



First Holy Communion Programme 2019/20

We would like to invite you to register for the First Holy Communion Programme 2019/20.

Sessions will begin on **Saturday 28 September 2019 at 10:00am** and the First Holy Communion Celebration Mass will be held on Saturday 9 May or Saturday 16 May 2020 at 10:30am.

Owing to the change of date of the Early May Bank Holiday in 2020 we need to agree which of the two options for the date of the First Holy Communion celebration Mass suit the majority of families. We will agree the date at the first session on Saturday 28 September.

If you would like your child to be prepared to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 please complete the attached form and return it to St Louis RC Primary School no later than **19 July 2019** or St Catharine's Church no later than **11 August 2019**.

If registration forms are not received by 11 August 2019 it will not be possible for you and your child to participate in the programme beginning on 28 September 2019.

Sessions will be held in St Catharine's Church Hall on Saturday mornings **from 10:00 to 11:00am**. It is important that at least one parent or carer attend each of these sessions.

Please note, for your child to participate in the programme:

- at least one parent and the child registered for the programme must be a baptised Catholic
- parent/carer and child commit to attending the Saturday sessions, including preparation for and making first Reconciliation, Parish Masses, celebration and Mass rehearsal (this need not be the Catholic parent).
- your child will be in school year 3 or above in September 2019, i.e. will be 8 years old, or older between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

Likely session and Mass dates are attached. These may be subject to change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes

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With you always

A Family Catechesis programme

The First Holy Communion catechesis team have adopted a new preparation programme for 2019/20, the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Family Catechesis programme, "With you always".

"With you always" is a resource for parents/carers and their children preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion.

The Rite of Baptism makes it clear when a child is baptised, that the parents are the 'first and best teachers of their child in the ways of the faith'. Using this programme parents/carers will be supported by the Catechist team to work through the session information with their child.

"With you always" aims to:

- engage parents/carers and children in sessions that are welcoming and active
- offer time for parents/carers and children to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ within the parish community
- help parents/carers and children to learn about the Faith and respond to God's Word in their daily lives
- prepare parents/carers and children for to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

For your child to participate in the programme at least one parent must be a baptised Catholic and you will need to commit to attending the Saturday sessions and Masses. At least one parent/carer, whether Catholic or non-Catholic, is required to attend each of the seven sessions and the rehearsal for the First Holy Communion celebration Mass with their child, though this need not be the Catholic parent/carer.

Appropriate activities will be arranged for younger siblings during the sessions.

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2019

Saturday 28 September 10:00-11:00am Come to the water

Sunday 13 October 9.30am Mass of Commitment

Saturday 19 October 10:00-11:00am Called by name

Saturday 9 November 10:00-11:00am Come back to me

Sunday 1 December 9.30am 1st Sunday in Advent

FIRST RECONCILIATION, from 11.00am [Saturday during Advent to be agreed]

Advent/Christmas event in/with Parish [Event/activity and date to be agreed]

2020

Saturday 11 January 10:00-11:00am A new way of living

Saturday 29 February 10:00-11:00am Teach us to pray

Saturday 28 March 10:00-11:00am Jesus brings us together

Lent/Holy Week/Easter event in/with Parish [Event/activity and date to be agreed]

Sunday 5 April 9.30 am Palm Sunday Procession & Mass

Saturday 25 April 10:00-11:00am Jesus calls us to follow Him

Sunday 3 May 9.30am Mass May Procession & Crowning

Friday 8 May or Friday 15 May 5.30 pm REHEARSAL

Saturday 9 May or Saturday 16 May, 10:30am, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

[Final decision on date of First Holy Communion celebration Mass to be agreed]