,
✓ then will pray the Prayer of Absolution,
☞ after which your child returns to sit with you.

**While the children are going to the priests,
please use this time to sit quietly and pray.
This is not a time for talking at all, please.**

*You may wish to receive the Sacrament yourself,
so please feel free to go to any of the priests, in the same way your child goes.*

After **all** have received the Sacrament,
there is a short final prayer and blessing, followed by the Recessional hymn.

Please do not leave early –
please wait until the final hymn.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.