

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH, MARINO

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## **Invitation to the Parish Preparation Programme for First Reconciliation & First Communion 2023-2024**

Dear Parents, you and your daughter 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 a

**short information meeting for parents in the church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm** (This meeting will also be run on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and any SVdP parents who cannot attend on the Wednesday are welcome to attend on Tuesday instead).

There will be an **Enrolment Mass for all the Communion children and their families on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30pm.**

Attached is a Sacramental Application Form. Please return the completed form, a copy of your child's baptismal cert (photocopy with suffice) and donation (€35) to **the church by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. (The sacristy letterbox can be accessed any time, Mon – Sun, 9am – 6pm). As all communication about these sacraments 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.