

St Joseph's Primary School



P4 Communion Information March '25

Saturday 26th April 10am and 11.30am

St Joseph's RC Church, Clarkston

Saturday 26th April 1pm

St Bridget's RC Church, Eaglesham

Sunday 27th April 12 noon

Mass of Thanksgiving

St Joseph's RC Church, Clarkston

Dear Parents,

I hope your preparations are going well for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The children are well prepared for the Sacrament and we are certain it will be a lovely celebration as they develop their personal faith journeys.

WHEN IS THE COMMUNION?

<u>St Joseph's RC Church, Clarkston</u>	<u>St Bridget's</u>
10am - P4a	
11.30am - P4b	1pm - Children from the parish of St Bridget's

WHO CAN COME?

<u>St Joseph's RC Church, Clarkston</u>	<u>St Bridget's</u>
At 10am and 11.30am Mass, the pews will be reserved for the children and their families. The pews can hold up to 10 people, including the pupil receiving the Sacrament. These will be labelled with your child's name, and the pupil should sit nearest to the aisle .	At 1pm Mass, the pews will be reserved for the Communicants, these will be labelled with your child's name. Each pupil will have 2 smaller rows assigned - the pupil and their parents/guardians will sit in one row with invited guests and family members behind them. The pupil should sit nearest to the aisle .
To ensure all families can attend and to maintain a reverent atmosphere for the children to participate fully in their Sacrament, six additional tickets will be allocated to every pupil. Tickets will be printed and sent home. Tickets are not transferable between families to ensure we are maintaining a fair approach for all.	

We would ask that everyone be seated at least ten minutes before the start of Mass. The children will be collected for their procession by staff members before Mass begins. The Sacrament will be conferred by Father Dan Fitzpatrick.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

There has been a change to the Communion arrangements.

The children will receive their Communion **before** the rest of the congregation.

When the rest of the congregation go up to receive the Eucharist, the children will be seated at the back of the church and they will process down following Communion for their post Communion hymn on the altar.

The children are preparing to receive Holy Communion in their hand. You can help your child practise this at home.

DVD AND PHOTOGRAPHY

A USB /DVD of the service will be made available and a group photograph will be taken at the end of Mass. We would ask that at the end of the Mass, all parents and family members **remain seated** to allow us to assemble the children on the altar. After the school has taken their photograph, we will then invite parents and family to come forward and take photographs.

Because of the solemnity of the occasion, family and friends are asked **not to take photographs or recordings** during the ceremony.

OFFERTORY

There will be an opportunity to donate to the parish during the offertory collection.

PARKING

St Joseph's Parish Church has a car park with approximately 30 spaces. We would ask that if you are bringing your car, that you are mindful of the local residents and park with care. We would also ask if you are attending the 10 am mass that the car park is **cleared** in time for visitors arriving for the 11:30 am mass.

Finally, we will continue to prepare pupils in school for receiving this Sacrament both spiritually and practically. We ask that you also continue to support your child at home, e.g you could ensure that your child knows key prayers found on their Google Classroom. We look forward to celebrating alongside your children and families in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Addison

Principal Teacher (Acting) and RE Co-ordinator