



# ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Sacramental Programme – First Holy Communion

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your patience in these strange and troubling times. I am very aware how disappointing it has been for your child to be unable to receive the Holy Sacrament of First Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

After a lengthy discussion with Letitia and Fr. Tony, it has been agreed that due to restrictions easing, we can now plan for our Y3 and Y4 children in receiving the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Mass will take place **on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** during an open air Mass on our school field, weather permitting. It will be an opportunity for families to get together and celebrate this very special Sacrament.

We would ask that no more than 10 family members/ friends be brought to the event. If the field is sodden or if the weather is wet, we will use St. Anne's Church. However, if this is the case, only immediate family members will be allowed into the building due to the size of the Church (brothers, sisters, mums and dads). A decision will be made on the morning of the event. Hopefully, if we pray hard enough, the sun will shine upon our Y3 and Y4 children on this date.

**Y3's service will begin at 10.00am** and **Y4's service will begin at 12.00pm**. We will allow families to arrive 30 mins prior to the Mass start time for photos. There will not be a photographer at the event but feel free to take your own photos with your own family members.

We do ask that you bring your own garden chairs if possible and there will be Marshalls present who will show you to your allocated spot on the field. We will await up to date guidance at the time and a thorough risk assessment will be completed prior to the event to ensure we are covid secure. We will send out further information by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June which will include the latest advice, guidance and procedures

Y3 children will be given the opportunity to make their First Confession with Fr Tony and Fr Mike during a school day in Summer term. Y4 will also get an opportunity to go to confession. More information to follow on this.

We very much look forward to sharing this wonderful day with our Y3 and Y4 children. Although it is still quite different to how we would usually celebrate, the coming together of family, parish and school will be an event to be remembered and cherished.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Yours Sincerely,

N. Ferguson

Headteacher

