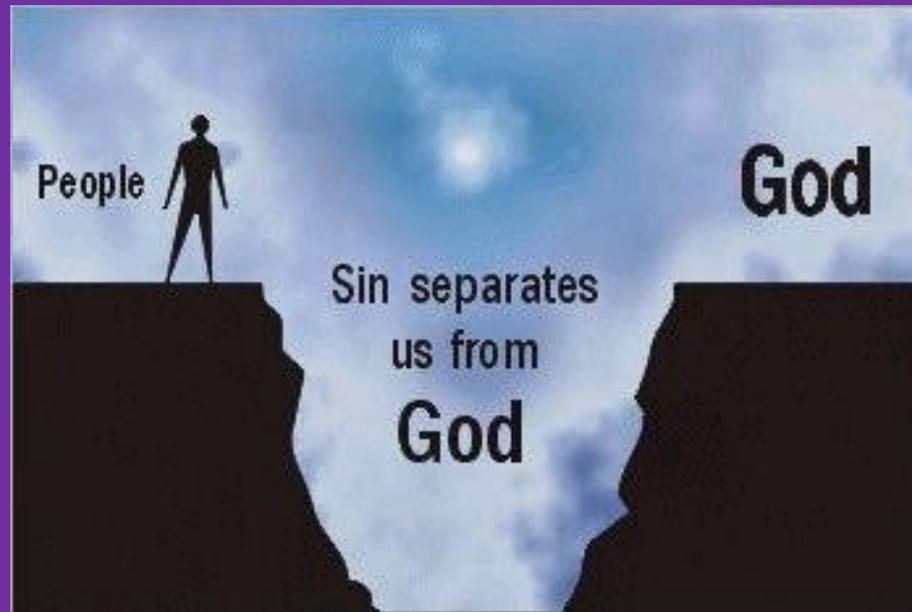


Reconciliation

What is Reconciliation?

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing.



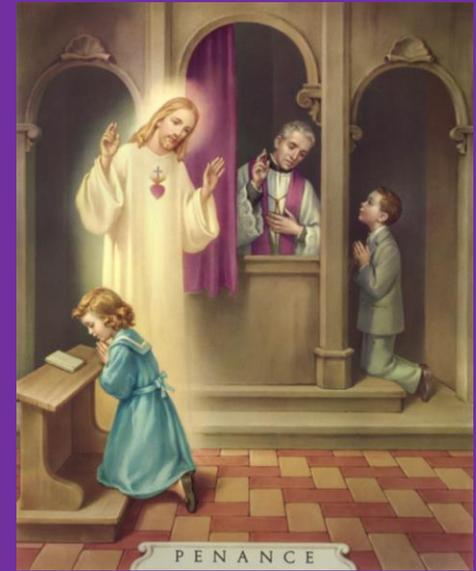
The Parable of the Prodigal son

- What is the Jesus teaching through telling this parable?
- How does this link to Reconciliation?



What happens when we receive the Sacrament?

- We are forgiven for our sins.
- The action is carried out by the Priest but granted by God



As God, I have the power to forgive sin. I now entrust the use of that power to you. You will be My representatives. Whatever sins you forgive, I shall forgive. Whatever sins you do not forgive, I shall not forgive.

Stages: Handout

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation includes the following steps:

- 1. The priest greets us, and we pray the Sign of the Cross. He invites us to trust in God. He may read God's Word with us.
- 2. Examination of conscience An examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and other people through our thoughts, words, and actions. The priest may help and counsel us.
- 3. The priest gives us a penance to perform. Penance is an act of kindness or prayers to pray, or both.
- 4. The priest asks us to express our sorrow, usually by reciting the Act of Contrition.
- 5. We receive absolution. The priest says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We respond, "Amen."
- 6. The priest dismisses us by saying, "Go in peace." We go forth to perform the act of penance he has given us.

Organisation and Mass Arrangements for Saturday



Children to arrive at Church at 3:50 – wear smart clothes

Reconciliation Service will start at 4pm

After Children have made their first Confessions – Children to stay for Mass at 5pm

Any Questions?