

# SS Joseph & Swithun's Catholic Parish Community

## First Reconciliation Calendar: 2025/26

*Sacramental Formation that Lasts a Lifetime!*



Growing  
Up  
Catholic

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 &amp; Rites</u>   |
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| <b><u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September</u></b><br><b><u>9.30am - 3.30pm</u></b>  | <b>Parents Retreat</b><br><b>St Joseph's Hall</b> | <b>Retreat:</b><br><b>Supporting your child on their Faith Journey</b>                         |
| <b><u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</u></b><br><b><u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u></b>   | <i>Whole Family</i>                               | <b>Rite of Enrolment – Called by Name</b>  |
| <b><u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</u></b><br><b><u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u></b>   | <b>Whole Family</b>                               | <b>Rite of Signed with the Cross</b><br>Parents sign their children with the cross and present |
| <b><u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><b><u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u></b>   | <i>Whole Family</i>                               | <b>Rite of Illumination</b><br>Parents relight and present their child's baptismal             |
| <u>Preparation Session Dates</u>  | <u>Gospel</u>                                     | <u>Focus</u>   |
| <b>Session 1</b> - Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> September / Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> September                               | Matthew 4: 18-20                                  | God Chooses Me   |
| <b>Session 2</b> - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September<br>Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> September / Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> September                               | John 14: 21                                       | I Grow Closer to Jesus   |
| <b>Session 3</b> - Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> October / Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Luke 10: 25-28                                    | I Learn About Rules of Love  |
| <b>Session 4</b> - Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> October / Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | Matthew 18: 21-22                                 | I Disobey the Rules Sometimes  |
| <b>Half Term 20<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Session 5</b> - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November<br>Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> November / Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Matthew 19: 13-15                                 | Being Sorry: Asking Forgiveness  |
| <b>Session 6</b> - Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> November / Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> November                                  | 1 Corinthians 2:9                                 | Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate  |
| <b><u>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><b><u>7.30 - 8.45pm in Holy Trinity House</u></b>  | <b>Parents Review</b>                             | <b>Reviewing the Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>   |
| <b>FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH</b><br><b>On Saturday 22nd November 2025 – Between noon &amp; 2pm in group order</b> |   |  |

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

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| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Parents Meeting<br>7.30 – 8.45pm in Holy Trinity House  |   | Celebrating the Eucharist   |
| Sunday 18th January 2026<br>9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families  |   | For all families in preparation for Eucharist sessions  |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026<br>9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families   |   | For all families journeying towards First Holy Communion  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2026<br>9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families  |   | For all families in preparation and thanksgiving for upcoming First Holy Communion Masses in May. |
| DATES  | GOSPEL  | FOCUS   |
| Session 1 - Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> January   | Mark 6:30-44  | We Gather Together  |
| Session 2 - Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> January   | Luke 10:38-42   | We Listen to the Readings<br>& the Homily   |
| Session 3 - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February<br>Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> February  | Luke 22:7-20  | <i>We Pray in Thanksgiving</i>  |
| Half term 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>st</sup> February. (Ash Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February)  |   |   |
| Session 4 - Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February<br>Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> February   | John 10:11-14   | We Receive Holy Communion   |
| Session 5 - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | John 22:1-17  | A Prayer to Accept God’s Grace and to Change<br>the World Through Love!                           |
| Session 6 - Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March   | Mark 12:41-44   | We Offer Ourselves and All We Have  |
| Parents’ Meeting - Practical Planning for the Celebration of First Holy Communion<br>Thursday 26th March @ 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House  |   |   |
| FHC Lent Parish Reconciliation Service – TBC   |   |   |
| Holy Week<br>30 <sup>th</sup> March - 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | Holy Thursday<br>2nd April 8pm<br>Mass of the Lord’s Supper   | Good Friday<br>3rd April 9am<br>Stations of the Cross for Children                                |
| Rehearsals for<br>First Holy Communion<br>In the Church  | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 11am Mass<br>Tuesday 5 <sup>h</sup> May 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Masses<br>Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 16 <sup>h</sup> May 11am Mass<br>Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Masses |   |
| Dates for First Holy Communion 2026<br>Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 11am Mass & Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 9.15 & 11am Mass<br>Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 11am Mass & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 9.15 & 11am Mass |   |   |
| Post First Holy Communion Mass & Celebration – 13 <sup>th</sup> June 11am Mass   |   |   |

