

First Holy Communion Programme 2017-18

For **ALL** families who will be preparing their children for First Holy Communion in the parish of St Nicholas, Boldmere.

Tuesday 26 th September	6-7.30pm	Introductory Parents' meeting	St Nicholas School hall
Any Sunday Mass on 30 th Sept or 1 st October	<i>Times of Masses in parish newsletter</i>	<i>Children's 'Sign up' Mass</i>	St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 7 th November	6.30-7pm	Parents meeting: Mass and Faithful Living	St Nicholas School hall
Saturday 9 th December	3pm	Family non-sacramental reconciliation service – for FHC children and their parents and siblings.	St Nicholas Church
Any Sunday Mass on 16 th or 17 th December	<i>Times of Masses in parish newsletter</i>	<i>Children's 'Listening' Mass</i>	St Nicholas Church
Monday 18 th December	7pm	Parish Advent Sacramental reconciliation service – for parents and elder siblings only.	St Nicholas Church
Any Sunday Mass on 13 th or 14 th January	<i>Times of Masses in parish newsletter</i>	<i>Children's 'Celebrating' Mass</i>	St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 16 th January	6.30-7pm	Parents meeting: Mass and the Mercy of God	St Nicholas School hall
Tuesday 13 th February	5pm	Burning of Palms to prepare for Ash Wednesday	St Nicholas Church
Monday 5 th March 3.40pm Tuesday 6 th March 3.40 and 4.40pm		First Confession	St Nicholas Church
<i>Time and date to be confirmed, but we're hoping for Saturday 10th March at 2pm</i>		Pilgrimage to St Chad's Cathedral, Lichfield – for children accompanied by their parents	<i>Joining details to be given nearer the time.</i>
Monday 26 th March	7pm	Parish Lent reconciliation service – for parents and elder siblings	St Nicholas Church
<p>All families are urged to take part in the evening services of the Triduum (29 March to 31 March) – Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.</p> <p>The children will have key roles in these liturgies, and the services provide the perfect setting for them to draw together the themes of their preparation for their First Holy Communion.</p>			
Saturdays from 7 th April onwards	<i>Times will be in parish newsletter</i>	Second confessions before FHC Mass. <i>Children and their families are invited to come to celebrate the Sacrament at the times which will be given in the parish newsletter.</i>	St Nicholas Church
Tuesday April 17 th	6.30-7pm	Parents meeting: Living Eucharist	St Nicholas School hall
Tuesday 24 th April	3.40pm and 4.40pm	Rehearsal for Child making first Communion and parent	St Nicholas Church
28/29 April and 5/6 May and 12/13 May	SUNDAY MASSES	FIRST COMMUNION MASSES	St Nicholas Church
Monday 11 th June	6.30pm	Going Forth Mass	St Nicholas Church

- Children and families are expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly during the period of the preparation.
- There will be a rota for children and their families to assist with the Offertory.