



St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Parish House, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG. Tel. 0116 241 5159

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In October 2023, we will prepare together for the children's Holy Communion. Part of the preparation is at mass each week, another part is learning about the Catholic faith at school.

But the best and most important part is at home with you, the love of God is best learned in the love of a good home.

You will know when your child is ready to receive Holy Communion - there are no set dates.

Please remember, that first Communion is only the beginning; Holy Communion is for the rest of the children's lives, and this is what we are really preparing for. So, there is no hurry about the first time, feel easy about waiting for the right time.

We have good books available and there will be meetings to discuss how your preparations are going here at church (notified through the parish newsletter and on the parish website <https://www.stjoseph-leicester.co.uk/>) and, maybe you will meet in your own homes where you can share the instruction and the questions that your child asks. They ask good questions at this age, don't they.

The preparation will include talking about "going to confession" so the children will feel comfortable and not uneasy about it.

When you and your child have decided to be part of the programme, would you please fill in the details below and return the form in an envelope to **David Snelders, First Holy Communion 2023/24** (to the address above or leave with the stewards next time you come to church). The information is necessary for the smooth running of the programme but will be treated as confidential in accordance with diocesan policy on data protection (see <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy>).

Yours Sincerely

Fr. John

Details of Child Preparing for Holy Communion 2023

Child Name _____ School _____
(Please write clearly as this will appear on their certificate, should you request one)

Home Address _____

D.O.B _____ Date of Baptism _____ Church _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship _____

Contact number _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Date Chosen _____ Certificate Collected _____