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Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury First Holy Communion Programme 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation in December, and Holy Communion next year.

It has been a real privilege supporting your child's journey of faith over the recent months and wonderful to see so many parents at our end of session liturgies as well as parents and children at weekend Mass.

Just a reminder about the arrangements for this week:

Children will make their First Confession, on Thursday 4th December between 5.00pm and 7.00pm in St John's Church. You are invited to bring your child along to church at any point between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Confessions will be heard by Fr Adrian and the head teachers from each of the 4 parish primary schools will be there to support with the organisation.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their 'I Belong' book with them on Thursday so if they need to wait for a short while, they will be able to complete some of the activities in the book from Chapters 2, 3 or 4. Pages 29-30 in the book talk more about the Sacrament, so reading these pages together BEFORE Thursday will be helpful. Mrs Pemberton will be working with the children this week to prepare for Thursday, so please can your child bring their 'I Belong' book to school on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

I have provided the children with a simple guide to help them on Thursday which we will give them to take home – if they bring this along it will also be helpful to them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As always, if you wish to discuss anything further, then please contact me at school. We look forward to working together, as a Parish family, to support your child's journey of faith.

Our next session after school is on Tuesday 9th December with Mass the following weekend.

Yours sincerely

S. C. Sinclair

Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher



In Him we Live and Move and Have our Being