

Dear parents and families,

### **Year 3: Programme of Sacramental Preparation**

We are delighted to inform you that from next month we will be offering your child an opportunity to prepare to receive the First Sacrament of Reconciliation and the First Sacrament of Holy Communion later this academic year.

The preparation programme will be mainly delivered during the school day and all participating children will be given small homework activities to complete with their families each week. The programme will be delivered in class with Miss Breen, with support from myself and the clergy team of the parish.

Each participating child will receive their own beautifully illustrated "I Belong" book which will become their workbook and journey record.

Whilst the preparation classes will be delivered during the school day, families are warmly invited to engage with the celebration of Sunday Mass at one of our parish churches. We strongly encourage families who wish for their children to receive the sacraments to accept this invitation, so that the preparation for these precious sacraments is enriched by the gift of the Mass and fellowship of the Church family.

For your calendars, the dates of the sacramental celebrations are as follows:

**Information Parents Meeting (Virtual): Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm – Google Meet**

**First Reconciliation: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 6pm**

**First Holy Communion: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10am**

Children who are baptised Catholic are eligible to participate in this programme of sacramental preparation and we require parental consent and full parental engagement with the programme. Please follow the link below to give permission for your child to participate:

**[Google link here](#)**

There will be a virtual Parents Meeting at 5.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October where further information will be provided. Please join this meeting by following the link on your child's Google Classroom Stream.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Thorpe

Deputy Headteacher