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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each year the Sacramental programme is organised by the Parish in order to help your children (in the Catholic, Private and Public school systems) receive the Sacraments of initiation in the Catholic community. Over the years there have been various forms in which the preparation for the reception of a particular sacrament has taken place. For one reason or another there are children who have not been able to receive a sacrament. I am well aware of the demands of life and the various commitments that families have with one thing or another, therefore planning for the year is a crucial element in anyone's life especially that of the children.

Therefore after much consideration and observation I have made a few changes in order to cater for the proper preparation and reception of the sacraments. I have considered that the reception of the Sacraments should reflect the liturgical seasons but also be given a time frame which helps in the proper completion of the course and to allow for a proper period of time for dates to be given so as to allow for planning in the coming year.

It has also been decided in union with the Sacramental team, Catechists and Parish Pastoral Council, that Term 4 will be a time of preparation for the coming year regarding dates for the Sacramental programme. It has also been decided that the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be cancelled for 2017 as it will be the first sacrament in the new year of 2018, therefore I thank you for your patience if you are a family wishing to present your child for First Reconciliation.

The form in which the Sacramental programme will take will be on a Sunday at Saint Paul's, Moss Vale, commencing with the 10am Mass of which attendance is compulsory followed by a light morning tea and the lesson will start at 11.15am in the hall. The lesson will go for about an hour.

The dates for the Sacramental Programme for 2018 are as follows:

First Reconciliation (3 weeks): Friday 23rd March.

Classes held on Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th March

First Holy Communion (4 weeks): Sunday 3rd June.

Classes held on Sunday 29th April, 6th, 20th & 27th May.

Confirmation (5 weeks): Saturday 29th September.

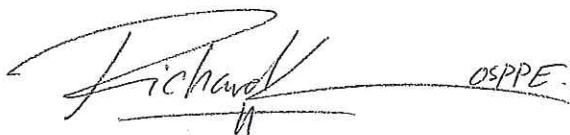
Classes held on Sunday 19th & 26th August, 9th, 16th & 23rd September

There will be no classes on Mothers day (13th May) and Fathers day (2nd September).

The order and the structure of the programme is to allow for proper planning for the coming years events as well as a chance for children who have missed a particular sacrament due to a valid reason the chance to join the group making that sacrament in the Parish of Bowral or another Parish that you might know of.

Once again thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter and I look forward to meeting the children and yourselves in the coming year of 2018, in the Sacramental programme.

God bless



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Parish Priest

