



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APPLICATION FOR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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Everything we do as Catholics leads us to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The whole Bible teaches us how to recognise Jesus when He comes to us under the appearance of 'Bread'.

Receiving Holy Communion is the beginning and the end of all we do as disciples of the Lord, which is why this time of preparation is so important.

Your child is going to need your help and support to be ready to make their First Confession and then their First Holy Communion.

Please think very carefully about whether your child is ready to begin this preparation and if you are ready and able to support them. Without your support they will not be able to prepare properly.

Receiving the Lord in Holy Communion is a very serious undertaking and preparing for it will require effort and commitment.

If you feel the time is right, please do complete the attached form and return it to me.

Our first session will be on Saturday 4th September beginning with Mass at 10am.

I look forward very much to the months ahead as we work together to help the children to be ready for the greatest gift God wants to give to them – Himself in Holy communion.

Father John, **Parish Priest.**

Requirements

What is required before I make an application for First Confession and First Holy Communion for my child?

In order to enrol your child on the First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation programme, your child will need:

- To have already received the Sacrament of Baptism.
- To be at least 7 years old on the day of their First Holy Communion.
- To be practising their faith already.

What does it mean to be 'practising' their faith?

Your child should be attending Mass each Sunday.

What if only one parent is Catholic?

Whilst it would be great for both parents to attend Mass together, there is no obligation on the non-Catholic parent at all.

Preparation course:

The First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation programme is an essential requirement and your child will have to attend the preparation sessions in order for them to be able to make their First Holy Communion.

Please note: Before receiving their First Holy Communion your child must first of all make their First Confession. The preparation sessions will prepare your child for both Confession and Holy Communion.

APPLICATION FORM

Name of the child: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Which Mass do you usually attend? _____

Mother's Name: _____

Place of Mother's Baptism: _____

Father's name: _____

Place of Father's Baptism: _____

Contact address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

I have read the requirements and I agree to abide by them:

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____