



## **St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

### **Sacramental Policy**

*Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,  
we serve, love and learn together  
inspiring each other to excellence.*

The approach to the Sacraments in 'Come and See' is rooted in a sacramental view of the world which permeates every theme and topic, 'the heavens and the earth proclaim the glory of God' (Psalm 19)

'All creation is a sacrament showing us what God is like, making God's love and goodness present in visible and tangible ways' (Come and See' p19)

Understanding the sacraments is not a simple process which can be contained within a neat package of teaching. It is a complex interaction of a great variety of experiences and celebrations which children take part in during the years they spend in Primary school.

In St. Patrick's School preparing our children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is a partnership between home, school and parish.

### **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**

From the 1st September 2012, children in Year 4, who have been baptised, will be invited to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The support material used is 'With You Always'; these new resources help parents to prepare their own children for these sacraments with the support of Catechetical sessions through our Parishes, St Patrick's and St Marie's.

The children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during a special service in Advent attended by their parents and led by the Parish Priest of St. Patrick's and St. Marie's.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be received at special Masses in the days between Ascension Sunday and the Feast of Corpus Christi each year.

We are proud to have strong links with our parish; the R.E. Co-ordinator and Year 4 teachers attend sacramental preparation meetings with the Parish Priest, parents, catechists and children and support the Parish in the preparation of the Masses.

This policy will be reviewed in January 2026.

See also:

Religious Education Policy

Collective Worship Policy

Sacramental Policy

Moral Development Policy