

SS Joseph & Swithun Catholic Parish Community
 First Reconciliation Calendar: 2023/24

Sacramental Formation that Lasts a Lifetime!



First Reconciliation preparation sessions will all be held in the Upper Room 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>
<u>Saturday 16th September</u> <u>10.30am - 3.30pm</u> <u>starting with 10.00am Mass</u>	Parents' Preparation Day & Workshop in St Joseph's Hall	Supporting your child on their Faith Journey Beginning with 10am Mass Preparation Day including Shared Lunch & Workshop with Catechists in Prep Groups
<u>Sunday 24th September</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	Whole Family	Rite of Enrolment – Called by Name
<u>Sunday 5th November</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	Whole Family	Signed with the Cross - Liturgical Rite on the way to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Parents sign their children with the cross and present them with the gift of a crucifix
<u>Sunday 19th November</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	Whole Family	Rite of Illumination - Liturgical Rite on the way to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Parents relight and present their child's baptismal candles to their children Liturgical Rite on the way to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
<u>Preparation Session Dates</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Session 1 - Monday 25 th September Fri 29 th September / Sat 30 th September	Matthew 4: 18-20	God Chooses Me
Session 2 - Monday 2 nd October Fri 6 th October / Sat 7 th October	John 14: 21	I Grow Closer to Jesus
Half Term 16th – 27th October 2023		
Session 3 - Monday 30 th October Fri 3 rd November / Sat 4 th November	Luke 10: 25-28	I Learn About Rules of Love
Session 4 - Monday 6 th November Fri 10 ^h November / Sat 11 th November	Matthew 18: 21-22	I Disobey the Rules Sometimes
Session 5 - Monday 13 th November Fri 17 th November / Sat 18 th November	Matthew 19: 13-15	Being Sorry: Asking Forgiveness
Session 6 - Monday 20 th November Fri 24 th November / Sat 25 th November	1 Corinthians 2:9	Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate
<u>Wednesday 29th November</u> <u>7.30 - 8.45pm in Parish Hall</u>	Parents Review Evening	Reviewing the Sacrament of Reconciliation

FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
On Saturday 2nd December
12.00am for Monday & Friday Groups / 2.30pm for Saturday Groups

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



Wednesday 24th January 2024 Parents Meeting 7.30 – 8.45pm in St Joseph’s Hall		Celebrating the Eucharist
Sunday 28th January 2024 9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families		Whole Family
First Holy Communion preparation sessions will be held in the Upper Room on Mondays & Fridays: 3.45 to 5pm. Saturdays 9.30 to 10.45; 11.00 to 12.15		
Dates	Gospel	Focus
Session 1 - Monday 22 nd January Fri 26 th & Sat 27 th January	Mark 6:30-44	We Gather Together
Session 2 - Monday 29 th January Fri 2 nd & Sat 3 rd February	Luke 10:38-42	We Listen to the Readings & the Homily
Half term 12th– 16th February 2024. (Ash Wednesday 14th February)		
Session 3 - Monday 19 th February Fri 23 rd & Sat 24 th February	Luke 22:7-20	We Pray in Thanksgiving
Session 4 - Monday 26 th February Fri 1 st & Sat 2 nd March	John 10:11-14	We Receive Holy Communion
Session 5 - Monday 4 th March Fri 8 th & Sat 9 th March	John 22:1-17	A Prayer to Accept God’s Grace And to Change the World Through Love!
Session 6 - Monday 11 th March Fri 15 th & Sat 16 th March	Mark 12:41-44	We Offer Ourselves and All We Have
Parents’ Meeting - Practical Planning for the Celebration of First Holy Communion Wednesday 20th March 2024 @ 7.30pm St Joseph’s Hall		
FHC Lent Parish Reconciliation Service – Saturday 23rd March @Midday		
Holy Week 24 th – 31 st March	Holy Thursday 28 th March 8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Good Friday 29 th March 9am Stations of the Cross for Children
Saturday 20th April 10.30-11.30 review session followed by Reconciliation at 11.30am (After 10am Mass)		
Rehearsals for First Holy Communion In the Church	Tuesday 30 th April 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 4 th May 11am Mass Tuesday 30 th April 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 5 th May Masses Tuesday 7 th May 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 11 th May 11am Mass Tuesday 7 th May 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 12 th May Masses	
Dates for First Holy Communion 2024 Saturday 4 th May 11am Mass & Sunday 5 th May 9.15 & 11am Mass Saturday 11 th May 11am Mass & Sunday 12 th May 9.15 & 11am Mass		
Post First Holy Communion Celebration – One Parish Mass 11am Sunday ??? June 2024-TBC		

