



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 2020/2021

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 Wednesday 9th June 2021 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.

Therefore, **before filling in the application form** for your child to make his/her First Communion, please note what you are committing yourself to do.

You will be asked -

- To work with your child each week during these FHC programme
- To attend **Parents' Meeting** to be held on a 9th June 2021 Wednesday at 7.00.p.m.
- To bring your child to 7 Workshop sessions with catechists, during the month of June and July on Sundays at 10.00 am . FHC sessions take place in the Church.

- Please note that we are unable to provide childcare facilities for the children while you attend the parents' meetings. These sessions are only suitable for parents and carers.

The parents' meeting will include:

- a talk to help us to deepen our understanding of the themes
- information about the celebrations

The First parents 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.

Attendance at Sunday Mass is at the centre of our lives as Catholics; and should be part of your child's preparation. You will need to book for the Saturday and Sunday Mass, using the Diocesan on-line Mass booking system: massbooking.uk **Booking opens 7 days before each Mass.**

With every good wish

Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ
Parish Priest

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

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Please collect an application form from the Church after the mass on 23rd or 30TH MAY 2021, Complete the form and return back to the Parish Office addressed to Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ, Corpus Christi Presbytery, 127 Listowel Crescent, Clifton NG11 9BP

or

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: