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FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2018-19.
THE PARISH OF ST SAVIOUR'S AND ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS.

29th November 2019

Dear parents,

We are about to begin our 2019-20 parish programme for Sacramental Preparation, within the parish and its two primary schools. This is an important event in the life of our parish and schools; and is a moment of grace and renewal in the lives of the families of those children hoping to receive the sacraments.

It is something we must all take very seriously. Baptism was a first stage and now your child is ready to take the next step in his or her journey as a friend of Jesus by preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Forgiveness) and Eucharist (Holy Communion). This can only be done with the support of parents and guardians and is part of a wider faith journey, for your family.

You need to support your children in praying at home and helping them to understand the meaning of the Mass we celebrate together each Sunday. They need to feel at home among the church community so it is very important that you bring them to Mass as often as you can. Both parish and schools will do everything they can to help you prepare your children during the next few months and there will always be a warm welcome in church; for many of you this is St Mary of the Angels, Hooton.

This year, we expect preparation for reception of the Sacraments to take place in conjunction with the Children's Liturgy programme in Sunday masses. Each year the children from St Mary's school meet a couple of times a month, in the Stanley Hall next to St Mary's, with suitably qualified catechists. **When you have been accepted onto the programme, we shall hold a meeting in December in school at 3.15pm to share the programme of events with you; and to explain what will happen.**

If you are prepared to accept this responsibility, please return the slip below, by Monday 16th December. **You will need to provide a certificate of Catholic baptism to be a part of the programme.**

We have a list of people who have already provided baptismal certificates, when they started school. We will send you a text if we have your child's certificate. If you don't receive a text, but wish to make the First Sacraments, please send us a copy of your baptismal certificate with the form below.

If your child is NOT a baptised Catholic, please ignore this letter.

PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED SLIP TO ME VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE by Monday 16th December AT THE LATEST, TO BE INVOLVED THIS YEAR.

Yours most sincerely,

The Sacramental Preparation Team

Name of Child _____

I wish my child to follow the programme for Sacramental preparation in 2019-20.

Signed _____ Parent / Guardian