

SS Joseph & Swithun's Catholic Parish Community
 First Reconciliation Calendar: 2024/25
Sacramental Formation that Lasts a Lifetime!



First Reconciliation preparation sessions will all be held in the Upper Room / Church hall on
Mondays & Fridays: 3.45 to 5pm. Saturdays 9.30 to 10.45; 11.00 to 12.15

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Retreat & Rites</u>
Saturday 7th September 9.30am - 3.30pm starting with 10.00am Mass	Parents' Preparation Day & Workshop in St Joseph's Hall	Retreat: Supporting your child on their Faith Journey
Sunday 15th September 9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church	Whole Family	Rite of Enrolment – Called by Name
Sunday 6th October 9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church	Whole Family	Rite of Signed with the Cross Parents sign their children with the cross and present them with the gift of a crucifix.
Sunday 10th November 9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church	Whole Family	Rite of Illumination Parents relight and present their child's baptismal candles to their children
<u>Preparation Session Dates</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Session 1 - Monday 16 th September Fri 20 th September / Sat 21 st September	Matthew 4: 18-20	God Chooses Me
Session 2 - Monday 23 rd September 27 th September / Sat 28 th September	John 14: 21	I Grow Closer to Jesus
Session 3 - Monday 30 th September Fri 4 th October / Sat 5 th October	Luke 10: 25-28	I Learn About Rules of Love
Session 4 - Monday 7 th October Fri 11 th October / Sat 12 th October	Matthew 18: 21-22	I Disobey the Rules Sometimes
Half Term 21st October – 1st November		
Session 5 - Monday 4 th November Fri 8 th November / Sat 9 th November	Matthew 19: 13-15	Being Sorry: Asking Forgiveness
Session 6 - Monday 11 th November Fri 15 th November / Sat 16 th November	1 Corinthians 2:9	Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate
Wednesday 20th November 7.30 - 8.45pm in Parish Hall	Parents Review Evening	Reviewing the Sacrament of Reconciliation

FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
On Saturday 23rd November 2024 – Between noon & 2pm in group order

*Please enter all dates into your home diaries,
 especially the Parents' Preparation and Review evenings.*

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Wednesday 15th January 2025 Parents Meeting 7.30 – 8.45pm in St Joseph's Hall		Celebrating the Eucharist
Sunday 19th January 2025 9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families		Whole Family
First Holy Communion preparation sessions will be held in the Upper Room/Church Hall on: Mondays & Fridays: 3.45 to 5pm. Saturdays 9.30 to 10.45; 11.00 to 12.15		
Dates	Gospel	Focus
Session 1 - Monday 20 th January Fri 24 th & Sat 25 th January	Mark 6:30-44	We Gather Together
Session 2 - Monday 27 th January Fri 31 st January & Sat 1 st February	Luke 10:38-42	We Listen to the Readings & the Homily
Session 3 - Monday 3 rd February Fri 7 th February & Sat 8 th February	Luke 22:7-20	We Pray in Thanksgiving
Half term 17th– 21stFebruary. (Ash Wednesday 5th March)		
Session 4 - Monday 3 rd March Friday 7 th & Sat 8 th March	John 10:11-14	We Receive Holy Communion
Session 5 - Monday 10 th March Friday 14 th & Sat 15 th March	John 22:1-17	A Prayer to Accept God's Grace And to Change the World Through Love!
Session 6 - Monday 17 th March Friday 21 st & Sat 22 nd March	Mark 12:41-44	We Offer Ourselves and All We Have
Parents' Meeting - Practical Planning for the Celebration of First Holy Communion Wednesday 26th March @ 7.30pm St Joseph's Hall		
FHC Lent Parish Reconciliation Service – Saturday 12th April @Midday		
Holy Week 14 th – 20 th April	Holy Thursday 17 th April 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Good Friday 28 th April 9am Stations of the Cross for Children
Rehearsals for First Holy Communion In the Church	Tuesday 29 th April 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 3 rd May 11am Mass Tuesday 29 th April 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 4 th May Masses Tuesday 6 th May 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 10 th May 11am Mass Tuesday 6 th May 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 11 th May Masses	
Dates for First Holy Communion 2025 Saturday 3 rd May 11am Mass & Sunday 4 th May 9.15 & 11am Mass Saturday 10 th May 11am Mass & Sunday 11 th May 9.15 & 11am Mass		

Post First Holy Communion Celebration – One Parish Mass 11am Sunday ??? June 2024-

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