

THE CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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REGISTRATION FORM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017-2018

(For children who are at least 8 years old – Year 3 in School)

Please return this form, along with £15 to cover costs, to the Parish Office by Sunday 15th October.

First parents meeting, without children, is on Wednesday 8th November 2017, at 7:00pm. Attendance is compulsory.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Surname _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Parent's Email Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Parent's Mobile No.: _____

Your child should have been baptised before joining the First Holy Communion Programme.

Was he/she baptised at Sacred Heart? YES / NO

If No, please submit a baptismal certificate with this form, and state:

Baptismal Date: _____ Baptised at (Parish & City) _____

School Attended: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Is she Roman Catholic? YES / NO. If no, please state religion: _____

Father's Name: _____

Is he Roman Catholic? YES / NO. If no, please state religion: _____

I attend Mass at: _____

Which Mass do you normally attend? Saturday at _____ pm Sunday at _____ am

What is First Holy Communion about?

‘The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life’. (Catechism of the Catholic Church) As the source of Christian life, whenever we receive the Eucharist, we unite ourselves with Jesus Christ, the bread of eternal life. We enter into communion with all our brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church, and are strengthened in our faith.

As the summit of Christian life, reception of the Eucharist enables us to become full members of the Catholic Church, in union with Francis, our Pope and Nicholas Hudson our Bishop; and the family of this parish. The celebration of Mass is the highpoint of our prayer and worship of God.

We are inviting and leading our Children into deeper union with Jesus and his Church, revealed in greater love of God and our neighbour; made visible in life of our Parish community. When we gather at Mass, we remember and celebrate that at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a memorial of him; and as the sacrifice that takes away our sins.

Preparing for First Holy Communion, we invite our Children to spend this year, coming closer to Jesus and sharing the life of our parish family.

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and I shall be healed”. from the Communion Rite.

What should parents do?

At a child’s Baptism the Priest blesses the Father of the child with these words:

‘He and his wife will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do’.

We encourage parents to set an example their Child can follow, to come to Mass, to encourage their child and participate. In short, to fulfil this promise made at their Child’s baptism.

If a parent is not a Catholic, they are most welcome to participate as much as they can, or wish. If they would like to know more about First Holy Communion, or the Catholic faith, they are very welcome to chat to the parish priest.

I would like my child to join the preparation course for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is my intention to continue the preparation begun when my child was baptised – the preparation of my child for membership in the faith community – and I guarantee that I will assist him/her in the preparations and bring him/her to Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am and on Holydays of Obligation and to all the events contained in the formation programme.

Signature

Date