Dear Families

Thank you to everyone who has either attended one of our welcome meetings or who has spoken separately to Father Steven. We want to give you some further information and resources to help you preparing the children.

**Dates of celebrations:**

**Reconciliation**

**Parents Preparation meeting:**

Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 6.30pm – St Bernadette’s Church

Thursday 20th March at 6.30pm – St Michael's Archangel Room

**Reconciliation Service:**

Wednesday 26th March at 6.30pm – St Michael's Church

Thursday 27th March at 6.30pm – St Bernadette’s Church

**First Holy Communion**

**Parents Preparation meeting:**

Tuesday 29th April at 6.30pm – St Bernadette’s Church

Thursday 1st May at 6.30pm – St Michael's Archangel Room

All masses take place on Saturdays at 11am. We can also offer individual celebrations within a parish mass if preferred:

10th May - St Bernadette's Church

17th May - St Michael's Church

21st June - St Bernadette's Church

28th June - St Michael's Church

**Parish Celebration**

The children come back together dressed in their finery to celebrate with the rest of the parish on 6th July at 9.30am mass at St Michael’s and 11am mass at St Bernadette’s.

We will also notify you of other celebrations that are being held during the year.

**Other celebrations**

1st December 2024 - St Michael's Church 9.30am or St Bernadette's Church 11am

2nd March 2025 - St Michael's Church 9.30am or St Bernadette's Church 11am

4th May 2025 - St Michael's Church 9.30am or St Bernadette's Church 11am

**Permission forms**

If you have not yet completed the forms, we have sent out please do so. They are very important as they make sure we have maintained our safeguarding processes.

**Heart Speaks to Heart**

As well as the book that we have provided you with these links to videos that have been produced that helps guide you and your child through. Click on each link as you move from session to session.

[Reconciliation Session 1 Widescreen Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-1-Widescreen-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 2 Widescreen Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-2-Widescreen-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 3 Widescreen Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-3-Widescreen-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 4 Widescreen Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-4-Widescreen-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 5 Widescreen Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-5-Widescreen-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Introduction iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Introduction-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 1 iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-1-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 2 iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-2-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 3 iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-3-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 4 iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-4-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

[Reconciliation Session 5 iPad Subtitles](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Reconciliation-Session-5-iPad-Subtitles.mp4)

**Holy Communion videos:**

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/fhc-session-1-computer-version/>

Here are links to some other resources connected to Heart Speaks to Heart:

[Book of Reconciliation Prayers](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/first-reconciliation-introduction/book-of-reconciliation-prayers/)

[First Reconciliation – Glossary](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/first-reconciliation-introduction/glossary/)

[First Reconciliation – Feelings Chart](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/first-reconciliation-introduction/feelings-chart/)

[First Reconciliation – Stickers](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/first-reconciliation-introduction/stickers/)

[First Reconciliation – Extra Activities](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/first-sacraments/first-reconciliation-introduction/first-reconciliation-extra-activities/)

As we stated in the meeting, we think that these sessions, and the resources provided are both high quality and enjoyable for you and your child. They do not take long to complete, and we think it best if you set aside some time each week to maintain progress. If you have any questions please contact us on the email above, or speak to Fr Steven, one of the teachers, or one of the team.

If you could not attend the meetings held and still want your child to be part of the preparation this year, you should arrange to meet Father Steven as soon as possible.

**Prayer**

We would like you to help your child in developing their prayerful life. If this is something that you are not used to doing here is a helpful video that we have produced to support you:

<https://youtu.be/sSjgeTMYFF0>

**Coming to mass**

You are welcome to come to mass as often as you are able. For some of you, attending mass is already a regular part of your week. What we would like you to do is to bring your child to all the celebration masses we have mentioned above together with as many other times as you can, and make sure attending mass is part of your Christmas and Easter celebrations. It is important that they learn how mass is celebrated, so they look forward with anticipation to their First Holy Communion, and that they begin to understand that they are part of a community that love them and are praying for them. Here is a video that might help you with this:

<https://youtu.be/j9DJ-FSKf5U>

Thank you for the commitment you are making in nurturing your child in our faith. I look forward to the time we can all be together in church to celebrate this most important time in the life of your family.

**The Sacramental Preparation Team**