

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - BRIXTON



First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025



DATE		SESSION THEMES	VENUE
OCTOBER	Sat 5th	Meeting for all children and their Parents - 5.00 pm.	Parish Hall
	Sat 12th	Session 1: We belong to God's Family	Groups
	Sat 19th	Session 2: God Gives us his gifts	Groups
	Sat 26th	Session 3: God made me special	Groups
NOVEMBER	Sat 2nd	<i>No Session: Half Term Break</i>	
	Sat 9th	Session 4: Jesus gives us the Sacraments	Groups
	Sat 16th	Session 5: My Baptism	Groups
	Sat 23rd	Session 6: We love God	Groups
	Sat 30th	Special Session: Christ the King + Revision	Groups
Sat 30th November - Meeting for Parents in the parish hall at 3.45 pm Topic: The FHC Programme so far; Advent and the real meaning of Christmas			
DECEMBER	Sat 7th	Special Session: Advent and Our Lady + Revision	Groups
	Sat 14th	Special Session: Advent and the meaning of Christmas	Groups
Saturday 21st December at 10.45 a.m. Christmas Carol Singing, and Distribution of Crib.			
	Sat 28th	<i>No Session: Christmas Holidays</i>	
JANUARY	Sat 11th	Session 7: We love one another	Groups
	Sat 18th	Session 8: The Ten Commandments	Groups
Saturday 18th January - Third Parents' Meeting in the parish Hall at 3.45 p.m. Topic: Prayer in the Family			
	Sat 25th	Session 9: Jesus forgives us	Groups
FEBRUARY	Sat 1st	Session 10: Be happy to say yes to Jesus	Groups
	Sat 8th	Session 11: Friends again with God	Groups
	Sat 15th	Session 12: How to receive Confession	Groups
	Sat 22nd	<i>No Session: Half-Term holidays</i>	
MARCH	Sat 1st	Session 13: We gather as God's family	Groups
??? Saturday 1st March - Fourth Parents' Meeting in the church at 3.45 p.m. Topic: The Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Saturday 8th March: Penitential Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children - 3.45 p.m.			

	Sat 15th	Session 14: The liturgy of the Word	Groups
	Sat 22nd	Session 15 a: The liturgy of the Eucharist - The Offertory	Groups
	Sat 29th	Session 15 b: The liturgy of the Eucharist	Groups
APRIL	Sat 5th	Revision Session + The Holy Week	Groups
	Sat 12th & 19th	<i>No Sessions: Easter Holidays</i>	
	Sat 26th	Session 16: My First Holy Communion	
MAY	Sat 3rd	Special Session: St George Preca + Revision	Groups
Saturday 3rd May : 5th Parents' Meeting in the Parish Hall at 3.45 p.m. Topic: Preparation for the Sacraments & Feast of St George Preca			
Sat 10th May - Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children + Revision Session			
Sat 17th May	3:45 p.m.	<i>FHC Practice for Group 1 in church</i>	
SUNDAY 18th May	12:00 noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 1	
Sat 24th May	3:45 p.m.	<i>FHC Practice for Group 2 in church</i>	
SUNDAY 25th May	12:00 noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 2	
Sunday 1st June Thanksgiving Mass for all children at 12.00 noon The First Holy Communion Photos will be available for viewing before and after the Mass			

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

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

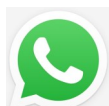
We open 15 minutes before each session. Entrance through the Iron Gate, at the back of the church. Each session will last for one hour. Please be on time for the session and collect the children promptly.

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 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.