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Dear Parents/Carers

First Holy Communion Preparation Year 5

As you are aware all of our Sacramental Programmes were disrupted last year. Our Year 5 children started their preparation to make their First Holy Communion, but unfortunately were not able to continue, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown restrictions. For that reason, they will continue their journey this year.

Following detailed discussions with Father Victor last week to look at how we can arrange for all the children who missed their first Sacraments to prepare and receive them, I am proposing to reschedule both of these Sacraments before the end of the first half of the Autumn term 2021.

Catch-up Sessions

As the children have four more sessions to complete before the lockdown, we will be able to schedule catch up sessions which will enable the children complete the programme and make their first Confession.

The children will have these four sessions with their catechists on **Tuesdays after school 3:00-3:45pm** (see timetable below). Children **must** bring along their **I Belong Book** to each session.

Catch up Sessions with Catechists in school	Lessons : I belong Book Chapters
Tuesday 28 th September 3:00-3:45pm	Chapter 4- God helps me get it right (Reconciliation)
Tuesday 5 th October 3:00-3:45pm	Chapter 7 Bread to offer & Chapter 8- Fruit of the Vine.
Tuesday 12 th October 3:00-3:45pm	Chapter 9- Do this in memory of me
Tuesday 19 th October 3:00-3:45pm	Chapter 10 & 11- Body of Christ & To Love and to Serve

The role of the parents in supporting their child/children through the programme, is vital. I would ask that as the spiritual lead at home, parents support their child in this essential and hugely significant period of preparation in their lives, so that they are ready to take part in the Sacrament and this next step on their journey of faith.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-(First Confession)

The children will make their Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **Saturday 2nd October at 10:30am**. Parents are advised to adhere to the Church risk assessment, only **one** parent can attend this session.

Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Children will make their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **Saturday 23rd October 2021**. Only family members (two adults and siblings) are welcome to attend and share this special occasion with the children. There will be an opportunity to take photographs and the children will receive a certificate to take home with them to remember their special day.

Thank you for supporting your children in this sacramental programme.

Kind Regards

Mrs T. Mokogwu

Head of Schools

