

St. Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath

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First Holy Communion 2024

Children currently in Year 3-6 are invited to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2024. If you feel your child is ready to receive these sacraments, please fill in this form and return it to St Mary's Parish Office, c/o 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF along with a copy of the child's baptism certificate. The copy of the baptismal certificate is not necessary if your child was baptised at St Mary's.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will take place at St Mary's Church on 9th March, and the children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church in May (12th or 19th).
- We ask that children be brought to Mass each Sunday, and they are very welcome to take part in our popular Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass. They are also welcome to become altar servers.
- There will be a meeting for all parents/guardians in St Mary's Parish Centre on Wednesday 10th January, at 7.00pm, led by Fr Jeremy, Peter Ghillyer and Nicole Pecchia. It is very important that at least one parent/guardian attends this meeting. You will find out details of children's preparation classes, the parents' preparation classes, receiving the Sacraments and choosing a date for our child's First Holy Communion. The children will each need an "I Belong" book. These will be available that evening, costing £8.50 (cash please). Each child, including siblings, needs their own copy of the book.
- There will be two preparation courses: one at St Mary's Primary School for pupils at the school, and one at St Mary's Church for those not at the school. Most of the course will be focused on home study with the parents, using the "I Belong" book.
Children attending St Mary's School: Preparation sessions will take place in school with Mrs Pecchia
Children not attending St Mary's School: Preparation sessions will take place straight after Sunday 10.30am Mass in the parish centre, lasting 45 mins whilst parents have a coffee with other parishioners.
- It is important that children and parents take part in all parts of the preparation course. However, if your child is unwell on the day of a session or Mass, please contact Fr Jeremy Rigden (01225 311725) or Charlotte Boyall in St Mary's Parish Office (01225 314114/ bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) as soon as possible, or Mrs Pecchia if they miss a school preparation session.

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The dates below apply to all children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and their parents.

- Wednesday 10th January** Session for parents/guardians: An introduction to the programme.
St Mary's Parish Centre (off Burlington Street) 7.00pm
- Sunday 28th January** Enrolment Mass for all children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families,
St Mary's Church 10.30am
- Tuesday 27th February** Session for parents/guardians: What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
St Mary's Parish Centre 7.00pm
- Saturday 9th March** First Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11.00am, St Mary's Church – parents to remain in the church
- Thursday 21st March** Session for all parents/guardians: Sacrament of Holy Communion & what will happen at the First Holy Communion Masses, St Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
- Saturday 11th May** Rehearsal (group 1), St Mary's Church, 3.00-4.00pm – parents to remain in the church
- Sunday 12th May** First Holy Communion Mass (group 1), St Mary's Church 10.30am
- Saturday 18th May** Rehearsal (group 2), St Mary's Church, 3.00-4.00pm – parents to remain in the church
- Sunday 19th May** First Holy Communion Mass (group 2), St Mary's Church 10.30am
- Sunday 9th June** Mass for the First Holy Communion children and their families – certificates and party
St Mary's Church 10.30am

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Please write clearly in block capitals. Return the completed form, plus copy of your child's baptism certificate, to Charlotte Boyall - Parish Office, c/o 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF.

Please do not return them Mrs Pecchia or St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Name of Child:

Date of Birth:Date of baptism:

Place of baptism

School:School Year:.....

Name of Parents/Carers:

Address:

.....Post Code.....

Telephone Number(s).....

Email (essential):.....

Emergency contact name and mobile (if not parent/guardian):.....

Any relevant information (e.g. food allergies, additional needs):

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My child will be collected from preparation sessions by:

.....Telephone:.....

During the sessions we will be taking photos to display (without names) in the church as the First Holy Communion Masses approach. These will include individual photos with some group photos. Please indicate below if you would or would not be happy for your child to be photographed.

I am happy/ not happy for my child to be photographed (*delete as appropriate*)

If you are happy for them to be photographed, please complete the NCSC (safeguarding) form at the parents' meeting on Wednesday 10th January.

Information provided on this form, together with all other personal data held about these individuals by the Parish and the Clifton Diocese, is processed in accordance with the Diocese's Privacy Notice; which is available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/privacy-notice> or from the Parish Office