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## **Pre- Communion Group Information sheet**

### **Introduction and Welcome**

The Pre-Communion group will run each Sunday from mid November to the end of April excluding school holidays (16 sessions in total). We meet in church after the 9am mass from 09:45 – 10:30am.

The group is run for all children from Year 1 onwards and taking part is a requirement for all children who will be making their First Holy Communion in 2015. The Pre- Communion group is the first year of the two year programme of preparation First Holy Communion. As such the children are expected to attend a minimum of 10 out of the 16 of the sessions provided before they can be recommended to move to the First Holy Communion group. This group is part of the sacramental programme that all our children will follow in the development of their faith.

The aim of the group is for the children to

- become familiar with the church surroundings
- learn key prayers
- know about important people in the bible
- become aware of the structure of the mass and the important articles used during the mass



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The group is run by Kevin Wilson. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. See contact details at the end of the sheet.

The dates when the pre-communion groups will meet for 2012-2013 are:

**2013**

November 17 (Parents Meeting), 24

January 12,19,26

December 1,8,15

**2014**

February 2,9

March 2,9,16,23,30

April 21,27

Please complete and sign the attached consent form and return to Kevin or one of the other catechists on the first session.

We ask that you support the group by following the guidelines set out below:

- Parents or guardians of the children are welcome to stay and watch the session
- That you consider joining a “helping rota”
- Parents and guardians who are present at the end of the session are to advise a leader when they leave with their child
- It is fully understood that on occasion people other than the child’s parent or guardian may be collecting them after the session if this is case please ensure that one of the leaders knows who is collecting the child
- If for any reason a child is not collected the leaders will attempt to contact the parent or guardian, in the mean time 2 adults will wait with the child at church

We wish to ensure that all the children will enjoy their time at the pre-communion group and ask that you support us in the following:

- Your child must not leave church without the permission from one of the adult leaders
- Suitable clothes and footwear must be worn at all times
- No running or shouting in the church unless part of an activity
- Your child must not cause damage to equipment, premises or cause a nuisance
- The kitchen is out of bounds



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- If your child needs to use the toilet facilities that they ask the leaders to do so and not just leave the group

Should anyone have cause to complain about any aspects of the groups, the leaders, or any child attending, the complaint will be treated in strictest confidence.

Please write your concerns down and hand a copy to Canon Denis or Deacon Philip who will investigate your concerns and send a written reply

Contact details for pre-communion leaders

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