

Catholic Education Group

Sacramental Preparation Classes for Children

Children who do not receive Faith Formation Instruction in their primary school, ex. Educate Together Primary Schools or other Multi-Denominational schools, and who wish to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church – Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation – must receive 2 academic years of Catholic Sacramental Preparation Classes (religion classes) prior to receiving the sacraments.

Classes in the **local area** are run by the Catholic Education Group and are held on **Wednesday afternoons** in Holy Trinity Parish in Donaghmede. The Catholic Education Group employs two catechists to teach these classes. These are fully trained and Garda vetted teachers.

The parent/guardian is responsible for enrolling their child in these classes and for getting the child to and from the religion class. These classes are not a school activity.

Children usually attend during **1st and 2nd** class for Communion preparation and **5th and 6th** class for Confirmation preparation but children from any class, excluding Junior or Senior Infants, or who move from areas/countries where different age norms apply are welcome to attend the classes, once the 2 year minimum preparation is maintained. (I.E. a child in 2nd class can start the Communion classes and attend across 2nd and 3rd class, receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist at the end of 3rd class.)

Children from non-Catholic traditions are welcome to attend the classes. However, only baptised Catholics can go on to receive the sacraments.

The reception of the sacraments is facilitated through Holy Trinity Parish in Donaghmede. Children must be registered with the parish office separately to their enrolment for classes. Information regarding this registration will be given to class participants as required.

Cost: There is a cost for these classes. Fees are payable within in the first 3 weeks of the September and January terms. The cost covers tuition and all costs associated with the ceremonies. If a family needs to spread their payments or make special arrangements due to financial pressure they should engage, in total confidence, with the group as soon as possible. There is a discount for 2 or more children from the same family attending any of the classes in the one year.

To enrol for these classes please complete the attached form

<https://forms.gle/cPnmuaU47JsCJXTVA>

For further information or question please contact the Catholic Education Group at catholicedgroup@gmail.com