

SAINT PHILOMENA'S PARISH

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Parents/Guardians of Children receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2020

RE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

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 faith) for the further commitment to God as members of the Catholic Church on: -

**Wednesday 25th September 2019
in St Philomena's Church
at 7.30 p.m.**

Communion dates will be advised to you at this meeting.

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. Please find attached registration form for completion.

This registration form needs to be accompanied with a copy of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate. It would be of great assistance to us if you could please bring this completed form and baptismal certificate along with you to the meeting. Alternatively, you can email these documents to the Parish Office (Email: parishoffice@palmerstownparish.com).


If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, you need to contact the Roman Catholic Parish Church in which your child was baptised and request a copy of same.

In order that your child may receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time in summer 2020 it is essential that a completed Registration Form and Baptismal certificate are provided to the parish by 18th October 2019.

The meeting for parents/guardians on 25 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