

Mass and Sacramental Preparation





Once a month at the 10am Sunday Mass, our school leads readings, prayers and singing in our parish at St. Joseph's Church, Stavordale Road, Weymouth. Information about the school Masses are published in the weekly parish newsletter (please visit www.ourlady-starofthesea.com and click on newsletters on the left-hand side of the page). A paragraph relating to our work at school also features in the newsletter on a weekly basis.

On a monthly basis, Father Stephen, our parish priest

comes into school to celebrate class Masses and whole school Masses. He is accompanied by Deacon Geoffrey, our school chaplain. Class Masses take place for one class and their families in our school chapel. Whole school Masses take place in the hall and all our parents are invited to attend. During the Masses, children lead readings, prayers, the offertory procession and singing and at whole school Masses; some of the children accompany the singing by playing a range of instruments. The children prepare for the Mass in school and then school staff help them serve at church.



Sacramental Preparation

To help our children with their sacramental preparation, we have a First Holy Communion Group who meet out of school time twice a month with two members of the school staff. The children work progressively through a set programme, which starts every October, preparing them for their first confessions before Christmas, and then leads them in their spiritual journey to prepare them for their First Communion, which is celebrated at St. Joseph's Church in June. This is always a joyful occasion that allows

us to come together as a worshipping community, supporting the families in our care.

We are delighted to invite you to support in the Catholic triangle of Parish - School - Family and through the work of the school and Parish, we can all help to bring about the Kingdom of God on Earth.