

*"I invite Christians, everywhere,  
at this very moment, to a*

*renewed personal  
**encounter***

*with Jesus Christ;  
or at least an openness  
to letting him encounter them.*

*The Lord does not disappoint  
those who take this risk;  
whenever we take a step  
toward Jesus, we come to realise  
he is already there, waiting for us  
with open arms".*

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inspiring! An enriching,  
fresh approach to the  
Sacramental preparation  
of children".*

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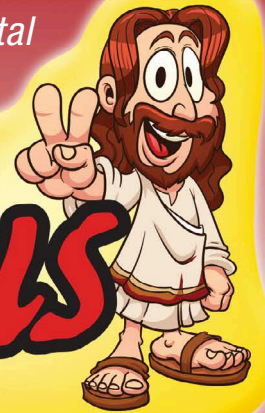


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*A fresh and supportive  
approach to Sacramental  
preparation.*

*encountering  
**JESUS**  
together*



**Meeting young people where they are.  
Leading them to where God calls them to be.**

The **GPBS Mission & Ministry Team** invite **YOUR School and/or Parish** to have **encountering Jesus together** as part of your **School/Parish calendar**.

**Encountering Jesus Together** has 3 components which are ideally presented as a package; however, each unit can stand alone. To maximise participation, our Team will come to **YOU!**

**1** for **Sacramental Teams and Parish/School Staff**



**A** practical, relevant and engaging workshop for teachers, RE Coordinators, Parish Pastoral team members and Parish/School music ministry teams. The day will address curriculum outcomes and offer creative approaches to exploring the many aspects of each of the Initiation Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance/Reconciliation. We will explore new music, effective ways of engaging children and demonstrate strategies that will help and equip parents to be confident partners in the Sacramental preparation process.

**2** for **Students**



**T**hese reflection days will invite conversation and active participation around the key concepts of each specific Sacrament (Confirmation, Eucharist or Penance/Reconciliation). Our approach is to have the students involved, excited, energised and motivated by experiencing hands-on activities, great new music, scripture and prayer. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament and how it relates to them, their families, their parish, and the world.

**3** for **Parents and Carers**



**A**n evening for Parents and Carers to be supported as they walk with their children in preparing to celebrate significant Sacramental moments. The evening will include prayer, ritual, music, catechesis, information and the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers. The Session will be tailored to meet your local needs. Participants will leave with the confidence to support their children in their continuing journey of faith.