

# **SAINT PHILOMENA'S PARISH**

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

**RE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday, 27 May 2018**

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are coming very close to the date of the celebration of First Holy Communion in our parish and we look forward to working together in this final stage of preparation.

It was agreed at the first meeting of parents, last September, that there would be a practice/meeting on the Thursday evening prior to each of the Sundays on which children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This will provide an opportunity to make last minute preparations for the great family and parish celebration of your child's First Holy Communion.

This practice/meeting will be concerned with the organisation of all the practical aspects of the celebration:

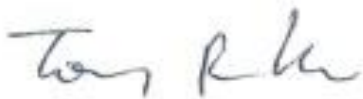
1. Practicing the -
  - Hymns for the Mass
  - Entrance Procession at the beginning of Mass
  - Allocating Prayers of the faithful
  - Allocating Prayers before and after Holy Communion
  - Singing of the psalm
  - Offertory Procession

2. Distributing responsibilities to children for all of above (to those children who wish to take them)
3. Practicing the Mass responses
4. Questions/Answers regarding the day.

The practice/meeting for your child, along with at least one parent/guardian will take place on:-

**Thursday, 24 May 2018  
at 7.30p.m.  
in St Philomena's Church**

Wishing every blessing



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**Canon Tony Reilly PP**

**The enclosed sheet will be displayed in the church on the day of your child's First Holy Communion. Please help your child complete it at home and bring it with you to the meeting on the Thursday before the First Holy Communion Sunday when it will be put on a display board.**

**Assist your child to:**

1. **Write first name in the box provided.**
2. **Stick a photograph of child in the rectangular box.**
3. **As the celebration of the Eucharist is about thanking God, name people or talents for which to thank God.**
4. **Colour and decorate the picture of the host, grapes, chalice and cross.**

**(This sheet is also available on the parish website also at [www.palmerstownparish.com](http://www.palmerstownparish.com) under Sacraments on the left hand side of the website)**