



**St Mary, Help of Christians
Old Coulsdon**

First Holy Communion Information and Enrolment Form
27th June 2021

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE FILLING IN THIS FORM

Welcome to St Mary's First Holy Communion programme.

Before enrolling your child, please ensure that you have thought carefully about the tasks ahead. We would like all children to finish their programme successfully and it is the parents' responsibility with additional help from the catechist to ensure they reach their potential.

This year's schedule is as follows:

- **8 Children sessions**
- **8 Parent meetings alongside the children's meetings**
- **A Reconciliation Service**
- **A Second Reconciliation Service before First Holy Communion**
- **First Holy Communion Mass on 27th June 2021**

Children's attendance at their sessions is mandatory. It forms the backbone of their preparation towards their First Communion and they work under the catechist's supervision. Sessions usually take place in the priest's house on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, however as things are some of the sessions are held in church and some will be using online materials

Parents' Meetings are held in the priest's house at the same time as the children's catechesis to help parents prepare their children to receive the Sacrament. (We ask that at least one parent be prepared to come to these sessions).

We ask that children celebrate Mass on Sundays with the adults rather than join the children's Liturgy. It enables them to

- learn about the Sacraments
- learn how to pray the Holy Mass with the rest of the Church.
- learn the prayers most widely used at Mass
- gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and the love of God

Our Holy Communion Programme requires strong commitment from both parents and children. These are very important tasks that all parents should convey to their child. The catechist will support and encourage all children. Ultimately, parents play a key role in ensuring the child understands what is expected of him/her and works towards achieving his/her goal. Preparation classes take place in the priest's house at 9.30am the following Sunday mornings:

1. 10th January
2. 31st January
3. 7th February
4. 7th March
5. 13th March (Saturday) First Confessions at 11.00am
6. 25th April
7. 2nd May
8. 23rd May
9. 13th June
10. 26th June- Second Confessions and rehearsal
11. 27th June- First Holy Communions 10.45am Mass

N.B. The preparation for First Holy communion will be using Jesus Comes to Me. There is a £10 charge to cover the cost of the book and the other expenses of running the course.

The programme catechist this year is Mrs Sarah Arney. The programme chaplain is Father Gerard Bradley

Please fill in the enclosed enrolment form and return to Fr Gerard by Sun 3rd Jan 2021
Please ensure you have your child's baptism certificate with you.

ENROLMENT FORM

Child's Name:

Child's Surname:

Date of Birth:

Address:
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Telephone:

Email address:.....

School:

Baptismal date and parish:

Would you and your child be able to manage an online session via Zoom**Yes/No**

Please note that this information will only be used for the purposes of the First Holy Communion programme and will not be passed on to any third party.

Supervising parent's signature.....

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