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First Confession and First Holy Communion School Year 2025/2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We invite children who be in the next school year's Year 4 (2025/26) and above and have been baptised in the Catholic Church to apply for a place on the sacramental programme that commences on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

As indicated above the first session is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. This will be for the registration of the children, giving an outline of the programme and any questions. This will be held in Sacred Heart Community Centre commencing at 1130 am.

The actual preparation sessions will take place in Sacred Heart Church on Thursday evenings. The children will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Their First Confession will be heard on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

When your child was baptised you made a promise to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. We want to help you maintain this promise by asking you to stay with your son/daughter at each of the sessions. You will be asked to join in the discussions.

**As Catholics we place attendance at Sunday Mass as top priority. This is the source and summit of our faith. It is essential that your daughter/son will attend Mass on every Sunday. As Catholics we are *obliged* to attend Mass EVERY Sunday. This will help a great deal in their preparation and encourage you all to maintain your attendance at Mass after they have received Holy Communion for the first time.**

There are ten sessions including the day when your daughter/son will make their First Confession. Full attendance is a requirement.

Please will you make sure that your son/daughter is able to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be unassisted, make the sign of the cross and genuflect before the programme commences. These are basic Catholic practices.

We understand that some children might desire to be baptised. We are more than happy to work with this. The children will take part in the whole programme and will be baptised shortly before the First Confession date.

**Please complete the attached Registration form and return it to your school by Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2025. Forms can be delivered to Sacred Heart Presbytery after this date.**

A guide book is available for each child. This costs £10.

God bless you all.

Fr. Sam Ofia MSP

Deacon Chris Barwise

July 2025

# **FIRST CONFESSION and HOLY COMMUNION**

## **PROGRAMME 2025/2026**

### **Sacred Heart Church**

### **Programme September 2025 to June 2026**

Registration	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Centre	11:30 – 12:30
Session 1	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
Session 2	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 - 19:15
Session 3	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 - 19:15
Session 4	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
Session 5	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
Session 6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 - 19:15
Session 7	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
Session 8	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
Session 9 and Practice	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00 – 19:15
First Confession	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	18:00
First Holy Communion	Sunday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children & Parents	Sacred Heart Church	10:00

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Group (202/26)** \_\_\_\_\_

**We (I) want our (my) son/daughter to receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion**

**We (I) and our (my) son/daughter will attend all required evening sessions to prepare for the First Penance and First Holy Communion.**

**We (I) will take our (my) son/daughter to Mass very Sunday to prepare for the First Penance and First Holy Communion**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Parent)**

**I enclosed a copy of my child's Certificate of Baptism.**

**Nb If your child was baptised at Sacred Heart Church, SS Peter & Paul's Church or St. Walburge's Church please give details of when & where your child's baptism took place.**

Please note that when you enrol your child on September 4<sup>th</sup> you will be asked to provide a mobile telephone number and any medical condition that your child may be experiencing. This and any other information will be retained by the Parish for the sole use of contacting you in an emergency or to receive reminders of sessions. This and all the other personal information will be kept for the duration of the programme and will not be shared with anybody outside the Catechists group or for any other purpose. You will also be asked to sign a consent form for photographs to be taken.

# Registration Form

Christian Name(s).....

Preferred Name.....Surname.....

Address.....

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Child's Date of Birth.....Child's Date of Baptism.....

Place of Baptism.....Verified.....

Name of Main Contact.....

Relationship to the Child.....

Main Contact's telephone number.....

Does your Child have any medical condition(s) that we need to know about? Yes/No.

If yes please give details.....

Is there any other information that wish to share with us? A meeting can be held with you to discuss any situation.

Please note that by enrolling your child you are consenting to provide a mobile telephone number and any medical condition that your child may be experiencing. This and any other information will be retained by the Parish for the sole use of contacting you in an emergency or to receive reminders of sessions. This and all the other personal information will be kept for the duration of the programme and a further seven years but will not be shared with anybody outside the Catechists group or for any other purpose. Medical information may be shared in case of an emergency.