



ST PETER'S RC CHURCH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St. Peter's RC First Holy Communion registration.

First Holy Communion is a wonderful moment in a child's life and represents a sign of growth in the knowledge and love of God for each and every child. Parents who bring their child or children for First Holy Communion are fulfilling the vow they made publicly at their child's baptism some years before to be the "first and best teachers of their child in the ways of faith".

Before you register your child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion, please reflect on the following questions:

1. Am I practicing Catholic and wish to continue to grow with my child in faith?
2. Can I commit to the programme and support my child fully?
3. Why do I want my child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion?
4. Is my child confident in praying the Our Father and Hail Mary without prompt?

As part of the application process, your child will be asked to recite the prayers to the catechist or Priest.

All parents will be expected to attend a number of meetings during the year. Parents must ensure that they and their children attend punctually all the preparations classes, which take place at St Peter's Parish Hall or Church

No child will be denied First Holy Communion; however, children who miss two or at most three sessions will have missed key catechesis. In such cases and after discussion with catechists and parents, the parish priest may remove a child from the course and invite parents to reapply for the following year. Sports events, parties and other such competing attractions must come second to First Holy Communion preparation and the regular attendance of Mass during the First Holy Communion year.

To be considered for the programme, you must live with the boundary of St. Peter's RC church – see attached list and be a regular practicing Catholic at St. Peter's.

A payment of £20 will complete the registration; this will pay towards such items as the Communion preparation workbooks.

Attendance at preparation course

We want your child to enjoy this preparation time and ask you to look on it as an opportunity for your family, to grow in faith and in your knowledge and love of God, together.

Each child must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent, and not a friend of the family. It is important that families attend all sessions. You and your child are asked to plan ahead to ensure that this happens.

Your role as parents

First Holy Communion is a special time when your children are welcomed into the body of the Church and begin to take a more active part in the community.

As parent, you have the most important role in the preparation process, which is primarily to:

- accompany your child to Mass
- pray for and with your child
- witness to your faith by family lifestyle and conversation
- attend the diarised catechetical sessions with them

Your support and encouragement during the process is vital to your child's faith development. Please remember that sports events, parties and other such competing attractions must come second to the First Holy Communion preparation.

Next steps

Complete the attached registration form and return to the presbytery **during office hours**, no later than **21st February 2021** ensuring you have included copies of **ALL** documents required (copy of : **child baptism certificate, confirmation of address – bill dated within the last 3 months**) .

After handing in the required and completed forms, you will be contacted for yourself and your child to attend an interview.

Please check the bulletin regularly for updates regarding the initial parent meeting which should be held sometime in February.



**ST PETER'S RC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION FORM 2021**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM CLEARLY and WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

This form must be signed by the Catholic parent. Failure to do so may delay the processing of your form and result in not securing a place on this year's programme.

Details of child

Full name of child BLOCK CAPITALS Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date and place of birth	
Date and place of Baptism (attached copy of certificate)	
School attending and year group from Sept 2020	

Details of Parents

Mother's Name			
Father's Name			
Marital Status	Married in a Catholic Church <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Religion	Mother: Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Father: Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Catholic(s) Parents: Church and Place of Baptism.....

Which Mass do you usually attend..... **How often**.....

If you have more children. How old they are and what sacraments they received: (Example: John, 15YEARS OLD, Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Confession)

Contact details: Home address			
		Post Code:	
Preferred contact number		Email	

How long have you lived at this Address:..... (Please attached confirmation of address: bill etc within 3 months)

DECLARATION

In registering my child for the sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Peter's RC Church, I agree to attend weekly Sunday mass on time with my child. I confirm my child will attend **all** sessions, on time and I will support my child in completing **all** homework. I will also co-operate in every way with the Parish priest and Catechists. I declare I am committed to the Catholic faith and that the information I have provided is true. I understand that if it is later found that the information I provided is inaccurate or misleading my child may be removed from the programme. By signing this form I give my consent to receive written, digital and media communication relating to my child and the Sacrament programme from the St. Peter's Catechists and office administrators. I understand that St Peter's Parish – Dagenham will be holding securely the information given and any related paperwork in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, under the heading of Legitimate Interest.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

(To be signed by the parent who is a practicing Catholic)

Print Name:.....

St Peter's Dagenham

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

The child is confident in praying Our Father and Hail Mary

Registration Form is completed

Child Baptismal Certificate is included

Confirmation of address is provided

£20 donation for programme materials is included
(if paying by cheque make it payable to St Peter's Parish)

Please return by Sunday 21st February 2021