First Holy Communion Programme 2022

Enrolment Packs

Closing date for applications

4 October 2021

St Erconwald's Parish Walton-on-Thames

1st September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2022**

Thank you for your interest in St. Erconwald's First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2022. We will be using a programme called "Growing up Catholic" which consists of 14 sessions for children and their parents. For more information about the course, please look at the following website [www.growingupcatholic.com](http://www.growingupcatholic.com).

To be considered for the programme children must be seven years of age by 31 August 2021 - starting school Year 3 or above in September 2021, live in the Parish of St. Erconwald's and come to Mass regularly. **The Commitment is for parent and child to attend all sessions together and to attend the Parish Mass connected with the session.**

To apply for a place on the 2022 programme, please put the following items in a sealed enveloped marked "First Holy Communion Programme 2022" through the door of the Parish Office at St Erconwald's by **Monday 4th October 2021**. The maximum number of children we accept in our programme is 60. When we reach this number, we will no longer be accepting forms, in which case you could contact All Saints.

**You can print out the forms and return in a sealed envelope with the contribution and other required documents. Please also note that on the Excel spread sheet for the application form there are two tabs that must be opened.**

**Or**

**You can complete the application form online, and email to** **mail@sterconwalds.org.uk** **together with a scanned copy of your child’s baptismal certificate, if your child was not baptised at St Erconwld’s. Please make a bank transfer of the £20.00 to:**

Parish sort code 40 05 20

Account No 01126393

Payable to A&B Diocesan Trust St Erconwalds

**Remember to identify it as FHC + surname**

**This is what is required:**

(1) Completed Enrolment Form.

(2) Completed Commitment Statement and signed the Data Protection section.

(3) A copy of your child's Catholic baptism certificate, but only if not baptised at St. Erconwald's.

(4) A contribution of £20 to cover the costs of books and other resources. Please make cheques payable to 'St Erconwald's Catholic Church'. If you have any difficulty making this contribution, please contact Fr Ruslan directly to discuss.

Please note that late applications will not be considered.

To save time and administration costs, if you do not hear from us by the end of October, please assume that your child has been accepted onto the programme. We will contact you during October if we need to discuss your application.

**The programme runs from November 2021 to June 2022 and is a big commitment for everyone - parents, children and Catechists. First Holy Communion are celebrated in July.**

**Once we have received all the applications and Fr Ruslan has settled in, we will get in touch regarding the sessions. Until we know how many children and Catechists we have, and how Fr Ruslan wants to organise the sessions, I am unable to give specific dates. Hopefully, we will be able to have them as normal, but we also need to keep an eye on Government guidance.**

Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any queries

Yours faithfully

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