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Wednesday 16th March 2022

PRIMARY 4 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the children in Primary 4 are due to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 6.30pm** in St. Fillan's Church, it would be timely for us to outline the proposed arrangements.

Theme	Arrangements
Timings	Please ensure that your family/child are seated by <u>6.15pm</u> in the Church and a gentle reminder that the carpark can become quite busy fairly quickly.
Seating Arrangements	<p>Upon arrival, the children will proceed to the front of the Church where they have been allocated a seating order. The children will be familiar with this arrangement as they will have practiced this in advance with Miss Duffy.</p> <p>Despite COVID restrictions being further eased, we understand that there continues to be anxiety and apprehension around interactions within a larger crowd. With this in mind, we would ask that adults continue to wear a face covering and families will be allocated a pew for guests to sit. The pew will be highlighted with the family</p>

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	<p>surname printed on a laminated card. This will be the same arrangement for First Holy Communion as per previous years. Please be advised that names are randomly selected to create the seating order and the order will be changed for both Sacraments. Each pew will comfortably seat five people. Hand sanitizer will also be available at the back of the Church.</p>
Dress	<p>In line with our school policy, the children are asked to 'Dress for Excellence' including school shirts, ties and school shoes. The children will be asked to remove their outdoor jacket and jumper/cardigan in advance of the service. We would be grateful if you were able to keep a hold of these items until you meet with your child at the end of the Sacrament.</p>
Preparation	<p>The children have been working hard with Miss Duffy, Father Andrew and Sister Mary Frances to prepare for their Sacrament. This has included visits to the Church to revisit logistics. The children will be provided with a laminated card on the evening as a 'script' which will provide them with support should this be required. The children have also learned the 'Act of Sorrow' prayer which will be sent home in terms of further preparation. We would be grateful if you could take some time to practice this prayer with your child in terms of partnership working between home, school and Parish. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers.</p>
Procession and Certificates	<p>At the end of the Service and weather permitting, the children will process towards Our Lady's Grotto with their teacher. This will enable Father Andrew to present their Reconciliation certificate and allow for a group photo opportunity. We would ask families to leave their pew and process behind the children. If the weather proves to be unfavourable, then the children will be presented with their</p>

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	<p>certificates from the Altar and a photograph will be facilitated for the class.</p> <p>We are grateful to Father Andrew and the Parish for covering the cost of the children's certificates.</p>
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We are looking forward to joining with you to celebrate your child's Sacrament of Reconciliation which is an important step in their journey of faith.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest Regards,

C Mackenzie

Mrs Claire Mackenzie
Head Teacher



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