

Dear Parents / Carers

YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY OF FAITH

We all know how vital it is for families, school, and parish community to work together in helping our children grow in their faith. This journey faith, of becoming friends of Jesus Christ and full and active membership of the Catholic Church comes through sacramental initiation beginning with BAPTISM, continues through CONFIRMATION and culminates with the reception of Jesus as the Bread of Life in HOLY COMMUNION.

Our children also learn that there are times when we don't love God and one another as we should. At such times we need to come to God to ask for forgiveness and for the help we need to say sorry and to make up with those we have hurt or upset.

That opportunity to say sorry to God to know His forgiveness and peace and the grace to make up with those we have hurt is what we celebrate in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes called Confession or Penance which is first celebrated in the spring of Primary 3.**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin before Christmas. There is an information session for Parents and Carers at St Bernadette's PS on Wednesday 19th October 2.15-3pm.

Your child will celebrate The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette's Church, Larbert during Services of Prayer and Reflection on the Stations of the Cross led by class teachers on 8th March 2017 [children surnamed A-M] and 9th March 2017 [children surnamed N-Z]

If you wish your child to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then please complete your child's sacramental details on the tear-off slip below and return it to me at the above address as soon as possible. Thank you. God bless you and your family. Fr John McInnes. 7th October 2016

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Family name.....

Address.....

Tel.....e-mail.....

Child's name.....

Date / Place of Baptism.....

School attended.....

We wish / do not wish [please delete as appropriate] (child's name).....
to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in P3.

We will / will not be able to attend the planning meeting