

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19

For **ALL** families whose children are preparing for First Holy Communion in the parish of St Nicholas, Boldmere.

15 or 17 Sept	Saturdays 9am or Mondays 7pm	Why parents matter (in the FHC preparation) – and how to play your part.
22 or 24 Sept		Why the Mass matters – and how to help your children to take their full part
29 Sept or 1 Oct		Why Confession and prayer matter- and how to let them nourish you in Christian living.
Sunday 30 th Sept		Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall – for children accompanied by their parents
Any Sunday Mass on 6/7 October	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Sign up' Mass
Any Sunday Mass on 20/21 October	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Gathering' Mass
Any Sunday Mass on 1/2 December	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Listening' Mass
Thursday 20 December	7pm	Parish Advent Sacramental reconciliation service – for parents and elder siblings only.
Any Sunday Mass on 12/13 January	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Making our offering' Mass
Any Sunday Mass on 9/10 February	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Praying in Communion' Mass
Tuesday 5 March	5pm	Burning of Palms to prepare for Ash Wednesday
Tuesday 2 April 3.40pm Wednesday 3 April 3.40pm and 4.40pm		First Confessions
Wednesday 10 April	2-9pm	Parish Lent Exposition (and opportunity for reconciliation for parents and elder siblings)
All families are urged to take part in the evening services of the Triduum (18-20 April) – Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. 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.		
Tuesday 30 April	3.40pm and 4.40pm	Rehearsal for child making first Communion and parents
4/5 May 11/12 May 18/19 May	SUNDAY MASSES	FIRST COMMUNION MASSES
Any Sunday Mass on 8/9 June	<i>Mass times in parish newsletter</i>	Children's 'Mission' Mass
Tuesday 11 June 3.40pm Wednesday 12 June 3.40pm and 4.40pm		Mystagogy and Second Confessions
Sunday 23 June	11am Mass	Corpus Christi: Children are invited to take part wearing their First Communion Clothes and to lead the Blessed Sacrament Procession

- 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 from 14 October.

Parents Meetings
Family events
Parents and older siblings only

NB Additional details of programme for the children at St Nicholas School and in the Saturday group (ie children at other schools will be available shortly.