

St Joseph's Primary School



P4 Communion Information March '26

Saturday 9th May 10am and 11.30am

St Joseph's RC Church, Clarkston

Sunday 10th May 12 noon

Mass of Thanksgiving

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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>	
10am - P4b	11.30am - P4a

WHO CAN COME?

At the First Holy Communion Celebrations, pews will be reserved for the children to sit together, as they did during their Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Each family is welcome to use one pew; however, these will not be pre-assigned and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each pew seats approximately 10 people, with additional seating available in the side pews. Each pupil may have up to four additional seats in the side pews.

In summary, each family may occupy one pew, plus up to four extra spaces if needed.

We kindly ask that everyone is seated at least ten minutes before the start of Mass. The Church doors will open at **9:40am** for **10:00am** Mass and **11:15am** for **11:30am** Mass.

Please ensure that these guidelines are followed so that we can maintain a respectful atmosphere and support the children in fully participating in their Sacrament. We also greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping staff, who are giving their time to organise and support this special occasion, to ensure everything runs smoothly for all families.

The children will be gathered for the procession by staff before Mass begins. The Sacrament will be conferred by Father Dan Fitzpatrick.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

The children will receive Holy Communion first and will then return to their seats.

Afterwards, the rest of the congregation will come forward to receive the Eucharist.

The children are preparing to receive Holy Communion in their hands, and you may wish to support them by practising this at home.

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.

VIDEO/ PHOTOGRAPHY

The school office will send out further information / consultation around a video recording of the First Holy Communion.

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.

PREPARATION

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