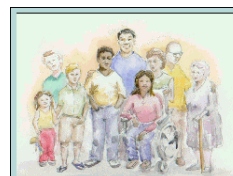


SS Joseph & Swithun's Catholic Parish Community

First Reconciliation Calendar: 2026/27

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First Reconciliation preparation sessions will all be held in the Upper Room / Church hall on
Mondays & Fridays: 3.45 to 5pm. Saturdays 9.30 to 10.45; 11.00 to 12.15

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Retreat & Rites</u>
<u>Saturday 19th September</u> <u>9.30am - 3.30pm</u>	Parents Retreat St Joseph's Hall	Retreat: Supporting your child on their Faith Journey
<u>Sunday 20th September</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	<i>Whole Family</i>	Rite of Enrolment – Called by Name
<u>Sunday 11th October</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	Whole Family	Rite of Signed with the Cross Parents sign their children with the cross and present
<u>Sunday 8th November</u> <u>9.15 Mass in St Joseph's Church</u>	<i>Whole Family</i>	Rite of Illumination Parents relight and present their child's baptismal
<u>Preparation Session Dates</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Session 1 - Monday 21 st September Fri 25 th September / Sat 26 th September	Matthew 4: 18-20	God Chooses Me
Session 2 - Monday 28 th September Fri 2 nd October / Sat 3 rd October	John 14: 21	I Grow Closer to Jesus
Session 3 - Monday 5 th October Fri 9 th October / Sat 10 th October	Luke 10: 25-28	I Learn About Rules of Love
Half Term 19th October – 30th October		
Session 4 - Monday 2 nd November Fri 6 th November / Sat 7 th November	Matthew 18: 21-22	I Disobey the Rules Sometimes
Session 5 - Monday 9 th November Fri 13 th November / Sat 14 th November	Matthew 19: 13-15	Being Sorry: Asking Forgiveness
Session 6 - Monday 16 th November Fri 20 th November / Sat 21 st November	1 Corinthians 2:9	Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate
<u>Thursday 19th November</u> <u>7.30 - 8.45pm in Holy Trinity House</u>	Parents Review	Reviewing the Sacrament of Reconciliation
FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH On Saturday 28th November 2026 – Between noon & 2pm in group order		

*Please enter all dates into your home diaries,
especially the Parents' Preparation and Review evenings.*

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Thursday 14th January 2027 Parents Meeting 7.30 – 8.45pm in Holy Trinity House		Celebrating the Eucharist
Sunday 17th January 2027 9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families		For all families in preparation for Eucharist sessions
Sunday 28th February 2027 9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families		For all families journeying towards First Holy Communion
Sunday 11th April 2027 9.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Families		For all families in preparation and thanksgiving for upcoming First Holy Communion Masses in April.
DATES	GOSPEL	FOCUS
Session 1 - Monday 18 th January Fri 22 nd Jan & Sat 23 rd January	Mark 6:30-44	We Gather Together
Session 2 - Monday 25 th January Fri 29 th & Sat 30 th January	Luke 10:38-42	We Listen to the Readings & the Homily
Session 3 - Monday 1 st February Fri 5 th & Sat 6 th February	Luke 22:7-20	<i>We Pray in Thanksgiving</i>
Half term 15th– 19th February. (Ash Wednesday 10th February)		
Session 4 - Monday 22 nd February Fri 26 th & Sat 27 th February	John 10:11-14	We Receive Holy Communion
Session 5 - Monday 1 st March Friday 5 th & Sat 6 th March	John 22:1-17	A Prayer to Accept God’s Grace and to Change the World Through Love!
Session 6 - Monday 8 th March Friday 12 th & Sat 13 th March	Mark 12:41-44	We Offer Ourselves and All We Have
Parents’ Meeting - Practical Planning for the Celebration of First Holy Communion Thursday 18th March @ 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House		
FHC Lent Parish Reconciliation Service – TBC		
Holy Week 22 nd - 28 th March	Holy Thursday 25 th March April 8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Good Friday 26 th March 9am Stations of the Cross for Children
Rehearsals for First Holy Communion In the Church	Tuesday 20 th April 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 24 th April 11am Mass Tuesday 20 th May 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 25 th April Masses Tuesday 27 th April 6 -7pm rehearsal for Saturday 1 st May 11am Mass Tuesday 27 th April 7- 8pm rehearsal for Sunday 2 nd May Masses	
Dates for First Holy Communion 2027 Saturday 24 th April 11am Mass & Sunday 25 th April 9.15 & 11am Mass Saturday 1 st May 11am Mass & Sunday 2 nd May 9.15 & 11am Mass		
Post First Holy Communion Mass & Celebration – 15th May 11am Mass		

