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| How to book a Pr5 School Retreat  * Contact local parish to get list of suitable dates * Contact Retreats Team to find a mutually suitable date * **Cost**: £3 per child for 1 retreat,   £5 per child for 2 retreats and  £7 per child for all 3 retreats  (Please check that parish will cover hall charge). |  |  | |  | | --- | | The Retreats TeamRetreat Team Leader Stephanie McCrossan Primary RE Adviser Claire O’Neill Retreat Assistant Barbara Ramage Contact Us Phone: 01698 269114 (option1) Email: retreats@rcdom.org.uk | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | Primary 5 School Retreats  Diocesan Centre  Coursington Road,  Motherwell  ML1 1PP | | |  |  | |  | | --- | |  | |  | | Primary 5 School Retreats | | Diocese of Motherwell | |

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| Primary 5 Retreats A retreat can be a very special way to enhance the RE work the children are doing in school and in the Diocese of Motherwell, our school retreats complement 3 of the Pr5 planning themes for *This Is Our Faith*. These themes are:  **Healing-Jesus & the Sacraments** (available August-October)  **Disciples-Calling & Response** (available October-December)  **The Eucharist** (available January-April)  *In Term 4, any of the three retreats are available on request.* |  |  | A School/Parish Initiative Our retreats offer a unique opportunity to strengthen the school/parish link. The main venue for each retreat will be the corresponding parish hall. The Benefit of a Parish Based Retreat  * Reduced costs to schools * Reduced/no travelling expenses * Children recognise parish as a centre for a variety of prayer/devotional activities rather than only for Sunday/First Friday Mass * Retreat team accompany children to the hall and on return * Increased opportunities for stakeholder involvement i.e. parental and parishioner supporters * Materials provided to prepare for upcoming retreat * Materials provided for use following retreat |  |  | A Typical retreat  * Preparation prayers and scripture sent to schools to be used in the week prior to the retreat * Retreat team leader comes to school to begin the day with a short prayer service * In pilgrimage fashion, the class and their teacher are accompanied by the Retreats Team Leader to the hall * Children will participate in three group based rotational activities including a variety of forms of prayer and devotion, arts and crafts, songs and games. * During break and lunch, children are led by retreat staff for fun games/activities * Children are escorted by Retreats Team Leader back to school * A plenary activity is organized for the teacher to do with the children * A pack containing teachers’ notes, music CD and children’s’ booklet is provided for 4 additional sessions which can be used by the teacher to complement the retreat day and extend learning. |