



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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## Sacramental Preparation Programme 2023-2024

Dear parents,

Last term I sent the letter below to you with all the information regarding this year's Sacramental Programme. I am very sorry to inform you that due to an unexpected diary clash beyond our control, we need to change the date of the initial parents meeting.

It will now be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm. It will be repeated again at 5.30pm for any parents who request the later meeting. The meeting will be in the Y3 classroom and will last approximately 20 minutes.

Please can you complete the google form [here](#) to let us know if you will be attending this meeting, which will also begin the enrolment for your child onto the Sacramental Preparation Programme.

With kind regards,

**Mrs Thorpe**  
**Headteacher**

## Sacramental Preparation Programme 2023-2024 – original letter

Now that your child is in Year 3, we invite parents of baptised Catholic children to consider whether you would like them to participate in the Sacramental Preparation Programme which leads to the celebrations of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. These wonderful steps along the faith journey of life are joyful for us in Catholic education and we dedicate ourselves in faithfulness to supporting our Catholic families walk through these precious steps with their child. This year, our programme will be as follows:

### Parents' Enrolment Meeting

- This meeting will be held in school on ~~Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3.20pm~~ in the school hall. For parents unable to attend at this time, I will repeat the meeting later on at ~~5.30pm if requested to~~.
- At this meeting, I will explain the journey of Sacramental Preparation and you will be able to enroll your child on the programme. I will also explain which elements of the programme will be covered in school, which elements need to be completed at home and which elements will be parish based.



**Mass times at St Mary of the Angels Church – Sunday @ 9.00am**



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## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – classes begin**

- For only those children enrolled on the programme, preparation classes will start on this day. Classes will be held every Friday, in school time and will be led by Mrs Kane. Children will be presented with their own special "I belong" book, and these will be used as the focus for the classes for the forthcoming 10 weeks.

## **Mass Attendance**

- There is an expectation that as part of the sacramental journey, all children & families will attend Sunday Mass.
- During the following Masses at St Mary of the Angels Church, there will be a Children's Liturgy Group helping our Y3 children prepare to receive the sacraments. 11th Feb, 24th March, 19th May, 9th June. These Masses are all at 9.00am and children participating in the programme are expected to attend.
- There are also other Sunday Masses in our parish churches which can be attended.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – 6pm:** This is the date set for the celebration of First Forgiveness (Reconciliation)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 10am:** This is the date set for the celebration of First Holy Communion. The Mass will be at Our Lady's Church, E'port.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 2pm:** We will host a tea party in school for all the Y3 children to celebrate the receiving of the sacraments. More details will follow. All children can bring their Holy Communion outfits, or party clothes to school on this day.

I hope that this letter sets out for you an overview of how our programme will work this year. If you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation, there will opportunities for discussion at the Parents' Enrolment Meeting, or alternatively, you are welcome to come and speak with me at school.

With kind regards,

*Helen Thorpe*

Mrs Thorpe  
Headteacher



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