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14th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Sacramental Preparation

Thank you for responding to the invitation to take part in the Sacramental Preparation Programme and expressing an interest in your child starting the preparation this year.

As you are aware, Fr Peter was asked at very short notice to return to Myanmar without any indication, or indeed confirmation, that he would be able to return.

In order to move forward with Sacramental preparation this year, Fr Ian, Parish Priest of St Joseph's in Blackhall, has agreed that the children and families from Our Lady of Lourdes can join the planned preparation with St Joseph's, St Godric's and St Mary's this year.

The preparation will follow the same model as we always use at Our Lady of Lourdes with monthly sessions held for families to attend, but at Blackhall in the parish room at the back of the main church. Details of the dates and times of these sessions are attached.

Our Lady of Lourdes School will continue to support the preparation of our children during RE lessons.

Whilst it is not our usual arrangement, we are very grateful to Fr Ian for welcoming our children and their families to participate in this preparation and providing the children with the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion this year.

With this information we would ask that you now please confirm that your child will be taking part in the programme and we require this response by **Wednesday 15th January at 4pm**

Please respond to this letter using the Forms link provided <https://forms.office.com/e/6tZcyuyV9k>

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch, and I will be more than happy to speak to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Executive Headteacher

Sacramental Preparation 2024 – 2025

St Joseph's, St Mary's, St Godric's and Our Lady of Lourdes

Sessions to be held at St. Joseph's Church Blackhall

St. Joseph, Coast Road, Blackhall Colliery TS27 4HW

Date	Session	Theme	Where / Time
Tuesday Jan 21st	1	Gathering	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday Feb 4th	2	Baptism & Belonging	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday Mar 11th	3	Peace & Forgiveness First Reconciliation	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday April 1st	4	Listening to God's Word Presentation of Bibles	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday April 29th	5	The Offertory & Thanksgiving	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday May 27th	6	God's Gift to Us: Himself Parents Information Presentation of Crosses	St Joseph's Church 5.30pm