



FOXROCK PARISH - DO THIS IN MEMORY: SUMMARY for PARENTS 2020 – 2021

*Do This In Memory is a Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. **The following is a summary of points covered on the information night:***

Why are we using the Do This In Memory programme

- We would like the Children to have a positive view of what Church is really about;
- It's a special time in your Child's life;
- We believe the Sacraments are important encounters with God.

This Programme is not compulsory but we consider that it is vitally important.

The Programme creates links between the home, the school and the parish community.

Home:

Parents are the first teachers and the most important of all teachers of religion.

School:

The Grow in Love religious education programme dovetails very well with Do this in Memory. Please discuss regularly with your child what they are learning in the Grow in Love programme in school.

Parish Community:

If the Community is real, the children will have an experience of being welcome, being cared for, being prayed for, belonging and being loved.

Parental Commitment – What is asked of you?

- To be at Mass with your child each Sunday of the programme -nine Sundays and Holy Thursday;
- To create a prayer space at home and to pray with your child;
- To work through THUMB and to help your child with “Kids Stuff”;
- To reflect seriously about the celebration of these Sacraments, especially First Holy Communion with your child.

Enrolment Sunday – 18 October 2020

Parents, guardians and children will

- Be invited to enrol for First Holy Communion and First Penance in advance (Diocesan Form);
- Be invited to enrol for Do This In Memory in advance (Parish Programme);
- Be invited to join in renewing their baptismal promises with the parish community;

Each Sunday of the Do This In Memory Programme, parents and guardians will be invited to:

- present their children at Communion time to receive a special blessing;
- help your child to adapt your Sacred Space at home to reflect the themes of the programme.

PLEASE NOTE: During Covid-19 public health restrictions when attendance in the Church is not possible, please participate in Mass by joining the Parish on the webcam: www.foxrockparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv/foxrockchurch;

We encourage all to take part in the programme.