

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - BRIXTON



First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme 2023-2024



DATE		SESSION THEMES	VENUE
OCTOBER	Sat 7th	Meeting for all children and their Parents - 5.00 pm.	Parish Hall
	Sat 14th	Session 1: We belong to God's Family	Groups
	Sat 21st	Session 2: God Gives us his gifts	Groups
	Sat 28th	<i>No Session: Half Term Break</i>	
NOVEMBER	Sat 4th	Session 3: God made me special	Groups
	Sat 11th	Session 4: Jesus gives us the Sacraments	Groups
	Sat 18th	Session 5: My Baptism	Groups
	Sat 25th	Session 6: We love God	Groups
DECEMBER	Sat 2nd	Special Session: Christ the King + Revision	Groups
	Sat 9th	Special Session: Advent and Our Lady + Revision	Groups
Sat 9th December - Meeting for Parents in the parish hall at 3.45 pm Topic: The FHC Programme so far and the real meaning of Christmas			
	Sat 16th	Special Session: Advent and the meaning of Christmas	Groups
Saturday 23rd December at 10.45 a.m. Christmas Carol Singing, Party for all Children and Distribution of Cribs.			
	Sat 30th	<i>No Session: Christmas Holidays</i>	
JANUARY	Sat 13th	Session 7: We love one another	Groups
	Sat 20th	Session 8: The Ten Commandments	Groups
Saturday 20th January - Third Parents' Meeting in the parish Hall at 3.45 p.m. Topic: Prayer in the Family			
	Sat 27th	Session 9: Jesus forgives us	Groups
FEBRUARY	Sat 3rd	Session 10: Be happy to say yes to Jesus	Groups
	Sat 10th	Session 11: Friends again with God	Groups
	Sat 17th	<i>No Session: Half-Term holidays</i>	
	Sat 24th	Session 12: How to receive Confession	Groups
Saturday 24th February - Fourth Parents' Meeting in the church at 3.45 p.m. Topic: The Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Saturday 2nd March: Penitential Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children - 3.45 p.m.			

MARCH	Sat 9th	Session 13: We gather as God's family	Groups
	Sat 16th	Session 14: The liturgy of the Word	Groups
	Sat 23rd	Session 15 a: The liturgy of the Eucharist - The Offertory	Groups
	Sat 30th	<i>No Session: Holy Week</i>	
APRIL	Sat 6th & 13th	<i>No Sessions: Easter Holidays</i>	
	Sat 20th	Session 15 b: The liturgy of the Eucharist	Groups
	Sat 27th	Session 16: My First Holy Communion	CHURCH
Saturday 27th April: 5th Parents' Meeting in the church at 3.45 p.m. Topic: Preparation for the Sacraments & Feast of St George Preca			
MAY	Sat 4th	Special Session: St George Preca + Revision	Groups
Sat 11th May Sacrament of Reconciliation for all children + Revision Session			
Sat 18th May	3:45 p.m.	<i>FHC Practice for Group 1 in church</i>	
SUNDAY 19th May	12:00 noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 1	
Sat 25th May	3:45 p.m.	<i>FHC Practice for Group 2 in church</i>	
SUNDAY 26th May	12:00 noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for Group 2	
Sunday 9th 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.

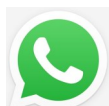
We open 15 minutes before each session. Entrance through the Iron Gate, at the back of the church. Each session will last for an hour. Please be on time for the session and collect the children promptly.

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 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.