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STOURBRIDGE

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Tuesday 29th October 2024

First Confession - 2025

Dear Parents,

As I hope you are aware, preparation for the sacraments of first confession (year 3), first holy communion (year 4) and confirmation (year 6) now takes place in the parish. Preparation for first confession will take place next term, with sessions on Saturdays beginning at 4pm in the Parish Centre followed by Mass at 5pm with the parish. While the children are working with the parish catechists, you are asked to attend a parallel session, with Fr Philip where you will cover the same material so that you are fully aware of, and engaged with, what the children are learning. My hope is that this will establish closer links between the families and the parish, and encourage a renewed involvement in the life of the parish.

Preparation for First Confession is open to baptised Catholics in Year 3 (and above, if they have not already made their first confession) The sessions begin on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 11th and the children will make their first confession in Church on either Monday 31st March or Tuesday 1st April at 6pm (the penultimate week of the school term).

The sessions will be on 11th, 18th, 25th January 1st, 8th February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March

The Mass on Saturday 11th January (Baptism of the Lord) will be the enrolment Mass – please invite your families and friends to come along to pray for the children as they begin this special time of preparation.

If you wish your child to take part, please complete the attached form and return it together with a copy of your child/children's baptism certificate to me at the presbytery or church by the meeting for parents which will be held in the Parish Centre Thursday 12th December 6pm. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Fare Mili



APPLICATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, STOURBRIDGE

Name of child: Date of Birth: Age as on 01 Sept 24: Current School attending: Address: Mobile No: Telephone No: Email: Name of Mother: Name of Father: Sacraments already received by your child: Baptism (Church, Date): PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE BAPTISM CERIFICATE Signature: Date:

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The personal data contained in this form will be kept for no more than 10 years after the date of first Holy Communion so that the Parish can contact the person baptised or (where relevant) their parents about the reception of other sacraments. The details that you provide on this form will not be transferred to any third party to use for their own marketing or fundraising purpose.