

Sacramental Meeting

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



Prayer and Reflection



Key Dates

	Celebration
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 26 th November 11.30am in Church
First Forgiveness	Wednesday 6 th December 6pm Service in Church
First Holy Communion	Saturday 15 th June 10:30am in Church

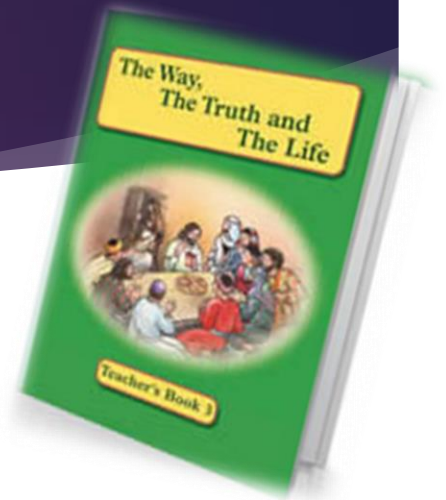
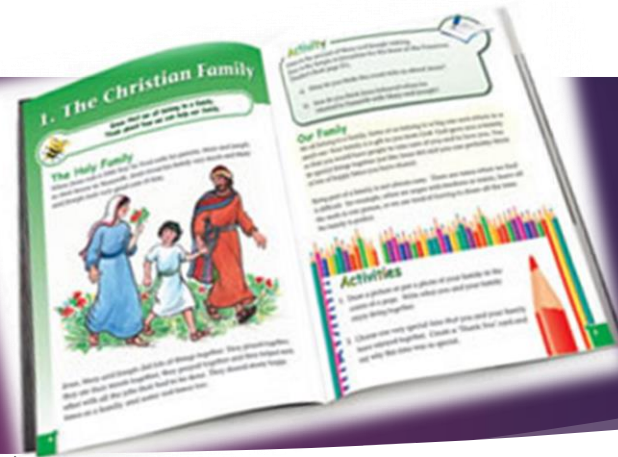
Enrolment

Enrolment is open to all baptised children in Year 3 and above

To enrol, the enrolment form needs to be filled in detailing when and where your child was baptised and then returned to school as soon as possible.

The Mass of Enrolment will take place on Sunday 26th November at 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church. -Solemnity of Christ the King

The Curriculum



Through Curriculum studies the children will learn about:

- The Sacrament of Baptism
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Mass

They will learn about Sacrament of Reconciliation through scripture

- e.g. Prodigal Son, The Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus
- They will examine the Sacrament of the Eucharist through the study of key scripture covering the Last Supper and will learn about the new covenant through their study of the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ.
- They will attend School celebrations of Mass, and discuss what they have seen and how they participated after Mass
- They have been given tasks to undertake at home to reinforce what they have learned.
- Children will attend a retreat at the Marist Centre on 12th March 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 6PM



How will the children be prepared?

- The children will be encouraged to think about two or three things at the most that they would like to say sorry for.
- This will be done through drawing and words , a chance to put their feelings on paper.
- The children will be taught how to enter into this beautiful sacrament in a spirit of reconciliation (they want to say sorry)
- They will learn what to say (see separate cards)
- They will have the opportunity to practice in school
- They will continue to practise the Act of Contrition (we have said this every day at the end of the day)
- The children will be encouraged to examine their conscience in a guided and reflective way, thinking about family, school, community, faith. They will be encouraged to think about how they have turned away from God in these areas.
- The children have been taught about how we can make things right, 'actions speak louder than words.'

Preparation at home

- Complete the Sacramental activities that are sent home from school and encourage the children to return the work to school.
- Encourage the children to discuss their actions and the consequences of their actions. *Key Discussion points: How can we make things right? How can we reconcile ourselves to God.*
- Help the children to examine their conscience before they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Arrive at Church and be seated reverently by 5.50pm
- When the time comes for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, your child will be introduced to the priest so that the children are put at ease.
- When your child returns to their seat, they will be encouraged to say a prayer
- Remain seated throughout the service in reverence.
- If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation there will be an opportunity after all the children have received.

Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are
so good. I am very sorry that
I have sinned against you and
by the help of your grace, I
will not sin again.

Amen



Sacrament of the Eucharist

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE AT 10.30AM



Preparation at home

- Complete the Sacramental activities that are sent home from school and encourage the children to return the work to school.
- Encourage the children to discuss their activities with you. **Key Discussion points:** *How can we live the mission of Christ? How can we take Jesus to others after receiving communion?*
- Learn the Prayer of Thanksgiving with the children.
- *Talk to them about how they are feeling about receiving Jesus for the first time*
- Take the to Mass regularly

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you,
You are a special friend to me.
Welcome Lord Jesus, O welcome,
Thank you for coming to me.
Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you.
For giving yourself to me. Amen.



Attend Mass as often as you can

Mass times across the Wythenshawe Local Missionary Area

Saturday Evening (First Mass of Sunday)	Sunday Morning
St Anthony's 5pm St Hilda's 6pm	St Elizabeth's 9.30am St Aidan's 10am St Anthony's 11am Sacred Heart 11.30am

Parental Participation in the celebration

The Celebration of First Holy Communion is a family and community occasion and to reflect this, we try to ensure that parents play an active role in the Mass as a model for their children, but so that they too are a part of this great celebration in the lives of the children. As such we would ask you to consider reading or bringing up the offertory gifts during the Mass. If this is something that you would like to do, please let school know.

Arrangements and Practicalities

Arrival

We would ask that the children arrive between 10 and 10.15 so that they can have a calm start to their celebration. If the weather is inclement, upon arrival the children should come to the Guild Room where they will be met by a member of staff.

During Mass

As this is a very special occasion for the children, they are bound to feel a little nervous. We would ask that you maintain a quiet, reflective and reverent atmosphere throughout the Mass. This will ensure that the children remain calm and focused on receiving the Eucharist.

The children will receive the Eucharist first. They will be invited to receive communion by members of staff. During this time quiet music will be played and a reverent atmosphere maintained. Once the children have received Holy Communion, the rest of the congregation will be invited forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Arrangements and Practicalities continued

Appropriate Dress for the Day

For the celebration of First Holy Communion, most girls opt for a simple white dress, sensible shoes with a few flowers in their hair, emphasising their natural look, veils are optional. Boys should wear smart clothes (football kits or trainers are not suitable). Most boys wear a white shirt, red tie and dark trousers and shoes, trainers should not be worn. Red ties are available to purchase from the school office.

Please remember, gloves, umbrellas, rosaries and handbags are completely unnecessary and prevent the children from concentrating on the spirituality of the day.

Arrangements and Practicalities continued

Receiving the Eucharist

Before their Holy Communion celebration, the children will practise how to receive the consecrated host in preparation for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. They will be expected to receive the host in their hands and put it into their mouths themselves. The priest will say 'The Body of Christ' and the children will respond clearly 'Amen'.

The children will be taught to hold their hands correctly, with their writing hand underneath their other hand with flat palms ready to safely receive the host which the priest will place on top of their palm.

Arrangements and Practicalities continued

After Mass

At the end of the Mass, the children will process out of church with Fr. Owen to school where they will sit down for a Communion Breakfast. Tea and coffee will be served for parents. We would ask that you do not take your children until they have had the opportunity to sit down with their friends to celebrate for a short while.

Questions