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

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the parish First Communion programme. If you have not yet completed and returned the form for enrolment to school, please do so as soon as possible.

The information below outlines some of the key dates of the First Holy Communion Programme, as shared with you by Fr Adrian.

There are seven preparation sessions, each session will be followed by a liturgy at Mass the following weekend - either at St John's Church or at Holy Rosary Church. It is important that your child attends one of the Masses, with an adult. St. John's weekend Mass is every Saturday at 5.30pm, Holy Rosary Mass is Sunday at 10am.

Preparation dates are as follows:

Session Theme	Date	Weekend Mass
My name	Tuesday 7 th October 2025 3.15-4.15pm in school	11 th or 12 th October
Listening to God's Word	Tuesday 11 th November 2025 3.15-4.15pm in school	15 th or 16 th November
BISHOP STEPHEN'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH		22nd or 23rd November 2025
<i>First Confession Thursday 4th December 2025</i>		<i>5-7pm St John's Church</i>
Reconciliation	Tuesday 9 th December 2025 3.15-4.15 in school	13 th or 14 th December 2025
My Baptism	Tuesday 6 th January 2026 3.15-4.15pm in school	10 th or 11 th January
Remembering	Tuesday 3 rd March 2026 3.15-4.15pm	7 th or 8 th March
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Tuesday 21 st April 2026	25 th or 26 th April
MAY PROCESSION AT MASS		16th or 17th May
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		6th June 2026
BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION		20th or 21st June 2026

The preparation sessions will take place at school, between **3:15pm-4:30pm**, and they will be led by Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Pemberton. At the end of each preparation session (4:15pm), the children will deliver a short prayer service, to which families are invited.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher



In Him we Live and Move and Have our Being