

2024 – November

Thursday 7th 6.45pm

Thursday 14th 6:45pm

Thursday 21st 6.45pm

Thursday 28th 6:45pm

December

Thursday 5th 6.45pm

Thursday 12th 6.45 pm

Parents' Meeting with Father David (Church)

Class for children (Church Rooms)

Class for children

Class for children

2025 - January

Thursday 23rd 6.45pm

Thursday 30th 6.45pm

February

Thursday 6th 6.45pm

Thursday 13th 6.45pm

Thursday 27th 6:45pm

March

Thursday 6th 6.45pm

Saturday 8th 11.30am

Thursday 20th 6.45pm

Thursday 27th 6:45pm

April

Thursday 3rd 6.45pm

Thursday 24th 6.45pm

May

Thursday 1st 6.45pm

Thursday 8th 6:45

Thursday 15th 6:45

Thursday 22nd 6:45

June

Thursday 5th 6.45pm

Thursday 12th 6.45pm

Thursday 19th 6:45

Saturday 22nd 11.30am and

Saturday 29th 11.30am

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class and Parents' meeting with Father David

Class for children

First Confession Service (for families)

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class and Parents' meeting with Father David

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class for children

Class and Parents' meeting with Father David

Rehearsal for children

First Holy Communion Mass

First Holy Communion Mass

First Holy Communion

St Etheldreda's Church, Ely

Information for Parents



2023 – 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the First Holy Communion Programme at St Etheldreda's Church, Ely. The aim of this programme is to prepare your child to make two of the Church's sacraments – Confession and Holy Communion – for the first time, and for them to continue to come to Mass and receive Communion from then on. As well as a course of lessons over the next school year, your child needs support from you to make their first Confession and Communion. They will have many questions as they deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and think about what it means for them. This booklet gives more information about the commitment you are making. We are here to help you at the parents' meetings and during the course.

Course content for children

Our aim is for the course to be enjoyable and interesting and for the children to learn important information about their faith and think deeply about what it means.

In the first term we learn about God and the Creation, and why God created us. We learn about the Church and the Trinity. We begin to learn about Jesus through the Christmas story.

In the second term we think about how Jesus wants His people to behave. We learn about right and wrong, being sorry and seeking forgiveness, and forgiving each other. We learn that God forgives us. The children make their First Confession. Following this we learn about the Easter story and the Last Supper.

In the third term, we learn about the meaning of Communion, why we come to Mass and we think about our relationship with God.

The role of parents

As parents we set a very important example to our children. We show them how to be faithful members of the Catholic Church and followers of Jesus. When you register your child on this course, you are agreeing to:

1. Take your child to Mass with you.
2. Bring your child to classes on time at 18:45 and be there at 19:45 to meet your child after each class
3. Come to the parents' meetings to find out how to support your child.
4. Pray with your child.
5. Help your child to prepare for their First Confession.
6. Help your child to prepare for their First Holy Communion.
7. Bring your child to Mass regularly once they have made their First Communion. Being a member of the Church does not end when the course ends.

We are here to help you during the coming year. You can ask Father David and the catechists – Deacon Paul, Grazyna Karwoska-Budd, Catherine Herring and Sarah Raynes - for help.

The cost of the course is £10 for the children's book and for basic stationery.