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### **Education and Families**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **SACRAMENT ENROLMENT MEETING**

Having met with both Father Morris and Father Bogan this week, they have asked me to write to all Parents/Carers of children in Primary 3 (First Confession), Primary 4 (First Communion) and Primary 7 (Confirmation) to invite them to attend an Enrolment Meeting. By attending this meeting, you are informing our Parish Priests of your intention to enrol your child for one of the Sacraments. If you cannot attend the meeting, then you should contact the Priest either after Mass or by telephone to enrol your child.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September in both St. Gabriel's and St. Columba's churches**. You should go to the meeting in the church which is your current parish. The times are:

First Confession: 6pm  
First Communion: 6:30pm  
Confirmation: 7pm

At the meeting, we will discuss the content of the programme as well as some of the practicalities of each of the liturgies. Father Morris and Father Bogan will also confirm the dates of each of the Sacraments at these meetings.

Both of our Parish Priests have asked me to remind you that they are happy to answer any of your questions at any time regarding the Sacraments. The school facilitates the learning aspects, but the Parish Priests make decisions around dates, etc. They do not wish to discuss Sacraments via Facebook. Comments have been made that some local parishes have already announced their dates, however, some local parishes have not.

Our Enrolment meeting this year is being significantly earlier than previous years.

Father Morris and Father Bogan have asked that we pass on details of the weekend Mass times for each parish:



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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR ST. COLUMBA'S:**

Saturday:	Vigil	6pm
Sunday:	Morning Mass	9am
	Morning Mass	11am
	Evening Mass	6:30pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR ST. GABRIELS:**

Saturday:	First Vigil	4pm
	Second Vigil	5:45pm
Sunday:	Morning Mass	8am
	Morning Mass	11am
	Evening Mass	5:30pm

If you haven't made it along to Sunday Mass recently, the period of preparation before a Sacrament is an ideal time to return. Both Father Bogan and Father Morris assure you of a very warm welcome and, as you can see, there are lots of Masses to choose from.

If you need any assistance or would like to ask me anything regarding the Sacraments, I am happy to help. Please give me a call or catch me at the gate!

With renewed good wishes,

**Kris Thomas**  
**Head Teacher**