

| FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024 PLANNER |   | ADDISCOMBE                                |
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| <b>Tuesday, 14 November 2023</b>       | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Parents' Meeting</b>                            | <b>8pm, Large Hall</b>                    |
| <b>Saturday, 25 November 2023</b>      | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Activity Morning &amp; Dedication Service</b>   | <b>10am-12pm, Large Hall &amp; Church</b> |
| Monday, 8 January 2024                 | In the Name of the Father   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 9 January 2024                | In the Name of the Father   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 15 January 2024                | Lord Have Mercy   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 16 January 2024               | Lord Have Mercy   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 22 January 2024                | Celebrating Our Rescue  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 23 January 2024               | Celebrating Our Rescue  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 29 January 2024                | God Helps Me Get It Right   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 30 January 2024               | God Helps Me Get It Right   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| <b>Tuesday, 6 February 2023</b>        | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Meeting</b>                            | <b>8pm, Large Hall</b>                    |
| Monday, 19 February 2024               | Glory to God  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 20 February 2024              | Glory to God  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| <b>Saturday, 24 February 2024</b>      | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>                                | <b>2.30pm &amp; 4pm in Church</b>         |
| Monday, 26 February 2024               | The Word of the Lord  | 6pm-6.45pm, <b>Small Hall</b>             |
| Tuesday, 27 February 2024              | The Word of the Lord  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 4 March 2024                   | Bread to Offer  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 5 March 2024                  | Bread to Offer  | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 11 March 2024                  | Fruit of the Vine   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 12 March 2024                 | Fruit of the Vine   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| <b>Tuesday, 19 March 2024</b>          | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Parents' Meeting</b>                            | <b>8pm, Large Hall</b>                    |
| Monday, 25 March 2024                  | Do This in Memory of Me   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 26 March 2024                 | Do This in Memory of Me   | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 15 April 2024                  | Body of Christ/ To Love and Serve                                 | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 16 April 2024                 | Body of Christ/ To Love and Serve                                 | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Monday, 22 April 2024                  | Last Session – Reading, Hymns etc                                 | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| Tuesday, 23 April 2024                 | Last Session – Reading, Hymns etc                                 | 6pm-6.45pm, Large Hall                    |
| <b>Saturday, 27 April 2024</b>         | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Activity Morning followed by Mass in Church</b> | <b>10am-1pm, Large Hall &amp; Church</b>  |

## REHEARSALS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

|                              |   |               |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Tuesday, 7 May 2024</b>   | Rehearsal for 11.30am Mass on 11 May 2024 | 6pm in Church |
| <b>Wednesday, 8 May 2024</b> | Rehearsal for 3pm Mass on 11 May 2024     | 6pm in Church |
| <b>Thursday, 9 May 2024</b>  | Rehearsal for 11.30am Mass on 12 May 2024 | 6pm in Church |

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11 & 12 MAY 2024

|                              |                      |                                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, 11 May 2024</b> | 11.15am – Large Hall | <b>11.30am promptly, Mass begins</b> |
| <b>Saturday, 11 May 2024</b> | 2.45pm – Large Hall  | <b>3pm promptly, Mass begins</b>     |
| <b>Sunday, 12 May 2024</b>   | 11.15am – Large Hall | <b>11.30am promptly, Mass begins</b> |

***The children will then process together from the Large Hall into Church***

## SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT 11.30AM

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE COMMUNION TOGETHER BEFORE PARISHIONERS

### FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN'S PARTY IN LARGE HALL

(PARTY TO BE ORGANISED BY PARENTS)

*In order to complete their First Holy Communion Preparation, children must attend all Masses, Sessions, Activities and Rehearsals.*

*Every child must be represented at each parents' meeting. In the event of illness or work commitment, please arrange for another family member or Godparent to attend.*

*Please report any absence and the reason to the Lead Catechist. Contact details will be provided.*

## **Notes for Parents/Guardians**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

Please ensure you arrive at the Large Hall at the very latest fifteen minutes before the start of the First Holy Communion Mass.

### **REHEARSALS**

Please attend the rehearsal (lasting about 45 minutes – 1hour) on **the correct day**. (See overleaf). This is to allocate seating and to allow the children who are readers to practice with microphones. It is necessary for a parent to stay.

### **SEATING**

The First Holy Communion children will sit with their immediate family. Each family will be allocated one bench. (This will be carried out very fairly by a lucky dip system). Please let us know if you have any wheelchair guests **before** your rehearsal date.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES**

These will be presented to the children at the end of the Communion Mass. Please keep the certificate safe as we do not keep copies. (Catholic Secondary Schools will request a copy of this certificate when you apply)

### **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

An official photographer will be present at each Mass. Please liaise directly with him (not the parish office) to book in a time slot on the day. More information will be given by the photographer at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Parents' Meeting.

### **SPECIAL ALTOGETHER MASS & PARTY – SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024**

All children to attend 11.30am Mass in their special outfits.

Party to be arranged by parents. Please liaise with the parish office if you wish to book a hall.