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Invitation to the Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion in 2023

Dear Parents, you and your child have started the journey towards the celebration of First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Holy Communion. While a lot of the preparation for these sacraments takes place at school or in religion class, in recognition of the combined responsibility of family & parish in handing on the faith, we also have a Parish Preparation Programme. This **“Do This in Memory”** Programme is designed to facilitate the active involvement of all in the Mass, but especially of the First Communion children.



We will start our preparation with an

Enrolment Ceremony in the church on Sunday 16th October at 12.30pm for the boys and girls, parents and families.

In advance of this Enrolment Ceremony, there will be a **short virtual meeting for parents via Zoom on Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm.** (This meeting will also be repeated on Wednesday 12th at 7.30pm for the girls and any Scoil Mhuire parents who cannot attend on the Tuesday may attend on the Wednesday instead).

Attached is a Sacramental Application Form. Please return the completed form, a copy of your child's baptismal cert (photocopy with suffice) and donation (€30) to **the church by Friday 23rd September.** (The sacristy letterbox can be accessed any time, Mon – Sun, 9am – 6pm). **As the link to the virtual meeting will be sent by email, it is vital that the application form be returned to the parish by this date with a legible and active email address!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with me.

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout the coming year!

Anne Dooley, Parish Catechist.