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**First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation**  
**Sacramental Preparation Meeting Sunday 15th October**

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 are able to prepare for these sacraments and so before the sessions begin in January you will need the child's baptism certificate as evidence of their baptism.

**There will be a meeting for parents after 9.30 Mass at Our Lady and Saint Patrick's Church on Sunday 15th October.** At the meeting we will be describing the new programme we will be using. At your child's Baptism, you were called the 'First and best teachers in the Faith' for your child, and so the programme is 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 new materials we will be using. You will not be working on your own as help and support will be available throughout the sessions.

The meeting on Sunday is so that parents can find out more about this change in the sacramental preparation, ask questions, meet the catechists and also enrol their child in the programme.

With every good wish

Maura Cotter (member of Parish Catechist team)

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To St. Patrick's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, a Voluntary Academy

**I confirm that I will be attending the meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church and I will bring a copy of my child's Baptism Certificate.**

Signed..... Parent of .....