



# THE PARISH OF S MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, LEEDS

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## **Resumption of First Holy Communion Preparation 2020 / 2021**

12<sup>th</sup> October AD 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March earlier this year I wrote to you but none of us had any idea of what was going to happen throughout the whole world as the Coronavirus pandemic came to significantly disrupt and change our lives.

I remain delighted that your child made his or her first Reconciliation last year and that their journey of faith continues, not least by attending Sunday Mass each week, probably via the online provision during the lockdown. With our local schools, I particularly look forward to working together in partnership with you and your child to further form them as they now resume their preparations to finally make their anticipated first Holy Communion in the Parish as specified overleaf.

Regional and national lockdowns permitting, the next stage in your child's preparation and formation will take place through three sessions in school (children can only attend sessions in their own school) and three follow-up family catechesis sessions at home. As you will recall, family catechesis is a method of teaching that supports parents in assisting their own children in the lifelong call to holiness in the Church. By actively supporting and accompanying your child you will be able to share your own experiences of receiving Holy Communion and to help shape your children's understanding of Catholicism, specifically surrounding the Holy Mass and its supreme importance in our daily living.

As a Parish family we are aware that we must treat everyone equally so there will be five socially distanced places given to each family for one of the five Masses.

Meanwhile, please remember to regularly attend Mass with your child in the Parish (booking free tickets online via the Parish website or <https://www.stmaximiliankolbeparishleeds.co.uk/mass-booking/>) in order to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the commitment they are about to make - I will be looking out for you and you will need to present your child's Holy Baptism certificate, in person, as well.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact, I'm very happy to help you and your child.

In these uncertain times please take care and be assured of my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Fr T Whitwell.

Session 1	S Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	S Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Session 3	S Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	S Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Session 5	S Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	S Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December

# First Holy Communion



<p>First Holy Communion Masses</p>	<p>6.00 pm, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (S Anthony of Padua Catholic Church)</p> <p>(Candidate + up to 5 tickets)</p> <p>Children will be allocated a particular Mass AFTER they've completed all six sessions</p>
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