

Very Rev. Canon Francis Brown
Cathedral Parish Administrator



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Your child will be making his/her First Holy Communion in Summer 2018. This will be a special sacramental occasion not only for your child and your family but also for our parish. The schools in our parish provide an excellent sacramental programme. The programme "Do this in memory" aims to complement the preparation the children will receive throughout the year. *With this in mind, once a month (Between October and June) our weekend Masses will include a special focus on First Communion.*

This new programme offers you, the families of our Primary 4 children, an opportunity to become actively involved in preparing your child for the reception of Holy Communion for the first time. We are very excited by the programme which has been introduced in many parishes, and we hope that the partnership of Home, School and Parish will work together to ensure that all of us are encouraged to be more actively involved in the sacramental preparation programme.

Our schools and the parish are already making special efforts to prepare for and celebrate your child's Holy Communion. As a parish, we encourage you and the whole family to make a special effort to become involved in this parish-based programme and to come along to these monthly Masses. All parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to our parish Mass and your participation will be a powerful statement of support to your family member who is making their First Holy Communion.

To explain further what is involved in this parish-based programme, we invite you to attend an information evening on this programme as follows:

Place: St Joseph's High School, Armagh Road, Newry
Date: Wednesday 11th October 2017
Time: 7.30pm

Please inform us who will be present by returning the reply slip below to your child's teacher. (Please note that children are not required to attend this initial meeting. The presence of parents/guardians is sufficient.)

Yours sincerely

Francis Brown

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Krzysztof Kosciol
Rev. Krzysztof Kosciol SChr

Michael Hackett

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Damien Nejad
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Colum Murphy

Rev. Colum Murphy

John McClelland
Rev. John McClelland

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I / We _____ & _____ will attend the First Holy
Communion Programme meeting for our child (NAME) _____.

Signature: _____

[Please return this slip to your child's teacher]

DATES OF THE SUNDAYS OF DO THIS IN MEMORY 2
2017- 2018

Enrolment Sunday 2017
25th/26th/27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 22 October 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 26 November 2017
Feast of Christ the King

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4th Sunday of Advent

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17 Dec

Sunday, 14 January 2018
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4 March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 25 March 2018
Palm Sunday

Sunday, 15 April 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 3 June 2018
Feast of Corpus Christi