



## Parent information .

for children making their first Holy Communion .

2018-19 .



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the preparation programme for your child's First Holy Communion.

Your child is now taking steps towards their next two sacraments. The second sacrament of initiation - Holy Communion and the first sacrament of healing -Reconciliation. I Hope that this journey will be special for your children and for you as a family.

As part of this journey your child will be attending 10 sessions; in addition to the sacraments and each child will receive a display folder for their programme of work. Their folder must be brought along each session and will be collected on the final session to be received again at their Holy Communion. A programme will be given to you to help you support the sessions. Father Richard Rowe may also visit on occasion to support the children on their journey.

During each session your child will take part in ~

- A prayer to open and close the session
- Listening to stories from the Bible
- Reflecting on the topic for the lesson and completing a worksheet
- Possible role play, craft work or singing.
- Personal reflections
- Refreshments - please advise on any allergies.

Following each session it will be beneficial for your child and you as a family to go through the work carried out in the sessions and there will be a few weeks over the course where homework will be part of their journey. This will support your child in the knowledge that home and church are linked.

Please ensure you notify me of your email as this will help with any necessary contact to support and organise the celebration of the sacraments etc., My email is [JemmimaB@aol.com](mailto:JemmimaB@aol.com) I will also need your mobile number to set up a 'What's App' group. Please message me on 07515 269 001. This is essential to ongoing communication and planning.

Nearer the time consideration and organisation will be given to ~ the children's outfits, the Cake and refreshments, the flowers and setting up for the day, preparations for the service and finally clearing up after.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and thank you. If you have any questions along the way ~ please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Jenni Balcomb