

11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025**

Dear Parents,

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

The second preparation session takes place this coming Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, straight after school. Please join us again for a short Liturgy at the end of the session (4.15pm) by coming into school, via the Thames Road entrance and straight up the path towards the Year 4 classroom.

Fr Adrian has asked me to remind you about the importance of bringing your child to Mass, especially the weekend following the school session, as the children will be invited to take part in a particular part of the Mass. This is a very important way that home, school and our parish work together to support your child's spiritual journey.

At the end of Mass this weekend, Fr Adrian has asked for parents to stay behind for 10 minutes so that he can speak to you.

Just a reminder: Preparation dates are as follows:

Session Theme	Date	Weekend Mass
✓ Welcome	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 3.15-4.15pm in school	19 <sup>th</sup> or 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Profession of Faith	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 3.15-4.15pm in school	16 <sup>th</sup> or 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Reconciliation	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 3.15-4.15pm in school	7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>First Confession 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 6pm, *St John's Church</i>		
Listen to the Word	TBC	
Rite of Election	TBC	
Offering Ourselves	TBC	
In Memory of Me	TBC	

**\*Please note a slight amendment to the First Confession arrangements:**

**Children will make their First Confession, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 5.30 and 7.30pm in St John's Church. You are invited to bring your child along to church at any point between 5.30 and 7.30pm. 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. Further details will follow prior to this date.**

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