



# Skelmersdale Team Ministry

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am happy to inform you that our new Sacramental Programme, (Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion) for 2023-2024 will begin on the weekend of 7/8th October 2023. The programme is open to all children who will be in Year 4 or above in September and who have been baptised. Parents who missed this date should contact Kath Gresty.

Sacraments like Reconciliation and First Communion are parts of God's gift to us. Reconciliation is the gift of forgiveness and through Eucharist we come into communion with Jesus. The programme we follow in Skelmersdale is called "With You Always". It is based on Family Catechesis which is a way of supporting parents to pass on their faith to their children. So parents, catechists and school work together to teach the children about the Sacraments.

As parents during Baptism you accepted the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the Catholic Faith. The parish community promised to support you in these duties. The First Communion programme is based on completing units.

This year the programme is

November 11/12  
December 9/10  
January 13/14  
February 10/11  
March 9/10  
April 13/14

Then children and parents attend one session a month to work on the programme. The sessions are held in church during Mass. Families pick one church to attend.

Mass times are ;      Saturday 5 pm in St Mary's  
                                 Sunday 9 am in St Richard's   or   Sunday 11am in St Francis'

You can attend any church and you do not need to attend the same Church each time as central records are kept. If you wish your child to join the programme complete the attached Registration form and bring your child to one of the churches.

If possible we have to ask for a voluntary £5 contribution towards the cost of the file and worksheets. Please put it in the envelope with your form and either return it to school or bring it to church. Please do not let finance determine whether your child receive Communion as we can help in various ways.

If you have any queries please contact me on 07745879986 or [k.gresty@sky.com](mailto:k.gresty@sky.com)

Yours Sincerely,



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*Fr Kenny Hyde .*

*Mrs Kath Gresty* Catechist

## **Skelmersdale Catholic Churches Sacramental Programme**

Name of Child... ..

Date of Birth .....

Place of Baptism .....

Date of Baptism .....

Name of Parent/ Guardian .....

Address... ..

Contact no.....

E-mail .....

School... ..

As parents/carers of the above named child we would like our child to be part of the Sacramental Programme. We understand that it is necessary for our child and ourselves to attend all of the sessions.

We also agree that the data on this form can be stored electronically

Signed..... Date .....

**It is important that this form is return as soon as possible to the School or to the Church**