

## HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - BRIXTON



### First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme 2022-2023



DATE		SESSION THEMES	VENUE
<b>Unit 1: GOD LOVES US</b>			
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Sat 8th	Meeting for all children and their Parents (Parish Hall)	<b>CHURCH</b>
	Sat 15th	Session 1: We belong to God's Family	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 22nd	Session 2: God Gives us his gifts	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 29th	<i>No Session: Half Term Break</i>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sat 5th	Session 3: God made me special	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 12th	Session 4: Jesus gives us the Sacraments	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 19th	Session 5: My Baptism	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 26th	Session 6: We love God	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>Unit 2: GOD INVITES US TO LOVE</b>			
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sat 3rd	<b>Special Session:</b> Advent and Our Lady + Revision	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 10th	<b>Special Session:</b> Advent and the meaning of Christmas	
<b>Sat 10th December Meeting for Parents and Children in the parish hall at 3.45</b> <b>Topic: The FHC Programme so far and the real meaning of Christmas</b>			
<b>Saturday 17th December at 10.45 a.m. Christmas Carol Singing,</b> <b>Party for all Children and Distribution of Crib.</b>			
	Sat 24th	<i>No Session: Christmas Holidays</i>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	Sat 7th	Session 7: We love one another	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 14th	Session 8: The Ten Commandments	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>Saturday 14th January Third Parents' Meeting in the parish Hall at 3.45 p.m.</b> <b>Topic: Prayer in the Family</b>			
	Sat 21st	Session 9: Jesus forgives us	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>Unit 3: JESUS FORGIVES US</b>			
	Sat 28th	Session 10: Be happy to say yes to Jesus	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Sat 4th	Session 11: Friends again with God	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 11th	Session 12: How to receive Confession	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>Saturday 11th February Fourth Parents' Meeting in the church at 3.45 p.m.</b> <b>Topic: The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>			
	Sat 18th	<i>No Session: Half-Term holidays</i>	
<b>Saturday 25th February Penitential Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children</b> <b>at 3.45 p.m.</b>			

UNIT 4: JESUS GIVES HIMSELF TO US			
<b>MARCH</b>	Sat 4th	Session 13: We gather as God's family	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 11th	Session 14: The liturgy of the Word	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 18th	Session 15 a: The liturgy of the Eucharist - The Offertory	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 25th	Session 15 b: The liturgy of the Eucharist	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	Sat 1st	<b>Special Session: The Holy Week</b>	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 8th	<i>No Session: Holy Week</i>	
	Sat 15th	<i>No Session: Easter Holidays</i>	
	Sat 22nd	Session 16: My First Holy Communion	<b>GROUPS</b>
	Sat 29th	<b>Special Session: St Dominic Savio</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
<b>Saturday 29th April: 5th Parents' Meeting in the church at 3.45 p.m.</b> <b>Topic: Preparation for the Sacraments &amp; Feast of St George Preca</b>			
<b>MAY</b>	Sat 6th	<b>Special Session: St George Preca</b>	<b>GROUPS</b>
<b>Sunday 7th May Feast of St George Preca - Founder of S.D.C.</b>			
<b>Sat 13th May Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children + Revision Session</b>			
<b>MAY Sat 20</b>	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>FHC Practice for Group 1 in church</i></b>	
<b>SUNDAY 21</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 1</b>	
<b>MAY Sat 27</b>	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>FHC Practice for Group 2 in church</i></b>	
<b>SUNDAY 28</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 2</b>	
<b>Sunday 11th June Thanksgiving Mass for all children at 12.00 noon</b> <b>The First Holy Communion Photos will be available for viewing before and after the Mass</b>			

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**SESSIONS:** There are three First Communion preparation groups who will meet every Saturday as shown in the table above at the following times:

**Groups A and B** - Saturdays from **3.45 p.m. to 4.45 pm.**  
**Group C** - Saturdays from **5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.**

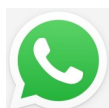
We open 15 minutes before each session. Entrance through the Iron Gate, at the back of the church. Each session will last for an hour. Please be on time for the session and collect the children promptly.

**Regular attendance** is required for children to be able to be presented for First Holy Communion.



**SUNDAY MASS:** Please remember that taking part in the Sunday Mass is an integral part of the formation for Holy Communion. Please see times of masses and attend with your children regularly. See the parish newsletter for mass times and other information.

**YEAR PLANNER:** A copy of this year planner is also available on the SDC Website. To download go to [www.sdc.me.uk](http://www.sdc.me.uk) and click on the SDC Groups icon.



**WHATSAPP GROUP:** Please make sure you are included in our FHC WhatsApp Group. We will be using this app to communicate with parents throughout the year.

**PROGRAMME FOLDERS:** Children will need a folder to use for **worksheets**, **prayer book** or other material that they may be given to them during sessions or downloaded from the SDC website. Please see that they complete the worksheets that are intended to support their preparation. Your help at home is essential.



**PARENTS' MEETINGS:** During the Catechetical Year there will be a number of parents' meetings which are held at the same time that the children's sessions. We will send messages with more information about these meetings through Whatsapp. Attendance at such meetings is of the utmost importance for parents as it forms part of the programme in preparing children for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.