



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

27th May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to share with you the arrangements for our current Year 4 children to make their First Holy Communion in the Autumn Term of Year 5. First Holy Communion will be celebrated as a school community within the parish with four masses on **Saturday 2nd October 2021**.

9.30am: Miss Weeder's Class (Surname beginning with **B - K**)

11.00am: Miss Weeder's Class (Surname beginning with **L - W**)

1.00pm: Mr Gowan's Class (Surname beginning with **A - Je**)

2.30pm: Mr Gowan's Class (Surname beginning with **Jo - W**)

To ensure that any remaining guidelines and social distancing regulations are being followed, further information about the day will be issued in September. The current plan is that each family will be allowed a maximum of 8 guests. This limit includes any siblings that plan to attend.

Each family will be allocated one bench for them and their guests. Can you please ensure that all guests are seated 10 minutes before the start of the service. As all benches require cleaning after each mass, Fr Colin has to ensure that each service starts on time. If your child is late they will miss the start of their mass.

Catechists will be available on the day to direct you to your seats. If any families have wheelchair users attending please advise the parish office (722 2231) ASAP, so that benches can be allocated appropriately.

It is important that we work together to maintain the reverence and solemnity of the occasion. In line with Archdiocesan policy, there will be NO photography or video recording at any time during Holy Mass. In addition to this we have been asked to remind parents that chewing gum, smoking or using e-cigarettes within the church grounds is not permitted. Can you please ensure other family members/ guests are aware of these requests. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Girls should wear:

- simple white dresses
- sensible shoes
- veils (which don't cover the face) - optional
- headdresses - optional
- gloves must not be worn during the service

Boys should wear:

- dark coloured trousers (or suits)
- a white shirt
- a red Commemorative tie (you will be informed when these will be available in school. They cost approximately £4)

Please note that children are not to wear rosary beads.

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The three remaining sessions for this year's **With You Always Programme for St. Paschal Baylon families** are **Wednesday 23rd June, Wednesday 7th July and Wednesday 15th September. The sessions are at 4.15pm and 6.00pm.** At the initial meeting, parents signed up for the early or late sessions. If you are unsure which session you signed up for, or have not signed up yet, please contact the parish office to select one. The parish need to know how many catechists are required to support each session.

We are looking forward to celebrating this important occasion with your child and your families.

Yours sincerely,

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