



Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows



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## First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

### Sacramental Preparation 2020

Dear Parents,

We are beginning to plan next year's programme for preparing the children for receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. When you brought your child to Church to be baptised you promised to bring them up in the practice of the Catholic Faith. Now that your child is in Class 3, **or further up the school**, it is time to consider the next step in their Christian life, and for you to carry out that undertaking you made. **Only children who have been baptised a Catholic** are able to prepare for these sacraments and so before the sessions begin you will need your child's Baptism Certificate as evidence of their Baptism.

**There will be an Introductory Meeting for interested parents at Our Lady and Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00 pm.** At this meeting we will be describing the resources we will be using. The expectation will be that you feel ready to commit to this preparation and regular attendance at Mass is essential. At your child's Baptism, you were called the 'First and best teachers in the Faith' for your child, and so the programme will be designed to help you carry out this promise. Instead of leaving your child with the catechists and then later collecting them, it means that you and your child will work together during the Sunday sessions with the resources we will be using. (But **DON'T WORRY!**) You will not be working on your own, as help and support will be available throughout the sessions.

This meeting will allow parents to find out more about Sacramental Preparation, ask any questions, meet the Parish Priest and the catechists and also enrol their child in the Parish First Holy Communion programme.

With every good wish

Fr Wilfred Pereppadan  
Parish Priest

And Mrs Maura Cotter, Ann Finlay, Karen McNally (members of the Parish Catechist team)

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**Please return to St. Patrick's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, a Voluntary Academy**

**I confirm I am interested in helping my child prepare for Holy Communion at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church and I will bring a copy of my child's Baptism Certificate.**

**Signed:** .....

**Parent of:** .....