



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Family Catechesis Programme 2025-2026

As your child is in Year 4, he/she is eligible to receive the above Sacraments.

Some of you may have experienced the programme with older children. However, once again we have modified the arrangements for this coming year.

Family catechesis, that is parents teaching the faith to their children, is at the heart of the programme in our Archdiocese. Therefore, in preparation for your child's special celebration, it is imperative that he/she attends four parish-based sessions, alongside one or both parents, as well as completing some simple activities at home. Families will be supported by St. Joseph's catechists. The sessions, which will last no more than one hour, will take place in church/hall after the 9.30am mass, **the expectation is that you attend all four sessions.**

Your child will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school during Lent and will make his/her First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on 16th May 2026.

As parents/guardians you are invited to a meeting, on Monday 24th November at 3.45pm in school, to discuss the programme and to answer any questions you might have.

Rest assured, we will do everything possible to make your child's sacramental journey a special and uplifting experience.

We look forward to working with you,

God bless,

Monsignor Phil and St. Joseph's Catechists team.

Please **delete** the appropriate statement and sign below.

*YES we would like our child to attend the programme for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and are prepared to attend Mass and the four sessions.

*NO we do not wish our child to attend the programme for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

SIGNED: _____

PRINT CHILD'S NAME: _____

Date: _____