

# **SAINT PHILOMENA'S PARISH**

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

**RE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 - Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Dear Parents/Guardians

The time of preparation for the Sacraments is moving on very quickly with the Sacrament of Reconciliation taking place on **Monday 12 March 2018 at 7.30p.m.** for the girls from St Brigid's school.

Please be present in the church at 7.10p.m., seated with your child and family. We will hold a practice of parts of the ceremony and the hymns at 7.10p.m. so that we may fully and comfortably enter into this great celebration of God's love. While the ceremony is being provided to facilitate First Reconciliation for the children, adults are also welcome to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The ceremony will be composed of hymns, scripture readings and examination of conscience leading to the time of confession. This will all be clearly explained at practice before the ceremony.

The following three prayers will be said/read together by all in attendance using the leaflet that will be available to each person in attendance.

### **Prayer for Forgiveness**

O my God, help me to remember the times  
when I didn't live: as Jesus asked me to.  
Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.

**Act of Sorrow**

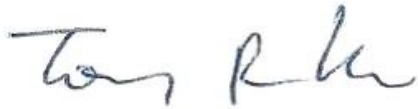
O my God, I thank you for loving me,  
I am sorry for all my sins,  
for not loving others and not loving you.  
Help me to live like Jesus and sins again. Amen.

**Prayer after Forgiveness**

O my God, thank you for forgiving me.  
Help me to love others.  
Help me to live as Jesus asks me to. Amen.

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.

Wishing every blessing on your family

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Canon Tony Reilly PP