

The Parish of the Good Shepherd

St Paul's Dover

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian

We are delighted to be sharing with you information about the First Holy Communion 2020 timetable and programme that the children will be following.

Because we know that as parents you are busy and have to plan well in advance we thought that you would appreciate receiving the following information.

1 FHC Leaders Contact Details

Deacon Barry Barton, Catechist: barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk (07715 546938)

Nina Taylor, FHC Administrative Assistant: ninataylor0117@icloud.com
(07496135616)

2 FHC Dates, Times and Themes

A copy of the 2020 FHC programme dates, times and themes for St Paul's can be found at the end of this letter.

A copy of the FHC application form can be found by going to:

<https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/reconcilliation-first-holy-communion/>

3 Attendance

Because we want each child to be properly prepared it is important that they attend as many of the session as possible. Because some children might miss a session through illness we have built into the programme various catch up sessions.

We have also been sensitive to school holidays so no sessions are planned to take place whilst children are off from school and families possibly away from home on holiday.

4 Enrolment Mass

Children planning to undertake their FHC preparation at St Paul's Dover will commence their FHC programme on Sunday 5th January by attending their 'Enrolment Mass' when each child, supported by a parent or guardian, formally enrolls their child at the 9.15am Mass by publicly signing the enrolment agreement.

5 First Session

FHC classes at St Paul's commence on Sunday 12th January at 9am in St Paul's Presbytery which is immediately next to the church on the right hand side as you face the main entrance to the church.

Parents are welcome to attend the whole of the first session if they wish so that they can experience the environment where the preparation is going to take place and meet with those involved in preparing the children.

6 Second and Subsequent sessions:

Drop Off Time

Children are to be dropped off by 8.55 am, St Paul's Presbytery along with their 'I Belong' book which they must bring with them each week.

The children who are being prepared will re join their families during mass as part of the offertory procession. Parents therefore should attend mass for this to happen otherwise the child becomes anxious if their parent or guardian is not there to meet them.

7 Homework

We very much want you, the parents, to be actively involved with your child's preparation. As such we request that you spend time with your child between the sessions to read through the material contained in the 'I belong' course book that each child will be given a free copy of at the start of their preparation programme.

This will provide you with an opportunity to see what your children are learning as well as assisting them in completing the various activities contained in the book such as: drawing pictures, colouring in, word searches, writing a prayer, sticking in pictures etc.

8 First Reconciliation

Fr Jeff will hear the St Paul's children's first reconciliation on Saturday 13th June 2020 immediately after the FHC practice.

All the children will make their first act of reconciliation one after the other. Parents are to be present throughout.

9 First Holy Communion Practice

A practice of the children receiving the host (and the precious blood for those children whose parents give their permission) for the first time will take place at St

Paul's Church on Saturday 13th June at 9.30am and immediately before Fr Jeff hears each child's first act of reconciliation.

10 First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion: Sunday 14th June 2020 at 9.15am or 11.30am according to final numbers.

Please bring your child to the presbytery by 9 am or 11.15 am respectively dressed in their FHC attire.

11 'Going Forth' Mass

St Paul's children's will receive their FHC certificate at the 'Going Forth' mass on Sunday 5th July 2020 at 9.15am.

12 Questions

If you have any questions please email or phone Deacon Barry or Nina Taylor

13 Inaccuracies

If you find any mistakes or inaccuracies in this letter or the FHC programme please email or phone Deacon Barry or Nina Taylor ASAP to inform them of what you have found.

Best wishes,

Deacon Barry and Nina Taylor

First Holy Communion (FHC) Programme 2020

FINAL VERSION

20th December 2020

All FHC meetings commence at 9am on Sundays in St Paul's, Presbytery.

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Day and Date	Chapter and Title	Time and Venue
Sunday 5 th January 2020	Enrolment Mass	9.15 am St Paul's Church
Sunday 12 th January 2020	Introduction	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 19 th January 2020	Chapter 1 In the Name of the Father	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 26 th January 2019	Chapter 2 Lord, Have Mercy	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 2 nd February 2020	Chapter 3 Celebrating Our Rescue (Reconciliation)	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 9 th February 2020	Catch Up	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 16th February 2020	Half Term School Holidays Monday 17 th February 2020 – Friday 21 st February 2020	No Meeting
Sunday 23 rd February 2020	Chapter 4 God Helps Me To Get It Right (Reconciliation)	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 1 st March 2020	Chapter 5 Glory to God in the Highest	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 8 th March 2020	Chapter 6 The Word of the Lord (Liturgy of the Word)	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 15 nd March 2020	Catch Up	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 22 th March 2020 Mother's Day	Chapter 7 Bread to Offer (Liturgy of the Eucharist)	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 29 th March 2020	Chapter 8 Fruit of the Vine	9am, St Pauls Presbytery
Sunday 5th April 2020	Easter Holidays Easter Holidays – Monday 6 th April 2020 – Friday 17 th April 2020	No meeting
Sunday 12th April 2020	Easter Holidays	No Meeting

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Sunday 19 th April 2019	Chapter 9 Do This in Memory of Me	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Sunday 26 th April 2020	Chapter 10 Body of Christ	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Sunday 3rd May 2020	Bank Holiday Weekend	No Meeting
Sunday 10 th May 2020	Chapter 11 To Love and To Serve (Concluding Rites)	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Sunday 17 th May 2020	Catch Up	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Sunday 24 May 2020	Half Term School Holidays Monday 25 th May 2020 – Friday 29 th May 2020	No Meeting
Sunday 31 May 2020 Whit Sunday	Sacrament of First Confession	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Sunday 7 th June 2020 Trinity Sunday	FHC Preparation Key Points	9am, St Paul's Presbytery
Saturday 13 th June 2020	First Confession and Practice for First Holy Communion	9.30am St Paul's Church
Sunday 14 th June 2020	FHC Day St Paul's	9.15am St Paul's Church 11.30am St Paul's Church
Sunday 21 June 2020 Father's Day	Normal Mass	Normal Mass
Sunday 28 th June 2020	Normal 9.15am Mass; St Paul's Church	9.15am St Paul's Church
Sunday 5 th July 2020	FHC Children Going Forth Mass	9.15am St Paul's Church

Corpus Christi Thursday 11th June 2020

St Finbarrs 'FHC' Date 21st June 2020

St Finbarrs 'Going Forth Mass': Date to be determined 2020