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Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury First Holy Communion Programme 2026-2027

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 previously shared.

There are six preparation sessions. Most sessions begin with a meeting for parents. Each session for the children, held in school, will be followed by a liturgy at Mass the weekend following the school session 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	Parent/s session held at St Joseph's School at 6pm	Children's session held in St Paul's 3.20 – 4.15pm	Weekend Mass
I have called you by your name	Tuesday 6 th October	Wednesday 14 th October	17 th or 18 th October
Baptism – in God's image	Tuesday 3 rd November	Wednesday 11 th November	14 th or 15 th November
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. CHILDREN WILL BE INVOLVED IN MASS ON 21/22 NOVEMBER			
Reconciliation		Wednesday 2 nd December	5 th or 6 th December
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER BETWEEN 5pm and 7pm			
Awesome and wonderful listening	Tuesday 12 th January	Wednesday 13 th January	16 th or 17 th January
Offertory/Giving thanks	Tuesday 2 nd March	Wednesday 10 th March	13 th or 14 th March
Do this in memory of me	Tuesday 13 th April	Wednesday 21 st April	24 th or 25 th April
MAY PROCESSION IN CHURCH 8TH OR 9TH MAY			
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS – SATURDAY 15TH OR 22ND MAY AT 10AM			
BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION IN CHURCH 12TH OR 13TH JUNE			

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