

# Communion News

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

## This Week

We have moved on to the chapter "God Helps Me to get it right".

We have looked at the story of Zacchaeus and heard how Jesus helped Zacchaeus to change - **please complete pages 34- 44.**

We also visited the Church and have had a short run-through of the service for the Reconciliation on Saturday.

The sacrament is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness, so please do talk to your child about the sacrament and about ways of saying sorry and what it means to be forgiven.

Please look through the pages 29, 30 40, 41 and 42 which may be particularly helpful before the Reconciliation service on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. One of the most important ways in which you can help your child, is to help them with the format of the sacrament, and thinking in advance what kind of things your child might feel sorry for.

We tell the children that during the sacrament of Reconciliation they will meet Jesus. Father Keith (or another priest) will take Jesus' place, and by talking to the priests we are talking to Jesus.

Father Keith or any priest will never tell anyone what you say to him, just as no one ever knows what you say to Jesus in your heart when you speak to him.

Perhaps try to plan a little celebration for after the sacrament, such as cooking their favourite meal, or a trip to a restaurant. Whatever you choose to do, try to make the day a special one with happy memories.



## Sorry Prayer

Oh My God, I am  
sorry for what I have  
done wrong.  
I know you love me  
and I want to love  
you too.  
With your help I will  
try not to sin again.

This is the sorry prayer, which the children use in the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the one that is also in their 'I belong' book on page 40.

It would be good if you could begin to say this prayer with your child. We will be giving the children another copy at the service, so they mustn't feel worried about learning it.

## OTHER NEWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Parents Meeting on  
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
at 8pm in the Hall.  
Please note there will be NO  
classes next week.**

**There will be no classes  
during the half term week  
(17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February).  
Classes will resume the week  
beginning Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
February. Please collect  
your child from the church  
that week as they will be  
practicing for their First  
Reconciliation**

**Reconciliation Service  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
at 2.30 and 4pm**

Please help/encourage your child each week to complete the pages of their book at home, so they are ready to move on to the next chapter each week.

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