

Timetable for Preparation Sessions and Masses 2017-2018

The obligatory Preparation Sessions will take place after School time in the Parish Centre next door on the following **Wednesday afternoons, 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

Session 1: theme 'Gathering' **11th October 2017**

Liturgy 1: Sunday 15th October, 9.00am Mass

Session 2: 'Baptism' **8th November 2017**

Liturgy 2: Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday), 9.00am Mass

Session 3: 'Liturgy of the Word' **6th December 2017**

Liturgy 3: Sunday 10th December, 9.00am Mass

Session 4: 'Reconciliation' **17th January 2018**

Liturgy 4: Sunday 21st January, 9.00am Mass

**N.B. First Reconciliation Celebration: Thursday 25th January 2018, 6.00pm
at St Thomas Aquinas Church, North Road, Darlington**

Session 5: 'Offertory' **21st February 2018**

Liturgy 5; Sunday 25th February, 9.00am Mass

Session 6: 'Give Thanks' **14th March 2018**

Liturgy 6: Sunday 18th March, 9.00am Mass

Session 7: 'Take and Eat' **9th May 2018**

Liturgy 7: Sunday 13th May, 9.00am Mass

Session 8: 'First Holy Communion Mass and celebration' **Saturday 9th June 10.30am**

Liturgy 8: Sunday **10th June**, 9.00am Mass, children join parishioners in Thanksgiving

Session 9: 'Sending Out' **13th June 2018**

Liturgy 9: Sunday **17th June Father's Day**, 9.00am Mass

COMMITMENT TO THE SESSIONS AND SUNDAY MASS

In life we all make time and choices for those things we really think important no matter how busy we are. The bottom line is if children, for whatever reason, miss out more than TWO out of the NINE Sessions and weekend Masses, they will be deferred to the following year's preparation programme. There are no catch-up Sessions, each build on the other, so it is important to make these dates top priority. In any absence please ring Fr David on 01325 463636; no communication will be taken as read as no longer interested in going forward with preparation. If parents or child feel they cannot make this commitment because of other priorities it may be a sign that you're not ready, and better to defer till another opportunity.

I look forward to meeting you and your child along with our Catechists.

Best regards Fr David Russell,
St Thomas Aquinas and Holy Family parishes, Darlington