## <u>Explanation for the Holy Communion Programme/ Sacramental Preparation</u> <u>at Our Lady & St. Patrick's Parish (OLSP)</u>

In early September Mrs Cotter sent out a letter (headed from the OLSP Parish) to children who might be interested in joining the Holy Communion group for Sacramental Preparation. The whole Programme began in September and runs through to May when the children make their First Holy Communion in 2020. Most of the information for the Sacramental Programme is announced and then given out at Church on Sundays, and details can be also found on the website:

## https://olspnottingham.com

This year's letter invited all interested parents to a special Introductory Meeting with Fr. Wilfred (on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm) to explain the Programme, give some introduction about the Sacraments and the importance that children and parents must attend Mass regularly. The meeting was held at OLSP on 24<sup>th</sup> September and then those Parents who attended were given the dates for their FIRST session on 6<sup>th</sup> October after the 9.30am Mass at OLSP. It is also vital that they bring along a copy of their Baptism Certificate. Fr. Wilfred is aware of who is in the group and that he has seen them attend Mass regularly, even when there isn't a Holy Communion Session.

Any other families who need more information on Sacramental preparation are very welcome to come along to Mass on Sundays at 9.30am and speak with Fr. Wilfred. Any child who has not yet been baptised must attend a Baptism course with their parents and can't make their First Holy Communion before being baptised, the details about the Baptism programme again are available by seeing Fr Wilfred after 9.30 Mass on Sundays.

Preparation for the Holy Sacraments takes place in the parish not school but we can signpost parents to Fr Wilfred for more information 0115 9212964.

As the Holy Communion programme has already started for this year no more children will be able to join. The next programme begins again September 2020.