

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT – 2027

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 to prepare for their First Communion if they live or worship in the parish, are in Year 3 or older, and have been prepared for the Sacrament by their **full participation** in the programme. The programme will commence in January 2027. 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 so that alternative arrangements can be made.

First Communion will take place at **St Saviour's Church, Warwick Avenue, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 30th May 2026, at the 10.30am Mass.** The rehearsal will be on **Friday 5th June at 10.00am** if you attend St Saviour's School. For other candidates, a rehearsal date will be arranged with one of the priests.

Forms are available from both churches, the school or parish website, and **should be completed and returned to the Parish Office, St Saviours Church by Friday 15th January 2027** 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. If you have difficulty finding this amount, please speak with Fr Christopher. If your child is not baptised, please contact Fr Christopher 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 as they participate in Mass week by week as a family activity. Please know that we shall endeavour to make this a very special year for your child and for yourselves.