



**St Joseph's Primary School  
P4 Sacramental Information**

**September 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Preparation for Sacraments**

Sacramental preparation is a vital aspect of your child's faith journey. In St Joseph's we value the importance of guiding children in their understanding and participation in the Sacraments. In the upcoming months, children will receive their personal *Diocese of Paisley Faith Journal*, which they can take home with them following their class lessons and discussions. This Faith Journal will further explore the Sacraments that children in Primary 4 will receive, namely the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Through working closely with our families, we aim to prepare the children to receive the Sacraments with reverence and understanding. Our aim is to inspire children to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their understanding of the Sacraments' significance in their lives. Through our home-school-parish links we aim to support and nurture your child's faith journey, fostering a lifelong commitment to their Catholic identity.

**Dates for the Diary**

***P4 Rite of Commitment Mass – St Joseph's RC Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 11am (in school)***

***Sacrament of First Eucharist – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 10 am and 11:30 am (St Joseph's) 1:00 pm (St Bridget's)***

***P4 Mass of Thanksgiving – St Joseph's RC Church Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024***

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

As above, on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, children will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation within the school. They will partake in a service led by Canon Stephen, which will be recorded and shared on Google Classroom. Following the service, the children will have the opportunity to make their First Confession with Canon in a prayerful space set up in the school library.

**Sacrament of First Eucharist**

After the children have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation they will continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We have released the date for First Holy Communion above. We are in constant contact with the Parishes and, as always, will keep you informed of practical arrangements in due course.

**Pupil Information**

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in providing the necessary information for your child's Sacraments. Rest assured, this information has been forwarded to the Diocese and will be shared with the Church where your child was baptised. It will be recorded for future reference during subsequent Sacraments.

We will continue to prepare pupils in receiving this Sacrament both spiritually and practically and we ask that you also continue to support your child at home. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

*Mrs H Addison*

Principal Teacher (Acting)