

**SACRED HEART RC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are approaching the time when your child could begin their journey towards taking their First Holy Communion. This is a very exciting and special time, as well as an important step in the development of their faith. This commitment is for you and your child, supported by the school and Parish of Sacred Heart.

If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to take their First Holy Communion this year, please complete the google form using the following link. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dHsIrIbaPvoPphHFIZTEAJL8-uzLkGs24asuVAU6Obw/edit> **by Friday 17th September 2021.** If you have any questions or queries, including the possibility of being received into the Catholic Church (if your child is of another denomination or no faith), please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Before we begin the First Holy Communion programme, it is essential that we have a record of Baptism for your child. Please therefore bring a copy of your child's certificate into school if your child is a pupil at Sacred Heart Primary School. If your child attends another school, please take the certificate to the church office. Certificates must be submitted by **Thursday October the 7th.**

The First Holy Communion programme consists of twelve sessions that will be held in the church hall, delivered by Fr. Ralph and Mrs Taylor. It is essential that your child attends every session, as each meeting contributes to a full understanding of the commitment that you and your child are making to the Catholic faith.

The programme will start on **Thursday 23rd September** and will continue every week thereafter until advent when we will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th December at a special Mass. Attendance at Sunday Mass each week is also expected as some preparation will be covered during the children's liturgy.

Through the lessons, we will explain to the children the four-part plan of God's salvation for humankind, culminating in Jesus Christ and the inauguration of the Kingdom: creation of the world, the fall from God's grace, redemption in the old and new testaments and finally restoration through the church and the sacraments.

Children will also experience 'a walk through the Mass' with Fr Ralph and preparation for first reconciliation

The sessions will start at 3.30pm and end at 4.30pm every Thursday. The dates to attend are as follows:

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>,  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Also,

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (First Reconciliation – time to be advised)  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (First Holy Communion – time to be advised)**

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children during this special time.

Thank you for your support,

Best wishes,

Father Ralph Candy  
Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

