

SAINT PHILOMENA'S PARISH

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

The time of preparation for the Sacraments is moving on very quickly with the Sacrament of Reconciliation taking place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 25 March 2020 at 7.30pm for the girls from St Brigid's School.**
- **Thursday 26 March 2020 at 7.30pm for the boys from St Lorcan's School.**

Please be present in the church at 7.10pm seated with your child and family. Please read the enclosed leaflets so that you may prepare your child and know what to expect.

The preparation for First Holy Communion is ongoing through:

- Religious Education preparation in school through the Grow in Love programme – this preparation at school began on the day that your child started in Junior Infants.
- Parent's assistance with Grow in Love homework.
- Participation at weekly Sunday Mass.

It is very important to be present at Mass each Sunday so that the children may become familiar with the prayers, the hymns, the rituals and the community. All preparation for the actual First Holy Communion day is done at 12.00 noon Mass every Sunday in St Philomena's Church where the children read prayers of the faithful, prayers before and after Communion, lead the singing of the hymns and join in the actions.

The prayers and activities will be given to those who are in regular attendance at Sunday Mass so that they will feel comfortable on their First Holy Communion day.

Some parents have asked for input and discussion regarding faith and First Holy Communion and provisions will be made and will be communicated at 12 noon Mass.

I look forward to meeting you at this celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as your child moves more deeply into commitment in faith and to parish belonging. I also look forward to continuing our preparation for First Holy Communion through Sunday Mass.

Wishing every blessing on your family

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Canon Tony Reilly PP