



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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in friendship with Jesus**

Dear Parent/Guardian

The meeting regarding the two Sacraments that your child will receive this year, was really well attended – thank you for being present. The children are very excited about their upcoming Enrolment Mass and will have their rehearsal in church closer to the time. This Sacramental programme is established through a partnership of home, school and Parish in order to fully prepare and support the children throughout this important year. Here are some key notes from the meeting that took place, indicating the school's commitment to supporting your child and the commitment we are expecting from our families.

Journey of Faith

- You chose to have your child baptised, where they were welcomed into the church.
- They will continue to be guided by you during their Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- The children will then be ready to receive the Eucharist during their First Holy Communion.

Catholic Life

- **Catholic Pupil Profile** – we continue to follow the Diocesan guidance on living out the Virtues each day and learn a new pair of Virtues every half term. We are continuing to be eloquent and truthful this half term.
- **Catholic Social Teaching (#CST)** – these are 7 principals, a further initiative from the Diocese, helping the children to stand in solidarity together and make a positive difference to the world in which we live. They will learn about each of the principals every half term. Across the year we will focus on Stewardship of God's Creation. This half term we are also focusing on Family and Community.
- **Diocesan Mission** - Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice. We will teach the children this alongside our own mission statement.
- **Children's Charter** – these are a set of principles written by our MAC leaders with input from all our schools. They link in beautifully with our Virtues and Catholic Social Teaching. It outlines the offer of all schools within the MAC and sits at the heart of our mission to provide high quality Catholic education for all our pupils. A [flip chart](#) of the full Charter is also available to review on our website.

RE Curriculum coverage

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – there are 6 key parts to this:
 - The Examination of Conscience – we think about what we have done wrong.
 - Contrition – we are sorry for what we have done wrong.
 - Confession – we share our sins with the priest.
 - Penance – we accept what we need to do to be forgiven.
 - Absolution – we are forgiven by God through his grace and mercy.
 - Act of Penance - we pray or do something as asked by the priest to show we are sorry.
- Sacrament of the Eucharist – the two main units are:
 - We Listen to God's Word at Mass - The children will explore the key parts of the Mass and what our actions and words mean.
 - The Eucharist is a Thanksgiving to God – The children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why this is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholics.



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Key Dates

- **Enrolment Mass – Sunday 19th October 9am at St Augustine's Church** (school winter uniform - shirt and tie).
- **Reconciliation & Jubilee Workshop – Friday 21st November 9:15-10:45am.** In school, one family member to attend.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation –Thursday 4th December 5:30pm at St. Augustine's Church** (school winter uniform - shirt and tie). Parents/Guardians and siblings can attend this service. Children will be seated at the front together and then will join their family after they have made their first confession.
- **Parent Meeting at St Augustine's Parish Hall – Reconciliation 7:30-9:15pm** (choose one date to attend) and **First Holy Communion 7:30-9:15pm** (choose one date to attend). Both sessions are led by Libby Service and dates are to be confirmed. Once we receive these, we will send them out to you.
- **First Holy Communion Workshop Friday 1st May 9:15-1:45am.** In school, one family member to attend.
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion Saturday 16th May 9:30am at St Augustine's Church.**
 - The children will all be seated together at the front of the church and will process in at the start.
 - Given the size of the Church and the number of children making their First Holy Communion, there will be a bench allocated per family, enabling parents, grandparents and siblings to attend (space for 8/9 on each row).
 - Boys are to wear grey/black/navy trousers, white shirt and a special Communion tie (this can be ordered through school) and they will also be provided with a school sash.
 - Girls are to wear suitable first holy communion dresses, additional accessories are optional, but are not to be used during the service (gloves, handbags etc.).
- **Going Forth Mass and Corpus Christi Procession, Sunday 7th June at 11am St Augustine's Church.** Children will wear their communion outfit to Mass to celebrate their Sacrament with the Parish.

These Sacraments are an opportunity to rejoice in God's love. The children will soon be given their special Mass book from Fr Dominic which highlights the Gospel of the day and children can write their own reflection and are given a sticker for attendance at Mass. We encourage you to be at Mass regularly. Please return the commitment form by **Monday 15th September**, which was given to all children with their homework on Wednesday. A copy is at the bottom of the letter, if you have misplaced it. Information from the evening presentation will also be posted onto the [Year 3 Class Page](#) – you can find it via the blue downward arrow at the top right, click on children, then Class Pages.

For any child who is not Catholic, you are most welcome to join the celebrations as the children are part of the programme; please speak to Mrs Glembka if you would like to know how we can support your child.

A reminder that for the evening events at the Parish, there will be free car parking available in the lower level of Dominion car park. There will not be any free car parking for the First Holy Communion Day, as it is a Saturday morning.

We thank you for your continued support, for the input from Fr Dominic, Mrs Glembka and Miss Harwood and we look forward to working with you over the coming year, as the children embark on their very special Sacraments.

Yours sincerely

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Year 3 Sacramental Programme

School's Commitment

As a Catholic school, we commit ourselves to working in partnership with you and St Augustine's Parish.

Across the year we will:

- Plan and deliver a curriculum to inspire and prepare the children for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- Work with Fr Dominic and Deacon Kevin to help deepen their understanding of their Sacraments.
- Provide the children with the opportunity for prayer and reflection across the year – Retreat Days, Masses, visitors and trips.
- Arrange and prepare the children for Masses, including their Sacrament.
- Arrange and prepare Sacramental workshops for families to attend.
- Provide children with linked homework.
- Support the children with completing their Sacramental work.

Family Commitment – supporting your child's Sacramental journey

In order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask for your commitment alongside your child to do the following:

- Regularly attend Mass to help your child prepare for their Sacraments.
- Talk to your child about their homework/research and support them to complete it.
- Help your child to learn new prayers; including the Act of Contrition.
- Attend the Year 3 Mass of Enrolment.
- One family member to attend the workshops in school.
- One family member to attend the workshops at the Parish.
- Complete all paperwork on time – forms/slips that will need to be returned.
- Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Attend First Holy Communion.

Name	Signature
St Augustine's School	
Pupil name	
Parent/Guardian name (s)	

