

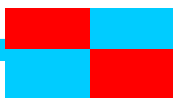
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
2024
REGISTRATION FORM**

Parents.....
Child.....DOB.....
Address.....
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Email

Church and date of Baptism.....
School attended.....
Phone Number(s)

Time/church of Mass usually attend

- Which church would you like to receive preparation with?
 OLOL (Saturdays 4.50pm) Holy Name (Sundays 10am)
 I attach my child's baptism certificate
 I enclose £50 to cover materials used in the course
 My child has allergies/learning difficulties (please state)
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 I give permission for any photographs taken to be used for church/
diocesan purposes. Please note our child may appear on the live
streams if they are participating in the liturgy



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Registration Form

Please complete and return to either parish office

Deadline for application 21st October 2023

About the First Sacraments

As loving and caring parents you will be anxious to help your child prepare for their First Holy Communion.

These events are cause for great celebration within your own family and in the family of the Church. The Eucharist is the centre and heart of Christian life for us all. By this age children are more able to understand the key themes of the Eucharist. The first time a child receives Jesus in Holy Communion, the joy on their faces and indeed in their hearts is a privilege to see..

The most important point to remember is that this is a step in the life of faith of your child. First Holy Communion Day is a day of thanksgiving to God for having brought you this far as a family and a confident prayer for the future of your child . But, just as importantly, it is the beginning of a new relationship of your child with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, a relationship which will last a life time.

Preparing children for First Communion allows them to come to a new understanding of the Mass and its different elements. In order to benefit from this opportunity children need to be in Year 3 or above.

Outline of Course

Many people will be involved in preparing your child for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Preparation for such important events starts in the loving environment of the family. Just as you teach your children how to behave and how to use a knife and fork, so your involvement in the First Sacraments Programme will endorse the Eucharistic themes of listening, caring, giving thanks and so on.

You may feel a little unsure and anxious or be confused about changes in the way children are prepared for these Sacraments and how they are celebrated. This preparation programme for the children and the parents is designed to dispel those fears and the catechists will take you through this step by step. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents to awaken within themselves a 'living' faith so that they may be a true Christian witness for their children.

We will again run two separate programmes in both churches. You may choose either group. Lessons will be regularly during term time between January and May

Holy Name, Esher
(lessons after 9am Mass Sundays)

Or

Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton
(lessons before 6pm Mass on Saturdays)

Please complete the form overleaf and return with a **copy** of your child's Baptismal certificate to either Parish Office by the deadline.

This year we are accepting applications from within our parish only. For any queries from outside the parish please contact Fr Sebastian directly

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