

## First Holy Communion May 2021

### Introduction

Preparing your children for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a privileged period for every family and will help shape your child's faith for the years ahead. Participation as a family at Mass prior to the First Holy Communion course, and the memorising of the basic prayers will make participation in the classes much more fruitful and long-lasting.

The course at St Margaret's is open for those who fulfil the following criteria:

- a) live within the Parish boundaries;
- b) or live outside the Parish boundaries but have been coming to Mass here for a substantial period beforehand. The Parish is unable to prepare families living outside the Parish who have had no contact with the Parish prior to the course. Claims that other Parish courses are full will not be accepted.

Application involves the following:

- a) to collect a Mass attendance card from Fr Peter after Sunday Mass
- b) at the end of October to collect an application form

The outline programme is shown below. These dates may be subject to change if the government offers alternative guidance about social distancing etc. All classes will be held observing all the requirements laid down by the government and the Church to ensure that both children and catechists are safe.

Please note the Parish is not liable if the government changes travel advice with regard to families travelling to attend the First Holy Communion.

### Preparation classes

All classes start at 5:15pm and last an hour. There is a short break, followed by Mass at 6:30pm. **Classes are compulsory as is attendance at Mass afterwards.**

Dates: November 2020: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>;  
December 2020: 5<sup>th</sup>;  
January 2021: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>;  
February 2021: 6<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>;  
March 2021: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> (First Confession);  
April 2021: 17<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>;  
May 2021: 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday rehearsal)

**First Holy Communion: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 11:00am**

Fr Peter Newby,  
Parish Priest