

# With You Always

The 'With You Always' programme prepares the children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Making the blessed sacraments is a significant stage in your child's Catholic journey and the 'With You Always' programme helps them to understand and appreciate the true meaning of each. The way children are prepared for these sacraments has changed. Instead of teachers, catechists and priests teaching children and parents about the sacraments, they will help parents to hand down their own faith to their children, fulfilling the responsibility parents take when their child is baptised. These changes are intended to help us understand that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith and that we are all called to get to know Jesus better throughout our life's journey.

## With You Always Programme 2017

This year your child is invited to prepare to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation (confession) and First Holy Communion**.

- **Your family are asked to attend meetings together with your child. You should choose the meetings which are most convenient for you.**
- If you are unable to attend you can ask another adult member of your family to attend the meeting to support your child e.g. a grandparent or aunt or uncle etc.  
**But we hope that parents will be present with their children as much as possible.**
- Any other children in your family are also welcome to come along if you can't find someone to look after them.
- During each meeting we will spend some time in prayer and listen to the Word of God. You will help your child to learn about their faith and helpers from the parish will be on hand to help out as needed.
- We hope the sessions will be fun and that together we will all grow in our understanding of God's great gifts.
- **It is not possible to leave your child with us at a meeting and come to pick them up an hour later. They must be accompanied by an adult family member.**  
It is really important that children are able to learn with their families supporting them. Parents are the best teachers of their children.
- Please contact the parish office if you have any questions on 0151 476 0289  
The First Holy Communion classes are organised by your parish so it is not normally possible for school staff to answer questions about the classes.
- **You are expected to bring your children to Mass. This is the best way for them to prepare for their First Holy Communion.**

### First Holy Communion Meetings

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm or Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6:30pm or Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm

### First Holy Communion Celebrations 2017

Holy Name Church Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am

Holy Name Church Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am

### Sacramental Celebration Day in School

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am

(Children are welcome to come dressed in their Communion clothes, but must change to school uniform after the celebration Mass).