



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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Attendance at First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation 2020-2021

Salford Diocese: "It is something of an understatement that this coming year's Sacramental Programme presents some new challenges. At this stage we do not know when parish meetings will be able to take place. Nor do we know when we will be able to welcome larger congregations in our churches. Neither of the two, however, seem imminent. However, there are some steps that we can take now to start this stage of the journey of families towards the First Communion of their children. This coming year our starting point has to be enabling parents to become 'active participants in catechesis'. The new Directory for Catechesis, from which all quotations are drawn, also speaks of valuing the role of grandparents as catechists. Our schools will continue to support children's parents as 'first educators', but they will also fulfil a vital role in educating the children about these sacraments through Curriculum RE and collective worship."

Dear All,

this letter is to inform you of the dates your child will attend their First Reconciliation with Mrs Cody. I have also included the 'How to Celebrate Reconciliation' sheets for you to assist your child in knowing what to say on the day.

The letter also sets out the dates and times of the after-school sessions which are being offered to help you prepare your child for First Holy Communion. These sessions begin Monday 22nd March. The sessions will be held in school, 3.20 to 4.30. The children will be in small groups and the sessions will be led by Mrs Clarke, Mr Clarke, Miss Bukhari and Mrs Cody.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday & Friday 18th and 19th MARCH 1.45 p.m.

First Confessions in Church with Father Lomax

The children will be split into 2 groups and will be accompanied to church by Mrs Cody.

Whilst at church, the children will make their 'First Confession'.

Mrs Cody will photograph them after they have made their First Confession as a memory of this special and important milestone in their faith journey.

These photographs and the letters of presentation that have been done for Father will then be passed on to your child at a later date.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



They will then return to school to be picked up in the usual way.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSIONS

Mondays 3.20 to 4.30 in school

Some of the virtues, discussions, bible journaling etc. from the 'Heart Speaks To Heart' books will now be done in school but it is still the expectation that you, as parents, will also complete activities in the book, using the videos that are available to assist you and your child.

AT 4.30, please pick your child up from the 'Park & Walk' as you normally would.

If your child is going to 'After School Club' with Mr Evans after Sacraments' session, then please pick them up in the usual way from the office.

Timetable for Holy Communion Sessions

Monday 22nd March 2021

Faith: My life's journey (Session 1 pp 80-99 in Heart Speaks To Heart Book)

Monday 29th March 2021

Hope: Entering God's house (Session 2 pp100-113)

Monday 19th April 2021

Love: Holy mass begins (Session3 pp 114-127)

Monday 26th April 2021

Stillness: God speaks his Word (Session 4 pp 128-141)

Monday 10th May

Generosity and Gratitude: Jesus offers Himself for us (Session 5 pp142-149)

Monday 17th May 2021

Courage: Food for the journey (Session 6 pp150-169)

Monday 24th May

Reflection: My journey continues (Session 7 pp 170-185)

During June 2021: First Holy Communion

Subject to the present COVID-19 Pandemic regulations, First Holy Communion will celebrated and received by your child during the Saturday Vigil (6pm) and Sunday morning (10am) Masses.

Mrs Cody

