

Reconciliation Service

We are now going into the reconciliation service.

It is a chance to speak to God and to be forgiven for things we have done which we know deep down aren't great.

We have an incredible opportunity TONIGHT to think about our behaviour.

How we treat others **How we treat ourselves** and **how we treat God**. It isn't about feeling ashamed or embarrassed, it's about moving on. Being forgiven, a fresh start.

We will reflect on the merciful love God has for us. Time and time again we sin but God calls us back – search us out, he always forgives us and rejoices when we turn towards him with sorrowful hearts. God has unending love for us – amazing grace.

PLAY – AMASING GRACE

1: God loves us so much that he forgives all our mistakes. Lovingly he watches and waits, hoping that when we choose to wander away from his love, we will one day turn back to him, longing for forgiveness and full of hope and determination to make a fresh start, a new beginning.

2: Help us to be open to your grace, your truth and love. Touch our minds and hearts as we learn to make silence to recognise your presence,

3: as we learn to recognise our wrong-doings

4: as we recognise the sins we think that don't matter

5: as we learn to recognise the gift of reconciliation, of forgiveness in our hearts

6: as we learn to forgive ourselves knowing that we can be healed, cleansed and forgiven

7: as we learn to forgive others as we ourselves are forgiven.

Read passage – 1 Corinthians 13 4-7

Reflect on the passage – small meditation

Opportunity for confession

Let us thank God for forgiving us and healing the spaces between us. Let us pray together with confidence to God our Father in the words Jesus taught us...

Our Father...

(In front of the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, thank you for this time we have spent in your presence. We thank you for revealing to us in a new way your mercy and love. As we leave now, help us in turn to show that healing love to others.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen