**‘Do This in Memory’**

**A Parish-based Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion**

Dear parents/ guardians

The Parish of Banagher will be launching the Do This in Memory Programme in January 2022. This programme is aimed at the Primary 4 students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. The Do This in Memory programme was developed to meet a need for parish based pre-sacramental resources which would give parents, children and the parish community the opportunity to prepare for First Holy Communion. This programme consists of a monthly Mass, in which the children and parents have an active role. For example, at the start of Mass one child will be invited to light the candle to remind us of our Baptism, and at the end of Mass the children will be presented with a small gift such as rosary beads, prayer cards, etc. as a way of giving the children examples of different ways to pray.

The monthly Do This in Memory Masses will take place on the last Sunday of every month (apart from April), up until the children’s First Holy Communion. The first Mass will take place on **Sunday the 30th of January**. The parents and families of the P4 children are invited to bring their child along to each of the monthly Masses, all family members are also welcome to attend these Masses.

Dates of the Do This in Memory Masses:

* 30th January
* 27th February
* 27th March
* 1st May

Times of the Do This in Memory Masses:

* St Joseph’s Church, Fincairn – **Sunday 9:15am**
* St Mary’s Church, Altinure – **Sunday 10:30am**
* St Peter’s & St Paul’s Church, Ballymonie – **Sunday 10:30am**

The parish looks forward to introducing this Sacramental programme to the parish and the children within it.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Micheál McGavigan & Charlotte Gormley (Faith Formation Coordinator)*