**FIRST COMMUNION NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS**

**JANUARY 2017**

**WELCOME** to the first edition of the Communion Newsletter for Parents. We are introducing this Newsletter to keep you updated on what is happening in preparation for and during each Communion Mass over the coming months.

The next Communion preparation Mass will take place on **Sunday, 22nd January at 11:30am**.

**Sacred Space -** Your child will be asked to colour a picture of a baptismal candle and put the details of their baptism on it. This will be done in class and the pictures will be placed in the Sacred Space. Please take some time to visit the space with your child before or after Mass. Your child will also receive a bottle of holy water at the Mass.

Fr. Jim will be the celebrant for this Mass and he may ask the children to join him on the altar at the Homily, but we ask that your child remain with you until called.

The next Grapevine monthly newsletter will be distributed to each child next week at school.

Please ask you child to bring the THUMB book to each of the remaining masses listed overleaf.

**Choir Rehearsal** - For the children who have volunteered for the choir, rehearsal will take place at **7:30pm** in the Parish Centre (beside butchers) this coming Thursday, 19th January. **(Please note the later start time of 7:30).**

**First Confession will take place on Wednesday 8th March at 7:00pm.** Further details to follow in the February edition.

**Volunteers -** We are looking for additional parents to participate in the communion masses for the remainder of the year. This may involve a reading, reflection after communion, assistance with the choir etc. We are also in need of volunteers to play instruments to help the choir – this can be parents or older siblings. If you are willing to volunteer please text Cathy on 086 8313554 or email cathyfarrell751@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday next, 22nd January.

**Kind Regards,**

**The Parents Communion Committee**

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS DATES**

**22nd January**

**12th February**

**19th March**

**9th April**

**30th April**

**18th June (Corpus Christi)**

**COMMUNION DATES**

**Saturday, 6th May – Ms. McPhillips Class**

**Saturday, 13th May – Mr. Delaney’s Class**

**Saturday, 20th May – Ms. Hickey’s Class**