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Finishing the 2019/20 Sacramental Programme

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I am writing to let you know how I propose to proceed with the Sacramental Programme for your child. I am keen to make up the lost time due to the pandemic.

The children have not yet made their first reconciliation or their first Holy Communion. These sacraments, which mean 'to make holy', make real the presence of God in our lives.

I aim to go ahead with the sacrament of reconciliation for all children in St Peter's church on Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 September and Tuesday 22 September from 6pm. You will be told by your child's teachers what time to arrive at the church. Current government guidelines, such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings, must be observed by those over the age of 11 years (or with exemptions as set out). Stewards will direct you into the church and to your place.

On this evening, you will be asked to 'sign up' for your child's first Holy Communion. This will take place at one of the scheduled weekend Masses after 17 September. The weekend Mass times are Saturday 6pm; Sunday 10am and Sunday 6pm. These Masses are in the church of St Thomas More.

We are only able to accommodate a maximum of four children at any one Mass. Only adults in the same household may sit together. Given the restricted capacity of the church, **we can only accommodate a total of 4 people in your party (excluding your child)**. Seats will be allocated to your household group. You are kindly asked to complete the sheet after your child has made their first reconciliation.

The children were prepared thoroughly before March, but I would be grateful if you would refresh yourselves with the sacrament of reconciliation before this date. I enclose a page which goes through the order of the prayers to be said. Please take the time to prepare with your child.

If your household is shielding or there is another significant issue, please email the parish office. For your information, newsletters are posted weekly on the parish website.

Yours faithfully

Fr Peter



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Prayer Sheet for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Remember, the sacrament of reconciliation is not about dwelling upon sin but is rather focussed on releasing us from it. Reconciliation is important for all Catholics because through the sacrament we are freed and forgiven so that we may receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

The Sign of The Cross

“Bless me Father, for I have sinned, this is my first confession”

Now tell the priest where you have failed to love
and perhaps have made mistakes, etc

The priest will ask you to say An Act of Contrition:

“Oh my God because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace, I will not sin again, Amen.”

The priest will absolve you from your sin and bless you. He will ask you to say some prayers as your penance

You then leave the sanctuary, sit where you are told to say your penance

The Sign of The Cross

You may leave the church