



First Holy Communion 2025 Registration form

Please complete and return to either parish office **no later than 30th September 2024**
For school years 3 (rising age 8) and above

Please tick as appropriate

REGISTRATION CRITERIA: Due to limited space and catechists, a new registration criteria will apply

- Children living in the parish boundary *
- At least one parent is baptised a Catholic and attends mass regularly at Holy Name or OLOL **
- Children baptised into the Catholic faith before the age of 3 ***

*We will consider children living outside the parish boundary if parents are actively involved in the Church

**Non Catholic families will be required to complete a separate course, dependant on resources (Parents - Alpha course starting 17 September or Christian Initiation starting 10 December)

***Parents of children baptised over the age of 3 will be required to attend a separate course as above

COMMITMENT: please confirm you are willing to commit to:

- Attending each lesson with your child (new for OLOL)
- Attending the mass before/after each lesson with your child
- Attending all the lessons on the course with your child *

*non attendance may result in the need to complete the programme the following year

Name of child _____ Date of birth _____

Name of parents _____ Baptised catholic ___ one/both

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

School _____

Please state any allergies or special learning difficulties _____

Church and date of child's baptism _____

Attached **copy** of certificate

Time/church of Mass usually attended _____

Course you would prefer to attend? (subject to numbers)

OLOL (Saturdays 4.50pm then 6pm Mass) Holy Name (Sundays 10am after 9am Mass)

I give permission for any photographs taken to be used for Church/Diocesan purposes. Please note your child may appear on live streams if they are participating in the liturgy

I enclose a donation of £50 to cover the cost of resources for the course

(optional) I would like to support the works of the parish by setting up a regular standing order



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About the Sacraments

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

Outline of the Course

Many people will be involved in preparing you and 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. As you will be taking the course with your child, 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. As part of this, the children will be involved in charity giving in some way on a weekend during Lent. We will again run two separate programmes in both churches (Holy Name 10am Sunday or OLOL 4.50pm Saturday). Lessons will run regularly during term time between January and May. All children and parents must attend the Mass before/after the lesson each week. The children will take part in some of the Liturgies during the course.

Children and a parent are expected to attend every lesson (please diarise dates below).

Due to limited space and available catechists we have to follow a priority format this year (see overleaf).

Tuesday 7 th January 8.00pm	Parents meeting
Sat 11 th /Sun 12 th January	Lesson 1
Sat 18 th /Sun 19 th January	Lesson 2
Sat 25 th /Sun 26 th January	Lesson 3
Sat 1 st /Sun 2 nd February	Lesson 4
Sat 8 th February	Reconciliation in Church
Sat 1 st /Sun 2 nd March	Lesson 5
Sat 8 th /Sun 9 th March	Lesson 6
Sat 15 th /Sun 16 th March	Lesson 7
Sat 22 nd /Sun 23 rd March	Lesson 8
Sat 26 th /Sun 27 th Apr	Lesson 9
Sat 3 rd /Sun 4 th May	Lesson 10
Sat 10 th May (rehearsal evening of 9 th May)	FHC Mass OLOL
Sat 17 th May (rehearsal evening of 16 th May)	FHC Mass Holy Name
Sat 14 th /Sun 15 th June	Certificate giving Mass