





## August 2025

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 23rd September 2025
P4 Rite of Commitment Mass – St Joseph's RC Church – Sunday 8th February 2026, 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday 10th February 2026, 11am (in school)
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Saturday 9th May 2026, 10 am P4b and 11:30 am P4a (St Joseph's) 1:00 pm (St Bridget's)

P4 Mass of Thanksgiving - Sunday 10th May 2026, St Joseph's RC Church, 12 Noon

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

As above, on **Tuesday 10th February**, children will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation within the school. They will partake in a service which will be recorded and shared on Google Classroom. Following the service, the children will have the opportunity to make their First Confession with Father 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 <u>here</u> by **Friday 5th 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

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