



Sacraments

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that when people receive the sacraments, they encounter the Spirit of Jesus in a way that changes their spirit and their body.

Pope Benedict explains that the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church develops our inner selves and souls as they help us on our journey of life. It is in these special times that we share in Christ's life, spirit, love, forgiveness and healing.

At St Clare's, we passionately teach the children that the purpose of a sacraments is for us to be changed through these encounters with God and to bear fruit - they need to have a lasting impression on our lives. Life is a journey, walking hand in hand with Jesus guiding our way.

Baptised Catholic children in Year 3 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Baptised Catholic children in our Year 5 and 6 receive the sacrament of Confirmation every two years. We also support families who wish to become members of the Catholic Church or have their children baptised.

These sacraments form an integral part of the whole school and parish community. Preparation formally begins in the Autumn term and is supported by school and our parish priest working and meeting together. Parent meetings are held in school to ensure that parents are involved in this special event in their child's life. We also have a special commitment Mass, which pupils and parents are expected to attend, alongside regular attendance at weekend Mass.



Year 3 First Holy Community at the Parish Church St Francis of Assisi.



Year 5 and 6 Sacrament of Confirmation held at the Parish Church St Francis of Assisi.