

July 2023

Dear Parents,

St Charles Church: Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2023-2024

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for the 2023-2024 Sacramental Programme which includes Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. All baptised, Catholic children in Year 4 and above from September 2023 are eligible to apply for the programme which is provided by the clergy and Catechists in the parish. Religious Education related to these Sacraments is taught in St Charles' School in Year 4 and this often coincides with topics covered in our parish sessions.

The dates are being published now so you can decide whether you are able to commit your child to the programme. The Saturday afternoon sessions are when we cover most of the content of the programme but there will also be opportunities for the children to be involved in Sunday Masses during the year. There will be more information and application forms available at the first meeting on **Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**. It is absolutely fine if anyone needs to bring children along to this meeting but it is mainly for parents to receive information about the programme and ask questions. The meeting should last no longer than about 30-45 minutes.

Please email me in the first instance to express your interest in the programme or to have any queries addressed. This will also give us an idea of the number of children involved.

Many thanks,

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