

CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION - RITE 2 OUTLINE OF CEREMONY

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| 1. Opening Hymn | 6. Act of Repentance |
| 2. Welcome | 7. Individual Confession & Absolution |
| 3. Story of the Good Shepherd | 8. Final Blessing |
| 4. Homily | 9. Closing Hymn |
| 5. Examination of Conscience | |

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION :-

A number of priests will be present. ***One parent goes with the child to a priest*** and introduces him ***“this is.....” (child’s name)***. The parent stands back and waits until the child goes to Confession.

The priest welcomes the child and then says:- ***“tell me some of the times when you strayed from God’s love”***.

The child says :- ***“I strayed from God’s love when”*** and ends with ***“I am sorry for all my sins”***. (One example of straying from God’s love is sufficient).

The priest gives the child penance and absolution.

When the child returns from the priest, as a sign of forgiveness, the waiting parent should give him a hug before returning to their seats.

On returning to the seat, the child will say the penance given by the priest.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:-

1. Ceremony begins at ***11.30a.m. on Saturday, 10th March*** in ***St. Anthony’s Church.***
2. St. Anthony’s is situated behind the “old” St. Anthony’s on the coast road. It may be approached via a lane off St. Lawrence Road, near the Methodist Church on the corner of Clontarf Road / St. Lawrence Road. It is signposted. There is a car park beside and behind the church.
3. You may also park on Clontarf Road opposite the “old” St. Anthony’s where there is a parking area. You can walk through the grounds of the old church to reach the new one.
4. The children will be given particular places. **Two adults may sit with each child.** Other family members should sit in the unreserved seats.
5. The children should wear their ***school tracksuit.***
6. The ceremony should last approximately one hour.
7. The Parents’ Association hope to host a little reception in St. Anthony’s house immediately after the ceremony.

27th February 2012.