

SAINT PHILOMENA'S PARISH

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Parents/Guardians of Children receiving
First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

RE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

A new school year has begun and brings with it many new discoveries for all, as new gifts and talents are discovered and used. One gift that will be celebrated, in a particular way for families of children in second class, is that of faith in God who made us and loves us, as together we will prepare children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. The time will pass very quickly, so we will start our preparation early in the school year.

To set the preparation in motion there will be a meeting for Parents/Guardians who intend to present their child (who has been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church) for the further commitment to faith in God as members of the Roman Catholic Church on:-

**Monday 17 September 2018
in St Philomena's Church
at 7.30p.m.**

Please bring your child's:-

- (i) Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
and**
- (ii) completed Registration Form to the meeting (This is a new procedure rolled out by the
Archdiocese of Dublin for every parish commencing this year)**

Baptismal certificates are available from the Roman Catholic Parish Church in which your child was baptised, if you do not have one in your possession already.

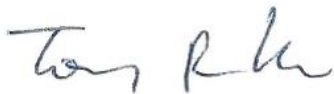
A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PARISH FOR EVERY CHILD WHO WILL BE RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2018 BY 28 SEPTEMBER 2018 as required by diocesan policy.

Requirement for a registration form arises from GDPR (the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679) which came into effect in May 2018. The parish must now depend solely on parent's/guardian's registration to inform us that it is your intention to present your child for the sacraments and to provide us with relevant contact details. In order that your child may receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time in summer 2019 it is essential that a completed Registration Form and Baptismal certificate are provided to the parish by September 28.

The meeting for parents/guardians on 17 September will be facilitated by members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Liturgy Group. It will take approximately one hour.

We look forward to meeting with you and to discussing the practicalities of the year of preparation for the Sacraments at the meeting. It is always a privilege to welcome the families of the young candidates during the months of preparation.

Every blessing on you and your family

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Reilly', written in a cursive style.

Canon Tony Reilly PP