



P3 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday 23rd March 2023
St Michael the Archangel Church
Time: 1pm

Dear parents/ guardians,

This is a brief outline of the day:

- Your child will attend school **as usual** on the day (Thursday 23rd March). Full school uniform required.
- The teacher and classroom assistants will bring the P3 pupils to the church.
- Pews in which children and staff are to be seated will be blocked off but parents are free to sit anywhere else in the church. Please ensure you are seated for 12.50pm.
- When it is your child's turn to go forward to talk to the priest, (s)he will be given a visual prompt.
- Confession begins with:
 - Making The Sign of the Cross.
 - Followed by: "*Bless me Father for I have sinned. I did not show love when.....*" Your child can talk about the pictures (s)he has drawn.
 - The priest will tell your child to say the Act of Sorrow and then direct him to go to get a hug from a parent(s).When you see your child coming away from the priest you may stand up so that your child will see where you are.
- Please take the visual prompt as your child no longer needs it. It is a lovely reminder of this special day.
- Your child will return to the allocated seat and sit quietly until everyone has had the opportunity to receive the sacrament.
- When the service has finished, the staff will bring the children back to school to collect their coats, bags etc.
- All children may be collected at the usual pick-point beside the parish car park immediately after collecting their bag/coat from the classroom.

Please remind your child of the importance of good behaviour and showing respect in the church.



Thank you for your support. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this beautiful event with you.

Mrs Garvey
Religion Co-ordinator
(on behalf of our P3 teachers and classroom assistants)