

# Sacramental Preparation

Our role as parents/carers in our children's sacramental journey



Where did this journey begin?



Baptism

# At Baptism our children .....

- Are called by name by God
- Sense of Vocation
- Are anointed for a mission  
The same mission as Jesus

What does God give us so that we can do this?

# Vocation



# Our Vocation as Parents/Carers

Being a parent/carer is God's work and he has a plan for us.

His plan is enormous and we are very small, so we cannot hope to understand it all.

We need to ask his guidance through prayer.

# Some Definite Service

*after John Henry Newman*

God has created you to do some definite service;  
God has committed some work to you  
which is not committed to another.





## The Church teaches...

It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents, as well as with the priest, to see that children who have reached the age of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished with the divine food as early as possible.

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In Pope John Paul II's address to the parents of First Communicants at Cardiff, he emphasises their vital part in bringing up their children 'in the ways of faith.....'

**"Dear parents of these children:**

**Your love for Christ has made this day possible.**

**For you are your children's first teachers in the ways of faith.**

**By what you say and do,**

**you show them the truths of our faith and the values of the Gospel.**

**This is indeed not only a sacred duty,**

**but a grace,**

**a great privilege.**

**Many other members of the Church share in this task,**

**but the main responsibility for your children's**

**religious formation rests upon your shoulders.**

**So try to make your homes genuinely Christian.**

**Help your children to grow and mature**

**as Jesus did in Nazareth,**

**'in wisdom,**

**in stature and in favour with God and men.'**

**Allow no one to take advantage of their lack of**

**experience and knowledge.**

**As you share with them in their personal pilgrimage to God,**

**may you always be united in prayer and worship and in humble love of God**

**and his people."**



(The Pope Teaches - The Pope in Britain, Catholic Truth Society, 1982)



# Support – *you can add your own info here!!*

## *Suggestions*

While the responsibility of supporting families lies with the parish, the school has a significant role in supporting the families.

The school provides a continuing process of Sacramental Education through the teaching modules on Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Mass attendance – there is an expectation that you will be bringing your child to Mass at a weekend – this is the outward sign of our commitment to our faith journey and strengthens the sense of belonging to the parish community.