



## Second Rite of Reconciliation Lent Year B

### Outline of the Second Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation “shows more clearly the communal nature of penance” (Sacrament of Penance #22).

The community gathers having been given some formation beforehand so that for them the celebration is more fruitful, and they understand the aim of the rite.

### The Word of God

The Word of God read and, in the homily, prepares those gathered in heart and mind to come to reconciliation with a deeper understanding of God’s love and forgiveness.

### Examination of Conscience

During the examination of conscience there should be time given for those attending to reflect on how they have fallen short of their commitment to Jesus Christ.

### Personal Reconciliation

The priests stand in full view of all in a space where the penitent can be seen but not heard.

While no time restriction is placed on the individual, good manners, and sense dictates that people limit the time they spend with the priest.

If it is necessary to spend time in discussion, then the first rite of reconciliation is where they should attend.

### Conclusion

After confessions, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing are recited. These are not an added extra, but an integral part of the rite and should be attended by all those gathered.



## Prayer Focus

Lent in Year B is about the Covenant between God and His people. As the covenant is written in the Scriptures and completed in Jesus Christ, the Book (bible) and the cross are good images to use. Use a large central Bible, on a stand open with several ribbons in purples, greys or black coming from it. At the end of each ribbon place a smaller closed Bible. If possible, use different versions. A Cross can be placed behind or near to the Bibles.

## Introduction/ Welcome

Commentary: As baptised people, we are asked each day to do our best to live the covenant that we have with God by living as directed by the life and death of Jesus.

The readings chosen for this celebration are from Galatians and Matthew and remind us of the love that God has for us, forgiving our sins and making us members of his Holy Family.

Celebrant: Loving God, as we come before you in humility, may we through your loving kindness and forgiveness be reconciled to you and your family on earth and rejoice in your mercy. Gracious Father, fill our hearts with love, as we ask for your healing. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

## Reading

Galatians 3: 21-29

You are the Children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Psalm

*Sung Version - Gather Australia - #40 or #41]*

Option 1: Be merciful O Lord.

Option 2: Create a clean heart in me O God.

## Gospel



Matthew 22: 34—40

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul.

## Homily

### Examination of Conscience

**Let us reflect on God's love for us and how we respond.**

Do I act as a follower of God in what I say and do?

Am I letting God in his Word and in the Eucharist lead my life?

Do I put things of the world, false teachings, and worldly matters, before my relationship with God?

**Do I care for and protect the world and its people by my words and actions?**

Let us reflect on the way we live our lives as members of the Catholic Church.

Do I take time to understand and support the teachings of the Church or do I just follow the crowd?

Am I willing to stand up for my faith in public?

Am I happy to be known as a Catholic?

**Let us reflect on how we live as people of faith.**

Do I show Christ-like respect and acceptance of my family and neighbours?

Do I act with justice and mercy with others?

**Let us reflect on how we live with other people.**

Do I use my talents for others and the Church, or do I use them for myself?

Do I share what has been given to me, especially with those less fortunate than myself?

Do I care for and respect my body and other people's bodies?

Do I treat the elderly with respect and compassion?

**Let us reflect on our behaviour.**



Do I act honestly in both word and action?  
Am I respectful of other people's property?  
Do I speak of other people with respect and truth?

Celebrant: Lord, help us to come to you with humble and contrite hearts, prepared to accept your forgiveness and with the intention to change our lives.

**All: I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
[And, striking their breast, they say:]  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

### Individual Reconciliation

Celebrant: Let us now come before the Lord in faith acknowledging our faults and accepting his forgiveness.

*An explanation should be given on how to attend this form of reconciliation.*

*The penitents only need to concentrate on two or three areas of difficulty in their lives. They should stay until the end of the rite.*

*After personal confession, the celebrant invites the community to join him in the Lord's Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:



All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you show us your love and mercy, making us new  
again. May we always seek the truth and live as people of faith.

All: Amen.

### Sign of Peace

Celebrant: The Lord has given us the gift of peace, let us now give the same  
gift to our brothers and sisters.

*All exchange the Sign of Peace.*

Celebrant: God has forgiven your sins. Go now in peace to proclaim the  
Good News of his love by your lives.  
May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.



All: Amen.

### Recessional Song

Though the Mountains May Fall - Dan Schutte [Gather Australia #453