

Application Form for First Holy Communion Programme 2017-2018

OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST SWITHUN PARISH in Southsea

(Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to Fr Marcin Drabik by the end of term)

A. Child's Details

A. Surname _____ Christian Name(s) _____

B. Date of Birth

(NB The 2017-18 programme is open only to children born on or before 31.8.2010)

Date of Baptism Church/place of baptism

(If You do not know - don't worry. Everyone is asked to bring the certificate of Baptism from the church where your child was baptised. If your child is not baptised at all or was not baptised in the Catholic Church, please inform Fr Marcin ASAP)

Name of child's present school

Does your child have medical conditions or special needs (learning/behaviour) that we need to be aware of? **Yes/No**
(If answering 'Yes', please attach written details. This will help us make the most appropriate provision)

B. Parents/Guardians details

Mother's Name _____ Religion

Father's Name _____ Religion

Home Address

..... Postcode

Home phone Mobile phone

Email address _____ @ _____

C. Mass attendance

Which Sunday Mass in this parish do you usually attend?

How regularly do you usually take part in Sunday Mass? Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly/Less Often

Our parish follows the guidelines for the protection of children issued by Portsmouth Diocese.

To comply with data protection legislation we also need your agreement:

- that the information provided on this forms may be retained by the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Swithun in Southsea, and incorporated into an electronic file;
- that these details may be made available by the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Swithun in Southsea, at its discretion, to any person or body assisting with the First Communion Programme;

I agree to this information being retained by the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun and included on its electronic systems.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent / Carer Declaration and Undertaking:

I, the undersigned, being the parent/carer of _____

would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Confession and First Holy Communion.

I understand the conditions of acceptance for the preparation for these sacraments that:

a.) according to the Baptismal promises made by us, we are his/her *“first and the best teachers of faith”*, and that, by the beginning of the course, we will ensure our child can make a proper **“sign of the cross”**, say the Lord’s prayer: **‘Our Father’**, say prayer to Our Lady: **‘Hail Mary...’**, say a prayer: **‘Angel of God, my guardian dear...’**, and the short prayer: **‘Glory be to the Father...’**

b.) our child is brought to all the preparation classes, which are for both parents and children.

c.) we as the parents/carers will attend all the parent sessions in addition to the children’s sessions.

d.) we will bring him/her regularly to Sunday Mass at St. Swithun’s Church, in accordance with our undertaking at our son/daughter’s baptism **to “bring him/her up in the faith and life of the Church.”**

e.) my child will deepen his/her knowledge of the Faith which includes: the teaching given during the sessions, which will be shared on the special sheet after each session; **10 Commandments of God; 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church; 5 necessary conditions for a good Confession; An act of contrition; A prayer for the deceased; 2 Commandments of Love; 5 precepts of the Holy Church;**

Signature _____ **(Parent / Carer)**

N.B. Photographs and video images of children

It is the policy of this parish to allow members of catechetical team and others working with the children in parish programmes to take photographs and videos showing children taking part in the programme activities. The photos and videos will be used in parish publications such as the newsletter and the website, and on noticeboards.

Children will not be identified by name without their parents/guardian’s written permission.

We hope that you are happy with this policy.

- *If you DO NOT want your child’s photograph to be taken please write to us confirming this.*
- *If you DO NOT want your child to be included in any videos please to us confirming this.*

If you do not attach a letter to this application form, we will assume that you are happy with this policy.

Finally please enclose the following, when submitting your application:

- a copy of Baptism certificate (ESSENTIAL if your child was baptised outside this parish);
- a donation towards the cost of books and course materials; first communion rosaries; Mass book; Medal of the Immaculate Lady; first communion albs/dresses; engraved certificate of the First Communion. (*£50 is suggested – which is almost half of the cost; the second part [£57] is funded by the Parish*);

Schedule for year of preparation 2017 - 2018*

DATES	TIME	TOPICS
14TH September 2017 THURSDAY	6.30pm to 8.00pm	<u>Preliminary session only for parents/carers - PRAYER</u>
1 st October 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	ROSARY PRAYER
8 th October 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Children receive special First Communion Rosary beads; Session - about PRAYER
15 th October 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	FAMILY PRAYER
5 th November 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Communion of Saints and Prayer for the deceased and the Holy Souls (Purgatory)
16 November 2017 THURSDAY	6.30pm to 8.00pm	<u>Preliminary session only for parents/carers - SACRAMENTS</u>
19 th November 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	WHAT IS A SACRAMENT? Why do we need SACRAMENTS?
3 rd December 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Miraculous Medal
10 th December 2017 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Children receive the Miraculous Medal Session: SACRAMENT of BAPTISM
11 th January 2018 THURSDAY	6.30pm to 8.00pm	<u>Preliminary session only for parents/carers - SACRAMENT of CONFESSION</u>
14 th January 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	HISTORY of THE SACRAMENT of CONFESSION
21 st January 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	SACRAMENT of CONFESSION
4 th February 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	FIVE necessary conditions for a good Confession
25 th February 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Children Receive a special Book to help to participate in the Holy Mass and to pray. Behaving in the confessional, ways of confessing sins

8 th March 2018 THURSDAY	6.30pm to 8.00pm	<u>Preliminary session only for parents/carers - SACRAMENT of THE EUCHARIST (Holy Communion)</u>
11 th March 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	REAL presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist
25 th March 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	BETTER participation in the Holy Mass Measuring children for First Communion albs and dresses
22 nd April 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Structure and the meaning of the particular parts of the Holy Mass
29 th April 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Following Jesus Christ The ways to be present, involved & enjoy the ministry in your Parish, in your church
6 th May 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Rehearsal
20 th May 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am Session: 11.45am-13.00am	Rehearsal
1 st June 2018 FRIDAY	Friday 5.00pm - 6.30pm	Final Rehearsal
FIRST SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION FOR CHILDREN - 2ND June 2018 at 11.30 am at St Swithun's Church		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - 3RD JUNE 2018 AT 12.00 noon at St Swithun's Church		
10 TH June 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am	Receive the Certificates of the Holy Communion
17 TH June 2018 SUNDAY	Sunday Mass 10.15am	Thanksgiving Mass and receive a special gift from Fr Marcin

*** Please, separate the pages with the schedule for this year for yourself, and give back only the first two pages. Thank You.**

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