

Sacramental Meeting

Reconciliation

2022

Mrs Lynch

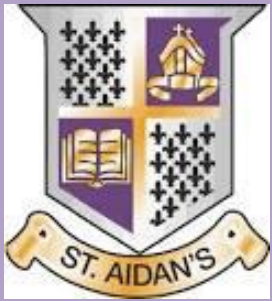
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Amen



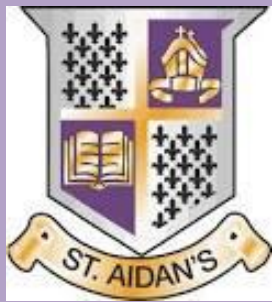


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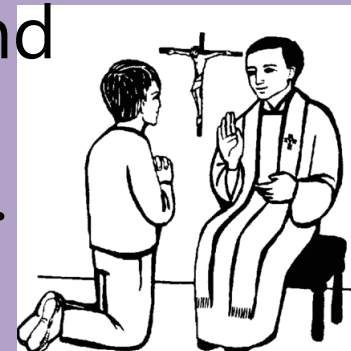
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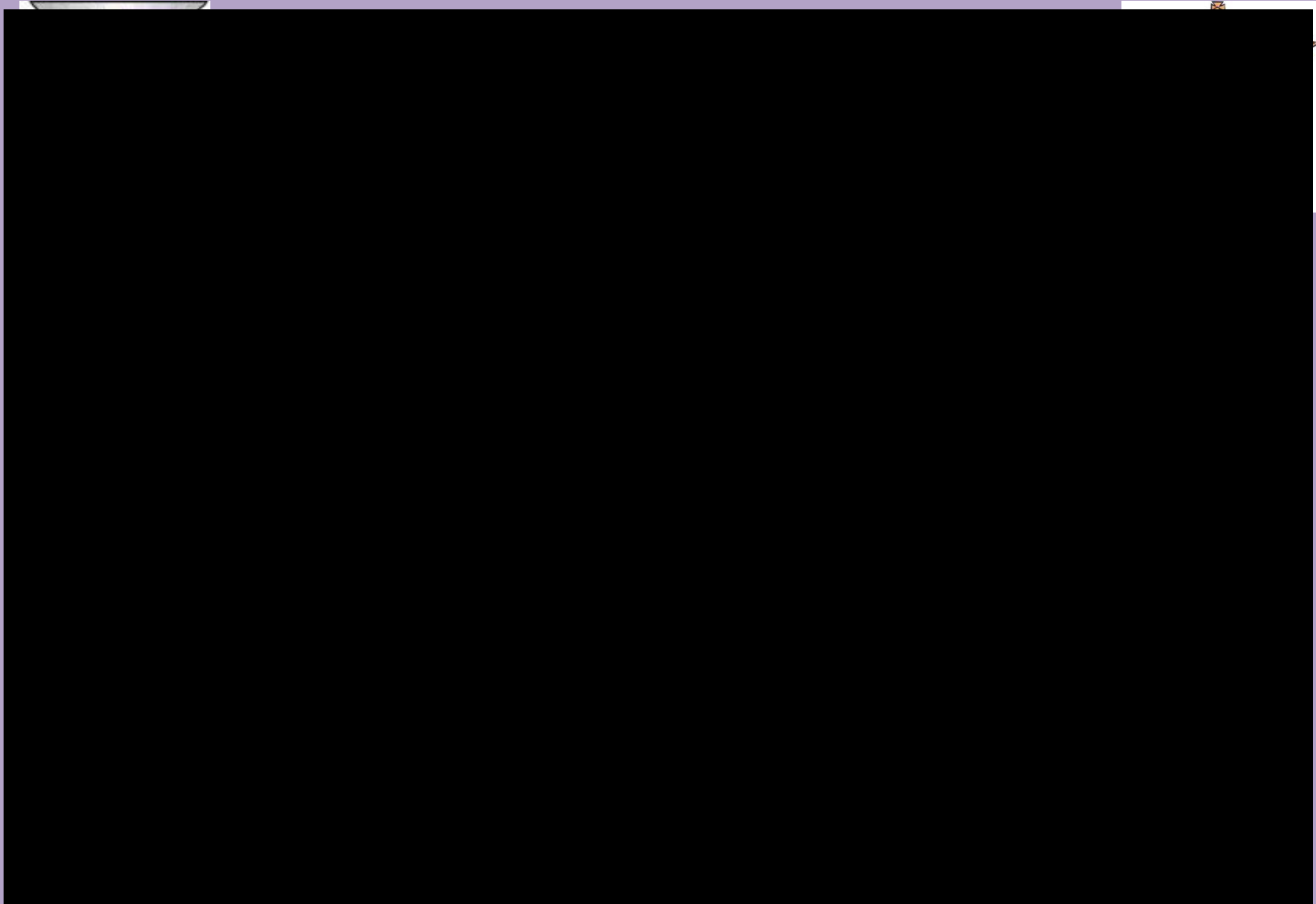


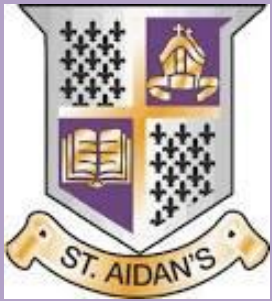
When your child was Baptised, they began the journey of sacramental initiation. The sacrament of Reconciliation is the next step on this journey.

In preparation you child will:

- Learn about the love and mercy of God and our need for forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Explore the parables of the Lost Sheep and The Prodigal son and the story of Zacchaeus and the message within these.





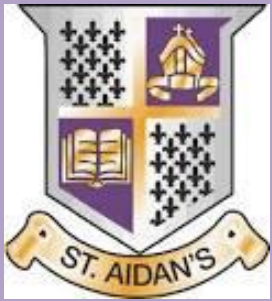


Supporting at Home



Help your child understand the difference between sin/mistake or accident.

- The object chosen (what am I choosing to do)
- The intention chosen (why am I choosing this action?)
- The circumstance of the action (when, how and why am I performing this action?)

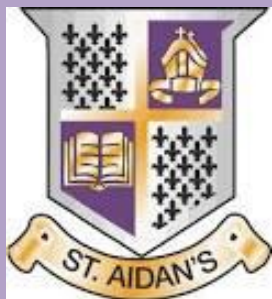


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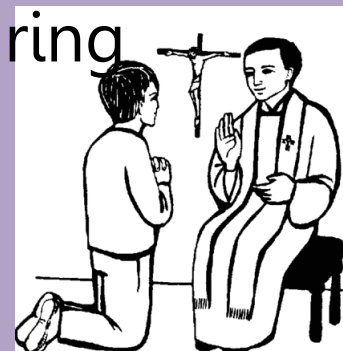
*Catechism of the Catholic Church : **2223***



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Diocese of Motherwell



First Reconciliation Family Workbook

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For parents

When your child was baptised, you undertook to bring them up in the Catholic faith, and the fact that you are reading this now shows that you have taken that responsibility seriously. Being a parent of a Catholic child is a challenge but also a great privilege. You are the first educator of your child, and what you teach them about the faith by word and example will last them for the rest of their life and into eternity. This workbook recognises that you are the most important person in your child's preparation for the sacraments, and that the school and parish are there to assist you. Spending time with your child on the sessions, in discussion, activity and prayer, will be a pleasure, and will help you to discover more about the Catholic faith, whether you are Catholic or not, and whatever your faith practice has been. Don't be afraid! God looks on you as well as your child with the eyes of a loving Father. More information and useful websites are available at www.rcdoparents.org.uk, the new website created to support this workbook.

The sessions recognise the role which Godparents (and by extension grandparents and others) have in the faith life of your child, and they are welcome to take part in the sessions, especially if you are unable to contribute during that particular week.

For teachers

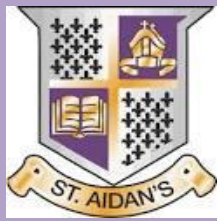
This workbook does not stand alone, but is one of many resources which are the fruit of 'This is Our Faith', our Scottish national syllabus for RERC. In particular, it dovetails with the wider diocesan sacramental preparation materials, available in Prezi and Powerpoint format. The teachers who wrote the workbook sessions, worked simultaneously on the classroom sessions, selecting one activity to appear in the workbook to provide a bridge to the home session. In the spirit of 'This is Our Faith', all the materials are designed to inspire creativity in teachers, to share good practice and ideas, and to favour an experience of the faith which is

enjoyable and fun as well as faithful to the scriptures and the apostolic tradition.

Our grateful thanks go to the teachers from across the diocese who contributed to the workbook and wider materials, for their selfless and skilful work, and to the head teachers who encouraged them.

For clergy

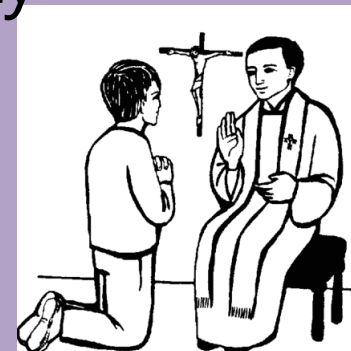
The sacramental workbooks and other materials have consciously tried to recognise that children are parishioners as well as members of families and pupils, and to favour links to the parish. Sacramental practices vary from parish to parish, but we sincerely hope that the preparation in school and at home will flow into collaboration with the parish, and encourage sacramental participation in the life of the parish. As clergy you are an important resource in sacramental preparation, and a valued source of encouragement to parents, teachers, and the children themselves.

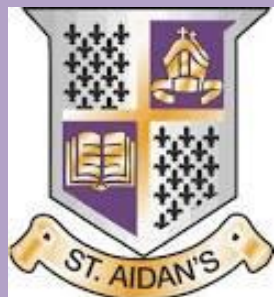


The Service



- The service will be celebrated on the 29th of March at 11.15am
- Children should wear full school uniform.
- The children will be seated on the left hand of the church with the parents seated opposite (name tags will indicate where to sit)
- Only the parents can be seated opposite the children due to space so please make arrangements for siblings.
- Face masks should be worn unless medically exempt.
- Please consider doing a Lateral Flow Test prior to attending.





The Service



- Father O'Connor will ask the question "What do you ask of God's Church for your children?"
- The children will be invited on to the Altar to sit beside Fr O'Connor to make their private confession.
- Afterwards you are invited to go up and join your child to congratulate them and go then on to light a candle on the left hand side.
- You will both return to your seats and the children will kneel down to say their penance.



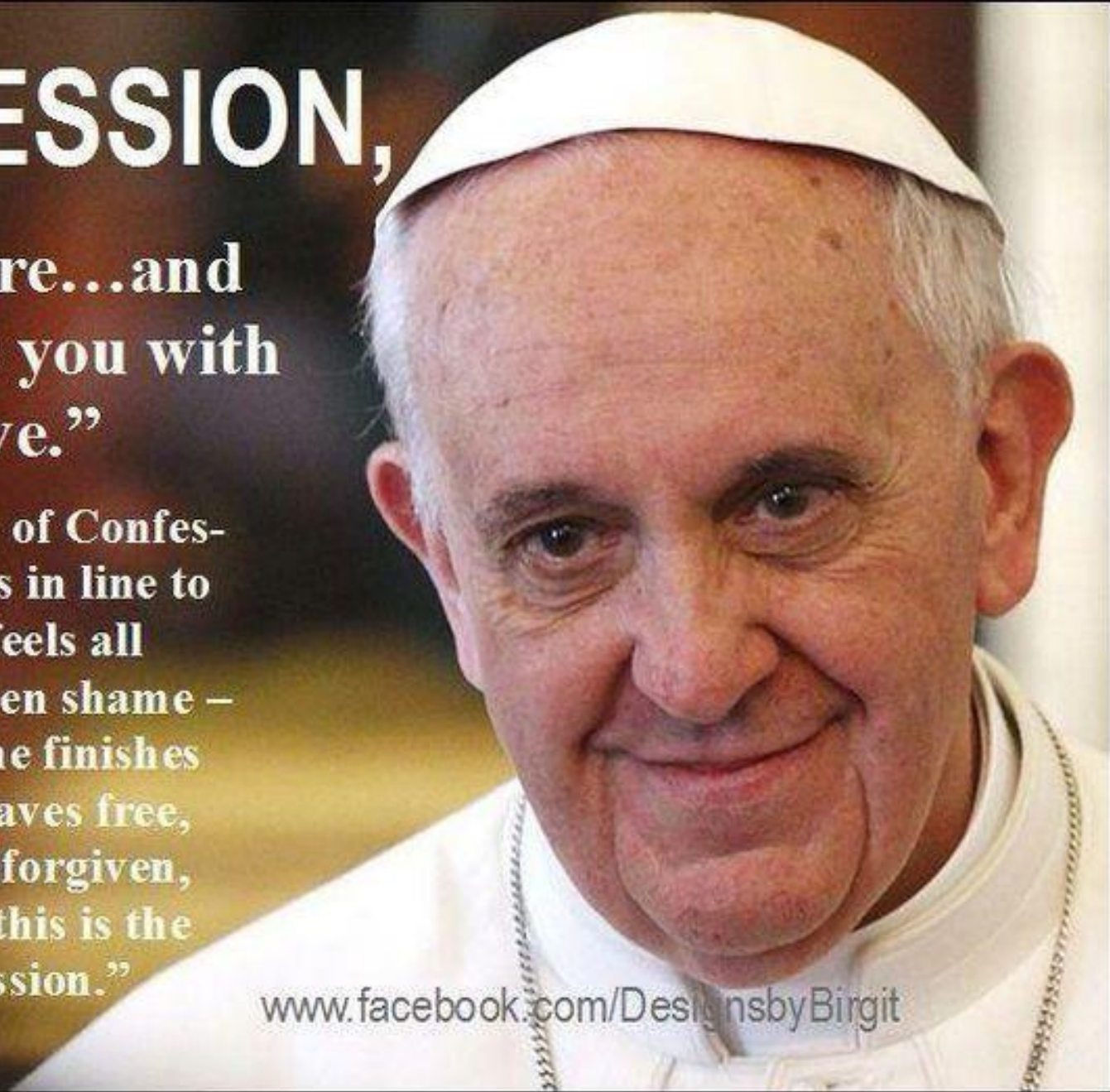
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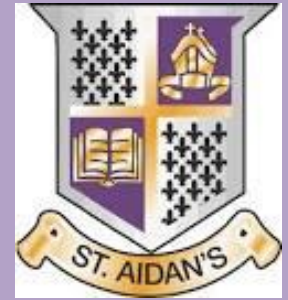
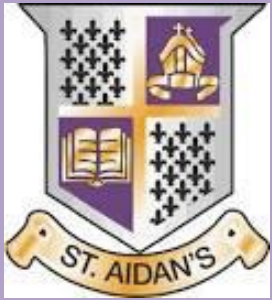
**Jesus is there...and
He receives you with
so much love.”**

Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things – even shame – but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And this is the beauty of Confession.”

~ Pope Francis

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First Holy Communion
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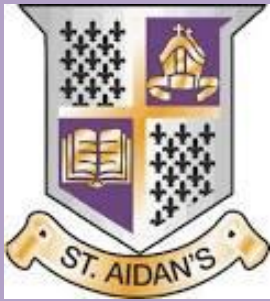
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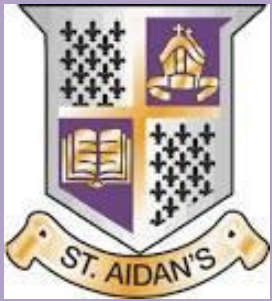


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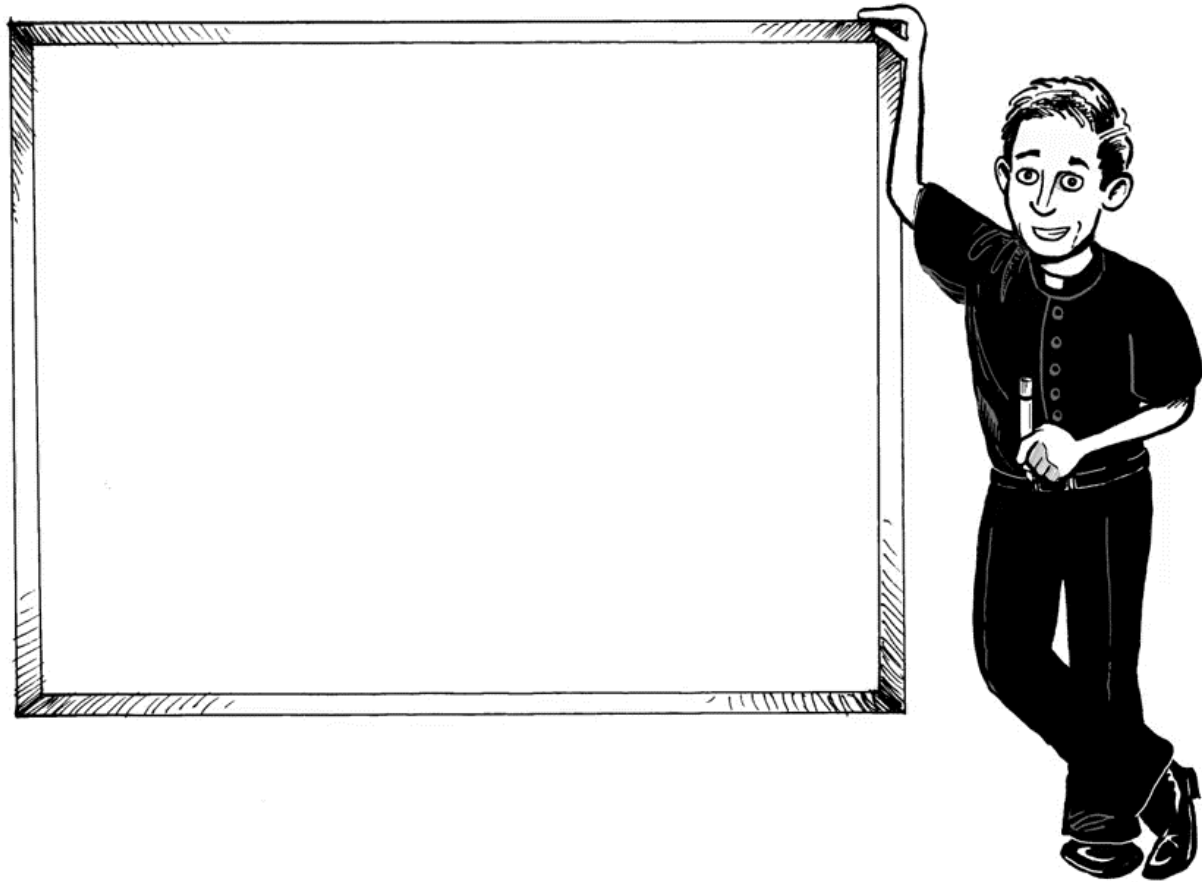


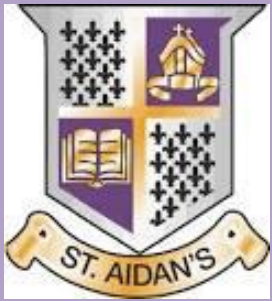
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In preparation you child will:

- Learn about each of the seven sacraments.
- Explore the story of the Last Supper.
- Gain an understanding of the different parts of the Mass.
- Learn about the Consecration.





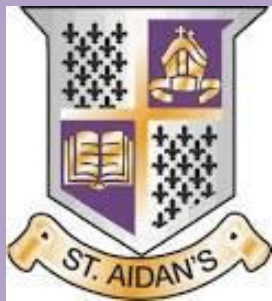


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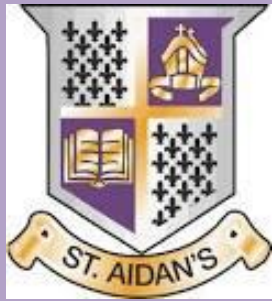
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First Holy Communion is a special time when your children are welcomed into the body of the Church and begin to take a more active part in the community.

As parent, you have the most important role in the preparation process, which is primarily to:

- accompany your child to Mass
- pray for and with your child
- witness to your faith by family lifestyle and conversation



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Introduction

Background Information for Parents

"I would create the whole universe again, just to hear you say that you love me."
Jesus in a vision to St Teresa of Avila

The Eucharist, Holy Communion, is the greatest gift which God has given to us. At the Last Supper, on the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. The Passover celebrates the freedom which the people of Israel gained from slavery in Egypt. Just as he was about to be captured, lose his freedom and his life, Jesus took that life in his hands, and gave it as a gift: "This is my body, given for you... This is my blood, poured out for you."

Jesus now wishes your child to share this gift, the greatest expression of his love, in Holy Communion. First Communion day is one of the greatest memories of childhood, and you have an irreplaceable part in guiding your son or daughter to fully appreciate its importance. You have given them the gift of life, and promised at baptism to support them in their faith journey. As the Baptism rite says, you are the first educator of your child in the ways of faith. The school and parish stand ready to help you in the commitment which you took.

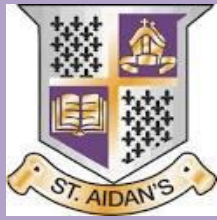
This workbook provides one way in which you can support your child in their journey. The most important way in which you can help your child at this time is by taking them to Mass. This will enable them to

feel part of the parish and community of faith. It will also ensure they can experience at Mass what they are learning about in school.

Enjoy this privileged time in your child's faith formation.

For more information and a link to useful websites, see the new diocesan website designed especially for parents and carers:

www.rcdom.org.uk/parents-resources

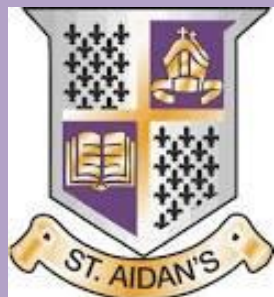


The Mass



- The Mass will be celebrated on the 14th of May at 11am 1pm.
- The children will gather in the hall before the Mass where there will be an opportunity for them to have their photograph taken by the photographer.
- Each family will be designated a row each.
- No more than 10 per row (not including Communicant) with child sitting at the aisle.
- Face masks must be worn unless medically exempt.
- Please consider doing a Lateral Flow Test prior to attending.



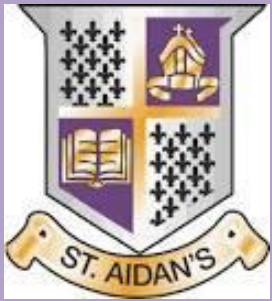


The Mass



- The children will process in during the entrance hymn and they will be seated by staff.
- The parents will join their child in the aisle and accompany them as they receive the Sacrament.
- A group photograph will be taken after Communion reflection hymn sung by the pupils.
- Children can be collected from their seats at the end of the Mass.





Additional Information



- School will be open for additional parking.
- Letter to confirm the arrangements will be sent out nearer the time.
- Parent Council party details TBC.
- Retreat day in church hall TBC.
- A letter will be issued nearer the time full details.
- Things may change!



Do you have a little girl in Primary 4 who will be making her First Holy Communion in 2022?

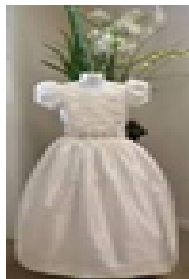
**If yes, Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association are holding a
Showcase Event of First Communion dresses
(both new and pre-loved)
during the school break, Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th
February
9.30 – 2.30 everyday!**

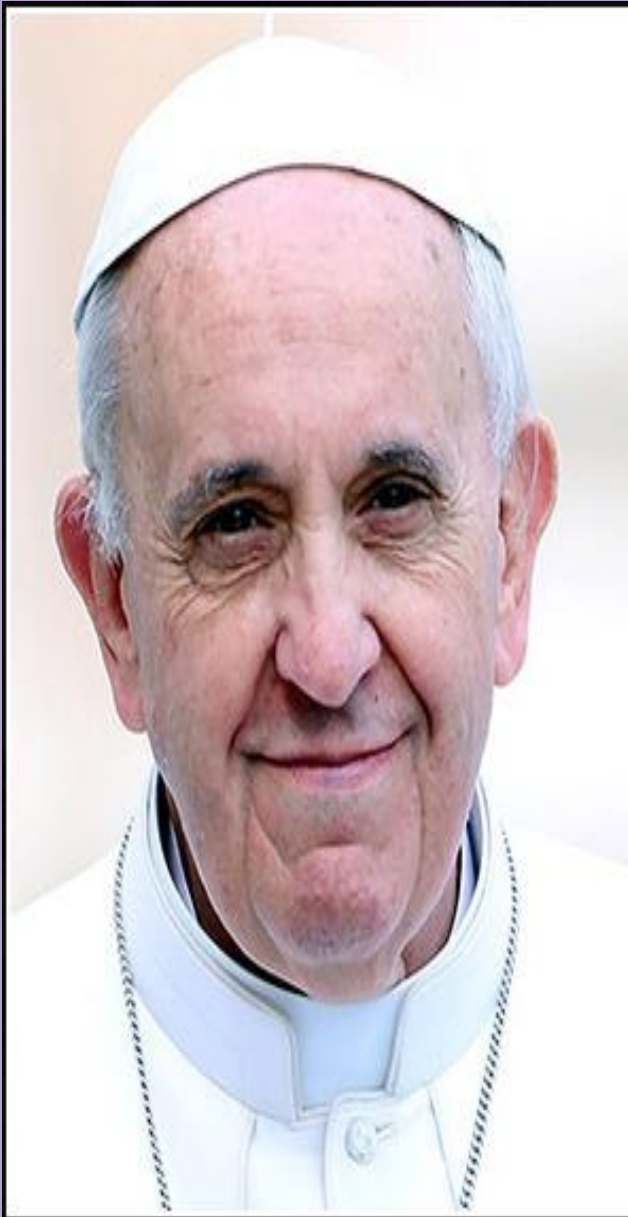
**This will take place within our Centre based at
641A Glasgow Road, Craigneuk ML2 7SR**

**These dresses will be gifted out FREE of charge to anyone in
our community who can benefit from them.**

Please share this with anyone who will benefit from this!!!

**To book an appointment or for further information
Please contact Louise or Liz on 07856 999 714
or e-mail louisehealy.clla@gmail.com
or pop message us via PM on
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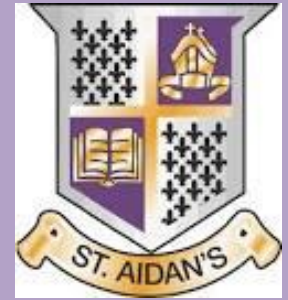
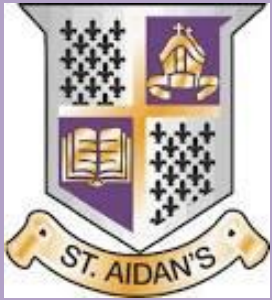




The Eucharist is essential for us: it is
Christ who wishes to enter our lives
and fill us with his grace.

— *Pope Francis* —

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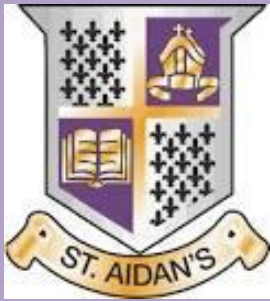
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Let us pray...

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



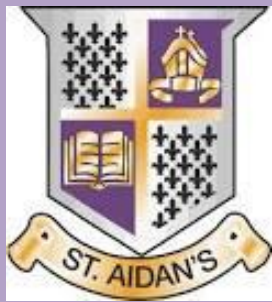


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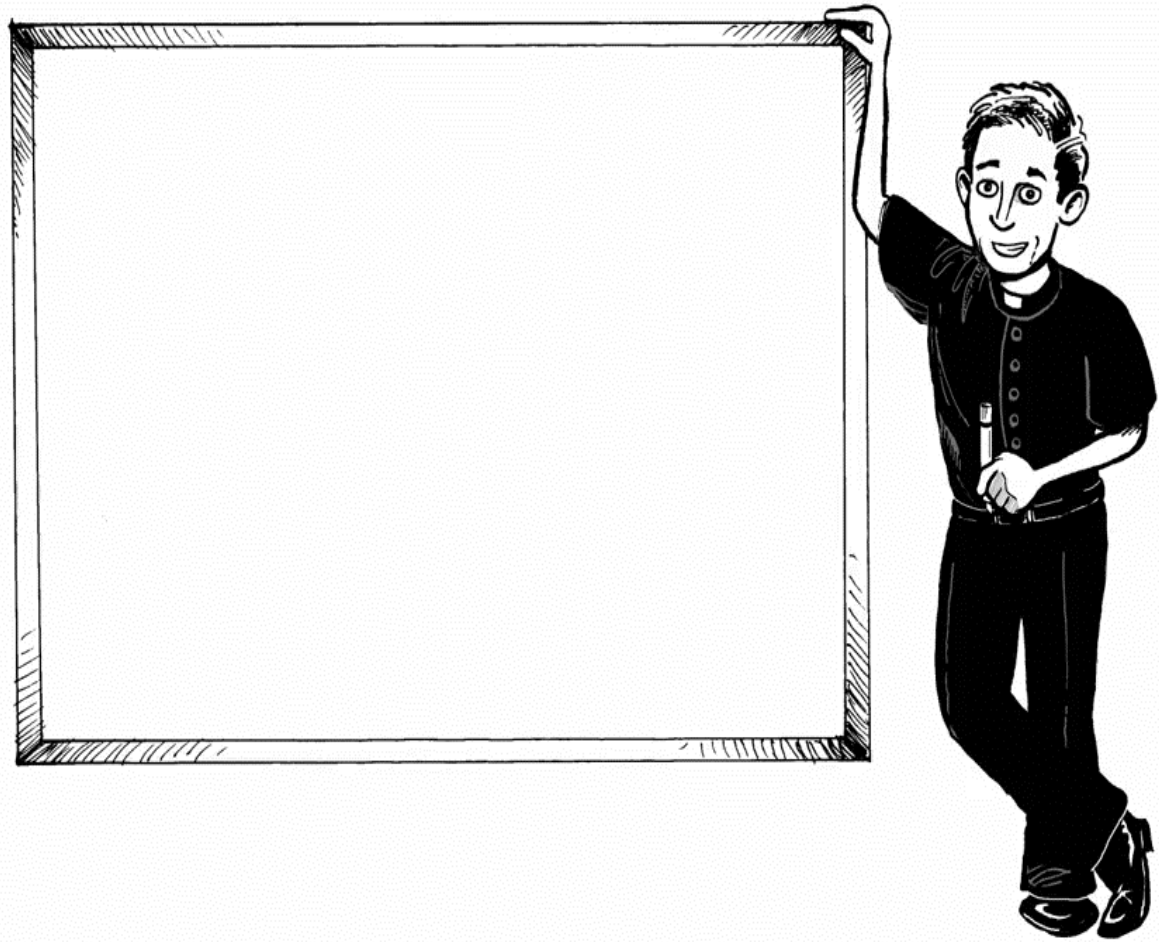


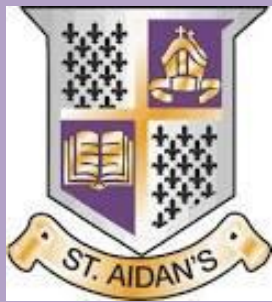
The Sacrament of Confirmation is part of initiation into the Catholic community. It is the sacrament that completes Baptism.

In preparation for this sacrament your child will:

- **Learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Explore the story of Pentecost.**
- **Learn about the Saints who were also inspired and enlightened by the Holy Spirit.**







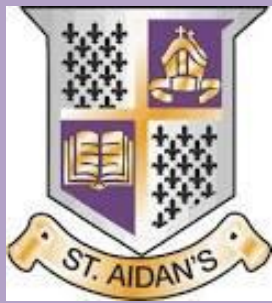
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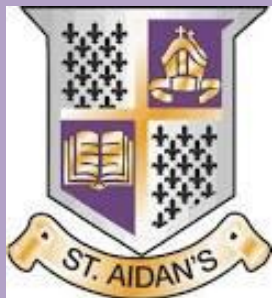
- **Your child will also be asked to choose a sponsor who will have a role in their journey and also in the ceremony itself.**
- **Your child will be asked to choose a Saint's name and they will wear this name during the ceremony.**





Confirmed by the Bishop



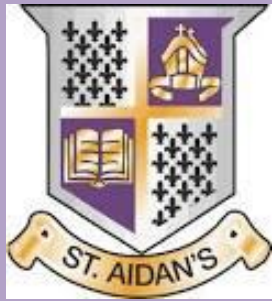


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Information for parents/carers



Welcome to the workbook for Confirmation.

You are invited to participate fully in your child's preparation for Confirmation, alongside the school and parish. As the first and most important educator of your child in faith, you are also invited to reflect on your own faith, and are challenged to renew your discipleship. If you are not a Catholic, the workbook will allow you to learn alongside your child about their faith. As you begin this journey, it's good to hear the words of the Risen Christ, "Do not be afraid."

Two important decisions. Already at this stage, it's worth thinking of two decisions you will take alongside your child. They will choose a **Sponsor**, who will accompany them on their journey, show them a good example of faith, and will have a part to play in the Confirmation ceremony. This person must be a practicing Catholic, aged 16 or over. One of your child's godparents can fulfil this role, but the most important thing is the example of faith practice they can give.

Your child will also choose a **Confirmation saint**, and the workbook invites you to help them choose. Please help them to choose wisely, and to keep an open mind about their choice until they have done some research at home and in class.

Sunday Mass. In Confirmation your child will take their final step of initiation into the Catholic community, and will be invited to take a full part in church life. The faith life of the school is not enough on its own to give the experience of Catholic community life. That community resides above all in the parish. It is essential that, as they prepare for Confirmation, they have an experience of weekly Mass, and thus fulfill their Sunday obligation.

Workbook instructions. For each session, we would ask that when you get the book home you:

- Read through what your child has completed in their workbook for this week and use it as a way of prompting discussion on the development of their own spirituality and deepening awareness of their faith, especially in relation to Confirmation.
- You could also use this as an opportunity for focussed prayer time and Christian meditation. You could begin by lighting a candle and saying one of the prayers to the Holy Spirit. You could use the words Maranatha (Come Lord Jesus) to do a few minutes of Christian meditation. (See www.rcdom.org.uk/christian-meditation for further details)
- Please complete the parent reflection as a way of supporting your child through their Confirmation journey.
- Please ensure your child puts the book in their bag at the end of prayer time to return to class the following day.

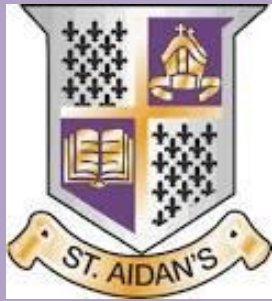
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Diocesan website

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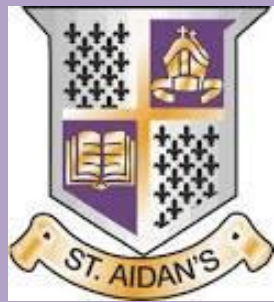


The Mass



- **The Mass will be celebrated on 22nd of March at 7pm.**
- **The children will be seated on the right hand side of the church and their sponsors will be seated across from them on the left hand side of the church.**
- **The children should leave any jackets with their parents and ensure that they are wearing full school uniform.**
- **They will be given their badge with their Confirmation name on arrival.**



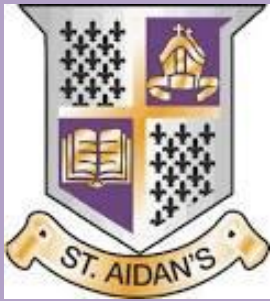


The Mass



- **6 guests per child + sponsor**
- **There will be seating for families behind the children and sponsors.**
- **Covid safety measures will be in place.**
- **Face masks to be worn unless medically exempt.**
- **Consider doing LFT prior to service.**





Additional Information



- **Photographer TBC.**
- **School will be open for additional parking.**
- **All information will be provided in a letter prior to the night.**
- **Retreat day TBC.**



THE FAMILY, THE HOME IS WHERE FAITH IS
LEARNED AND GROWS.

“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.”

