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Dear Parent/Carer,

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETING & ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENTS

As you are no doubt aware, in the Diocese of Motherwell, children are presented by you as Parents/Carers for the Sacraments at various stages during their time at Primary School. Ordinarily, children will have been Baptised as infants and before they start school. The children are presented for:

- First Confession in Primary 3
- First Holy Communion in Primary 4
- Confirmation in Primary 7

As your child is either in P3, P4 or P7, they are eligible to be presented by you for one of the above Sacraments. Therefore, both Father Bogan and Father Morris would like to invite you to a meeting for this purpose. The meeting will take place so that you can:

- Formally enrol your child for a particular Sacrament.
- Find out more about the Sacrament your child is being presented for.
- Find out dates for each of the Sacraments.

There will be a separate meeting for each Parish and you should attend the meeting in the Parish with which you are connected. Come along to either St. Columba's Church or St. Gabriel's Church on **Wednesday 12th October 2022** at one of the following times:

First Confession – 6pm in either church

First Holy Communion – 6:30pm in either church

Confirmation – 7pm in either church

By attending the meeting, you are formally presenting your child to the parish and enrolling them for their particular Sacrament. If you cannot attend, you should let the Parish know that you would like your child to make one of the Sacraments.



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WORKBOOKS

Once the preparation lessons begin, the children will use a Workbook for each Sacrament. A contribution of £3 is requested for this workbook which will be used at home and at school. More information about this will follow.

PRE-LOVED & BRAND NEW FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES

We have a selection of dresses (both new and pre-loved!), as well as brand new shoes and other accessories which are **free to anyone** who would like them. You can pop into the school at any time and take a look. It may seem early, but it would surely be worth a look!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

From time to time a child is presented for First Confession and they have not been Baptised for one reason or another. This is usually no problem, as long as you make contact with the correct Parish Priest to arrange Baptism in plenty time. If you are intending to present your child for **Baptism, now is a good time to contact your Priest!** You can call them (01698 813311 – St. Columba's or 01698 817609 – St. Gabriel's) or simply approach the Priest after a weekday or weekend Mass. They are both very accommodating and will be delighted to advise you on the way forward.

We will circulate further information and enrolment forms to ensure that our records are up to date.

With renewed good wishes,

Mrs A Martin
Depute Head Teacher