



# Clifton Cathedral

## First Holy Communion Application Form

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you and to the other parents of Catholic children who may wish to enrol in our First Holy Communion programme for 2021. In the Cathedral Parish, Catholic children in School Year 4 and above are eligible to join the preparation group.

First Holy Communion is an important stage in your child's spiritual development, and we want to help you in preparing your child for this most special Sacrament. When your child was baptised, he/she was welcomed into the family of the Church. Holy Communion is the Sacrament which binds us together as God's family, providing strength and spiritual nourishment for our journey in faith together. During the preparation for this Sacrament, we will also be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

During the programme, you and your child will be asked to reflect on your faith. In the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, you are continuing the faith commitment which you made in your child's name when he/she was baptised. As the Rite of Baptism says: "...parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do..."

By preparing well for these Sacraments, we help the children to grow and mature as Catholic Christians. The preparation programme which we use in the Cathedral Parish assumes that your child has been learning about the Catholic faith:

- at home,
- in religious education classes at school, and
- through participation in the Sunday Mass in your parish.

If you would like to enrol your child, please complete the application form on the reverse of this letter and return it to Canon Bosco at Cathedral House by Friday 15th April 2021. Our First Holy Communion Mass in 2021 will be celebrated on Saturday 3rd July 2021. The Preparation Programme for parents and children begins on Thursday 22nd April. On receipt of your completed application form, the Programme for 2021 will be e-mailed to you.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our parish and Catholic school and assure you of our parish's prayerful support as you prepare your child for this special day.

Canon Bosco MacDonald  
Cathedral Dean



Child's Name:	
Date of Birth:	School Attended:
Place and Date of Baptism: <i>(If not baptised at Clifton Cathedral, please provide a baptismal certificate)</i>	
Name(s) of parent(s)/carer(s):	
Which Mass do you usually attend? <i>(If you usually attend a parish other than Clifton Cathedral, please indicate this here)</i>	
Home address including postcode:	
Mobile number:	
E-mail address: <i>(Please write this as clearly as possible)</i>	

**Declaration of Intent by Parent/Carer:**

I would like my child to make his/her First Holy Communion in 2020 at Clifton Cathedral.

I undertake to participate wholeheartedly in the preparation programme, especially by prayer and attending the childrens'/parents' meetings and the special celebrations at Sunday Mass. I will try my best to be a good example to my child by living my faith and giving priority to attending Mass on Sundays.

I **do / do not** give permission for my child to be photographed and for the photograph to be displayed in the Cathedral (and/or at the school) – children's names not being identifiable with their photographs – as part of the First Holy Communion programme.

I understand that the catechists and the clergy will take all reasonable care of the children in accordance with the Diocesan Safeguarding guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any known medical/learning issues that affect your child, please inform us.

Please return this completed form to Canon Bosco at Cathedral House (with a copy of a baptismal certificate for children baptised anywhere other than Clifton Cathedral), together with the registration fee of £10 (cash or cheque payable to 'Clifton Cathedral').

OFFICE USE ONLY	Signature of Parish Priest		Medical/Learning Issues	
	Registration Fee		Attendance at Preparation Sessions	
	Baptism Certificate		Sacrament of Reconciliation	