



Seek ye first the kingdom of God

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7th February 2019

First Holy Communion Programme 2019

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the introduction meeting last week. I hope that you have had time to reflect on how you as a family can help prepare your child for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion with the support of the parish and school community. As the old proverb goes - "It takes a whole village to raise a child..." so this is why we are using a programme which helps the child grow closer to God, to their family and to their community.

As explained at the introduction meeting, the best way to help prepare your child to receive Holy Communion for the first time is for them to experience Mass each weekend and to feel part of a Christian community. Fr Pat always looks forward to welcoming children and their families to Mass. Mass times are as follows:

St. Patrick's: Saturday 6pm/Sunday 10.30am and Christ the King: Sunday 9.00am

The Holy Communion Preparation session dates are on the reverse side of this letter and we ask that each child is accompanied by a parent or family member for each session. Each session will take place in school and will last about an hour. Please indicate below your intention and commitment for helping your child prepare for Reconciliation and Holy Communion and return the slip to your class teacher by **Wednesday 13th February 2019.**

Thank you for your on-going support and as your child is attending a Catholic school, we hope that you will help us to help them prepare for the special sacrament. **All** children are invited to prepare for and receive Holy Communion or to receive a special blessing if they are not baptised into the Catholic Faith.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Conwell
Head of School

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Date	Title	Content
Thursday 31 st January	Welcome Meeting with Parents	Welcome and introduction to programme
Tuesday 5 th March	Come to the water and Called by Name	Baptism and Naming
Tuesday 19 th March	Come Back to Me	Choices and Reconciliation
Tuesday 2 nd April	Teach Us to Pray	Growing in Prayer
The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be confirmed		
Tuesday 16 th April	Jesus Brings us together and calls us to follow Him.	Receiving Holy Communion and the importance of Eucharist
Tuesday 7 th May	Rehearsal for First Communion	Getting Ready to Receive Jesus
Sunday 19th May 10.30 First Holy Communion Mass		
Tuesday 21 st May	A New way of Living	Following Jesus and Sending Out





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Name of Child: _____

I would like my child to take part in the preparation for Holy Communion.

The name of the accompanying adult is: _____

I do not wish for my child to take part in preparation for Holy Communion.

Signed: _____

