

THE PARISH OF LITTLE VENICE

Saint Saviour, Warwick Avenue
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2017

1st COMMUNION

ENROLMENT for CHILDREN

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Dear Parents and Children,

The Parish of Little Venice provides preparation classes for those wishing to receive their First Communion.

We will endeavour to ensure that those who are being prepared, are honestly trying to practice their faith in preparation for the Sacrament.

Whilst it is important that parents encourage their children to live their faith, our young people should feel that they are making a personal choice in asking to receive First Communion.

Young people are eligible if they live or worship in the parish, and are in Year 3 or older for First Communion and have been prepared for the Sacrament by their full participation in the programme.

The programme will commence in January 2017. First Communion preparation will take place in St Saviours School. The programme will

include weekly teaching sessions, homework and a rehearsal for the ceremonies. Parents are asked to attend the rehearsal.

First Communion will take place at S. Saviour, Warwick Avenue on Sunday 18th June, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. The rehearsal will take place on Saturday 17th June at 10.00 a.m. (**everyone must attend**).

Forms are available in church or from school and should be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 2nd October, along with a **copy** of the candidates Baptism Certificate (please don't send the original). We would appreciate a voluntary donation of a minimum of £10.00 (by Gift Aid) to help cover the cost of materials and books for the 1st Communion course. If you have difficulty finding this amount, please speak to Fr Bradley.

If your child has not been baptised, please speak with the parish office and arrangements will be made for baptism.

Preparation for the Sacrament is a major commitment and attendance at all preparation classes is essential. If your child is unable to be at a class, we expect you to contact school as soon as possible so that we can arrange for the missed work to be given to the child. Regular participation at Sunday Mass is also required.

In the meantime, may we take this opportunity to make this a very special year for your child, your family and yourselves. Your child will grow in their love of the Lord in the Eucharist only if they are familiar with the Mass as a weekly family activity.

If your child does not attend St Saviours School or you should have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office on 020 7723 7266 or admin@parishoflittlevenice.com

Yours sincerely,

Gary Bradley

Vicar of Little Venice

