



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Sacramental Programme, which prepares your children for making their First Confession and First Holy Communion, will be starting on **Sunday 1st December 2024**.

The Sacramental Programme is open to **all Year Three and above** children who are **baptised Roman Catholics**. (Proof of baptism will be required, before any child is enrolled on the programme.)

Attendance by your child will be expected at **all** sessions.

**Enrolment forms will be available after the 11.30am and 7pm Masses, in church, on Sundays during November, beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. NOTE: The cut-off date for enrolment on this year's programme will be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

The dates of the Welcome Mass and preparation sessions for First Confession and First Holy Communion are as follows:

**Welcome Mass for families of those children who will be beginning the Sacramental Programme**, Sunday December 1st 2024 (First Sunday of Advent) **(11.30am)**

**Reconciliation Preparation Dates:**

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Reconciliation: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 **(7pm)**

**First Holy Communion Preparation Dates:**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

First Holy Communion: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025 **(10.30am)**

**NOTE: All preparation sessions will take place after the 11.30 am Mass, in church, from 12.45pm – 1.45pm.**

**Attendance at all the preparation sessions and Sunday Mass is an essential sign of commitment to the preparation. - Please consider this requirement before committing your child to this programme.**

Kindest regards,

Angela Meskell (Sacramental Programme Lead)