



St Joseph's Primary School P4 Sacramental Information

August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you found the Sacramental Preparation Meeting for parents informative last night.

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 School Retreat- St Joseph's Primary School- Tuesday 24th September 2024

P4 Rite of Commitment Mass – St Joseph's RC Church – Sunday 2nd March 2025, 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday 4th March 2025, 11am (in school)

Sacrament of First Eucharist – Saturday 26th April 2025, 10 am and 11:30 am (St Joseph's) 1:00 pm (St Bridget's)

P4 Mass of Thanksgiving – Sunday 27th April 2025, St Joseph's RC Church , 12 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As above, on **Tuesday 4th March**, 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 ask that you fill in the link for the Sacramental information [here](#) by **Friday 6th September**. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in providing the necessary information for your child's Sacraments. Rest assured, this information will be forwarded to the Diocese and will be shared with the Church where your child was baptised.

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*)