



First Holy Communion – Saturday 26th June

Dear parent/carers.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating your son or daughter's First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th June. Please see the following advice on practical arrangements for this special day:

- Mass will begin at **12pm** in St Ambrose's Church and will be live streamed via the St Ambrose's Parish website.
- Please arrive at the main door at the front of Church by **11:45am** where you will then be directed to your pew.
- Each family (**4 people including your child**) will be allocated to one row, labelled with your child's name. The names and order in the Church will be drawn out of a hat to ensure fairness.
- Please follow the one-way system in church and ensure your son or daughter sits by the centre aisle.
- Girls should wear a white dress and may wear a veil if they wish. Gloves should not be worn during Mass.
- Boys should wear dark trousers and a white shirt. They will be given a red sash on Monday 14th June to wear from school and they can also wear a red tie. Some red bow ties are available for those who would like to borrow them.
- Because regular sterilising takes place, the pews in church can be sticky so it is advised that you bring a towel for your child to sit on. This is particularly recommended for the girls to avoid their dresses getting marked.
- Adults must wear face coverings during the Mass.
- Communion will be distributed to families in your allocated pew, and you are politely asked to not move around in them.
- At the end of Mass, your child will be called by name to stand where they are to receive their certificate from Father Lamb.
- Please **do not** use cameras during the Mass itself.
- After Mass, a group photograph will be taken by Mrs Cunliffe. You will receive details on how to order and purchase the photograph prior to the 26th June.
- Please remain seated until you are directed to leave at the end of Mass and **do not** gather outside the Church before or after Mass.
- We will celebrate with the children in school on Monday 28th June and will write to you again shortly with details regarding a celebration afterwards, if this is possible.

Yours faithfully,

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