

Thursday 21st January 2021

Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Dear Year 4 Parents,

I hope you are keeping safe and well. I just wish to provide you with an update regarding First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Arrangements for Class 4S

Date: Saturday 20th March 2021
Timings: Group A: 10:00am Group A: children with surnames A to G inclusive
 Group B: 11:10am Group B: children with surnames H to W inclusive

Arrangements for Class 4C

Date: Saturday 27th March 2021
Timings: Group A: 10:00am Group A: children with surnames A to McGrory inclusive
 Group B: 11:10am Group B: children with surnames McNally to W inclusive

Sacrament of Holy Communion

When we postponed First Holy Communion last year we were clear that First Holy Communion is a time of great celebration and joy and we stressed the importance of wider family and friends feeling part of this wonderful occasion. It has been a long wait for our First Holy Communicants and for you; thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are now starting to finalise our arrangements for our First Holy Communion celebrations in May 2021. Rather than allocating families according to class groups, we will try to accommodate family preferences. You have the option of Saturday 8th May or Saturday 15th May.

Saturday 8th May

- Plan A Mass is celebrated outside on the school field with all First Holy Communicants and their families together. Mass will start at 10:00am. Plan A is dependent on the weather.
- Plan B Mass is celebrated inside Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Children will be divided into two groups with Masses starting at 9:30am (Group 1) and 11:30am (Group 2).

We will confirm arrangements on Thursday 6th May when we have reviewed the weather forecast.

Saturday 15th May

- Plan A Mass is celebrated outside on the school field with all First Holy Communicants and their families together. Mass will start at 10:00am. Plan A is dependent on the weather.
- Plan B Mass is celebrated inside Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Children will be divided into two groups with Masses starting at 9:30am (Group 1) and 11:30am (Group 2).

We will confirm arrangements on Thursday 13th May when we have reviewed the weather forecast.

To assist with our planning, can we please ask for you to complete the booking form below. You will be asked to confirm the number in your party. Please include the number of extended family and friends you are planning to invite; we appreciate you may not know the exact number at the moment and it is unclear what national or local restrictions will be in place in May, but your best estimate would be really helpful.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=.8XsNkcZBUCdDFgUlropG1SU2t85zuRKutdK80ydBFhUMkw5OFM4SFNSREpCMTRXVORPQjVXOEE0Ny4u>

Please complete the form by Monday 1st February. We will confirm Frist Holy Communion groups by Thursday 11th February.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mr B.Taylor
Headteacher