

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT – 2025

Dear Parents and Children,

The Parish of Little Venice provides preparation classes for those wishing to receive their First Communion. We will endeavour to ensure that those who are being prepared, are honestly trying to practice their faith in preparation for the Sacrament. Whilst it is important that parents encourage their children to live their faith, our young people should feel that they are making a personal choice in asking to receive First Communion.

Young people are eligible if they live or worship in the parish, and are in Year 3 or older for First Communion and have been prepared for the Sacrament by their full participation in the programme. The programme will commence in January 2025. First Communion preparation will take place in St Saviour's School. The programme will include weekly teaching sessions, homework, and a rehearsal for the First Communion Mass. If your child does not attend St Saviour's School, please speak with Fr Christopher or Fr Andrew so that alternative arrangements can be made.

First Communion will take place at **St Saviour's Church, Warwick Avenue at Corpus Christi on Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 11.00am.** The rehearsal will be on **Friday 20th June at 10.00am.** if you attend St Saviour's school. For other candidates a rehearsal date will be arranged with Fr Christopher or Fr Andrew.

Forms are available from both churches, the school or parish website, and **should be completed and returned to the Church Parish Office by Monday 6th January 2025.** with a **copy** of the candidate's Baptism Certificate (please don't send the original). We would appreciate a voluntary donation of a minimum of £15.00 to help cover the cost of materials and books for the course. If you have difficulty finding this amount, please speak to Fr Christopher. If your child is not baptised, please contact the Parish Office and arrangements will be made for their baptism.

Preparation for the Sacrament is a major commitment and attendance at all preparation classes is essential. If your child is unable to be at a class, we expect you to contact school as soon as possible. Regular participation at Sunday Mass is also required.

Your child will grow in their love of the Lord in the Eucharist only if they are familiar with the Mass as a weekly family activity. In the meantime, may we take this opportunity to make this a very special year for your child, your family and yourselves.