

From: Pastoral Team and Catechists

To: Parents preparing their children for their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion in 2021/2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to SS. Joseph & Swithun's 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion Preparation. On behalf of the catechists we are delighted to welcome you and your child as we look forward to accompanying your family on this significant stage of your child's faith journey.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion are important sacraments for your child, for all your family and indeed for our Church and the whole community to which we belong. We wish you every blessing as we embark on this journey together.

If there is any further information you need now or as the course develops please contact your catechists or speak to one of them at the end of the weekly sessions. Alternatively, you can of course speak to Fr Peter, Fr Tomasz, Deacon Garry or Lolly Bell at any time.

We want your child to enjoy this preparation time and ask you to look on it as an opportunity for your family to grow in faith and in your knowledge and love of God, together.

We ask you and your child for all your support and co-operation to help make this preparation time a blessing for us all.

With all God's Blessing

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Parish Policy

The parish recognizes that you are the primary teachers of your children in their faith and it is our sincere desire to work alongside you and your child to prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion which are important steps in the life of your child.

Attendance

Each child must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent, not a friend of the family. It is important that families attend all sessions. You and your child are asked to plan ahead to ensure that this happens. **If your child is unwell or there is a valid reason why you cannot attend please let your catechist know in advance of the session.** We will provide resources for you and your child, and we ask parents to prepare at home in advance of each session.

All **follow-up home activities** should be completed as this is a vital part of the process – giving you and your child an opportunity for quiet time together with each other and with God.

For child protection purposes a register will be taken at each session and if your child misses two sessions in a term you will be asked to contact Fr Tom to discuss this.

Sessions will begin on time. We ask everyone to be punctual for all sessions in consideration of others in your group. If you arrive late, you not only disrupt the class but you may miss a vital part of the preparation.

Please support your catechists as much as possible; they give their time freely to support you and your children and this preparation course cannot be provided without their time and effort.

For any further guidance or help please contact your catechist.

SS Joseph & Swithun Parish, Bromley

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