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Dear Parent/Carer

The Sacramental Preparation programme for Primary 3 children leading to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2021, in the parishes of St. Mary Magdalene's and St John's is yet to begin. Ultimately the reason for this is the restrictions that are in place with Covid-19.

This letter is to reassure you and your family that we are looking for a safe route to ensure that we can prepare the children in the parishes.

As your child is at St John's primary school they will of course be following the current religious education programme for Reconciliation preparation, with lessons led by their class teacher.

In the past, as part of the children's preparation, St John's and St Mary Magdalene's parishes have welcomed the children and their families at a monthly P3 focused mass between October and June each year. Unfortunately so far this year we have been unable to do this.

However until we can, we are offering children's liturgy for all children. These sessions are by Zoom and start at 11:15 am every Sunday. If you would like to sign your child up for this please contact Arlene Lauder by email: lauder.82@btinternet.com .

There is also the opportunity for your family to book a place at mass at the weekend. To book, either call the parish office on 0131 669 5618 from Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm or email stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com by 1 pm on a Friday (although the Masses are often full by then!).

Your patience and support in these times is very much appreciated. Let us continue to pray for each other and for the children.

With a prayer for you all,

Fr. Jock Dalrymple

Parish Priest

Arlene Lauder

Parish Sacramental Coordinator