

Application Form for First Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEWTON ABBOT

(Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to Fr Anthony via the Parish Secretary by 13th January 2019)

A. Child's Details

A. Surname _____ Christian Name(s) _____

B. Date of Birth _____

NB – The 2018/2019 programme is open to all children of an appropriate age.

Date of Baptism _____ Church/place of baptism _____

(If you do not know - don't worry. Everyone is asked to bring the certificate of Baptism from the church where your child was baptised. If your child is not baptised at all or was not baptised in the Catholic Church, please let us know ASAP)

Name of child's present school _____

Does your child have medical conditions or special needs (learning/behaviour) that we need to be aware of? Yes/No
(If answering 'Yes', please attach written details. This will help us make the most appropriate provision)

B. Parents/Guardians details

Mother's Name _____ Religion _____

Father's Name _____ Religion _____

Home Address _____

Postcode _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Email address _____@_____

C. Mass attendance

Which Sunday Mass in this parish do you usually attend? _____

How regularly do you usually take part in Sunday Mass? Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly/Less Often
Our parish follows the guidelines for the protection of children issued by Plymouth Diocese.

To comply with data protection legislation we also need your agreement:

- that the information provided on this forms may be retained by the parish of St Joseph's, Newton Abbot, and incorporated into an electronic file;*
- that these details may be made available by the parish of St Joseph's, Newton Abbot, at its discretion, to any person or body assisting with the First Communion Programme;*

I agree to this information being retained by the parish of St Joseph's, Newton Abbot and included on its electronic systems.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent / Carer Declaration and Undertaking:

I, the undersigned, being the parent/carer of _____
would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Confession and First Holy Communion.

I understand the conditions of acceptance for the preparation for these sacraments that:

a.) according to the Baptismal promises made by us, we are his/her *"first and the best teachers of faith"*, and that, by the beginning of the course, we will ensure our child can make a proper **"sign of the cross"**, say the Lord's prayer: **'Our Father'**, say prayer to Our Lady: **'Hail Mary...'**, say a prayer: **'Angel of God, my guardian dear...'**, and the short prayer: **'Glory be to the Father...'**

b.) our child is brought to all the preparation classes, which are for both parents and children.

c.) we as the parents/carers will attend all the parent sessions in addition to the children's sessions.

d.) we will bring him/her regularly to Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church, in accordance with our undertaking at our son/daughter's baptism **to "bring him/her up in the faith and life of the Church."**

e.) my child will deepen his/her knowledge of the Faith which includes: the teaching given during the sessions, which will be shared on the special sheet after each session;

10 Commandments of God; 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church; 5 necessary conditions for a good Confession; An act of contrition; A prayer for the deceased; 2 Commandments of Love; 5 precepts of the Holy Church;

Signature _____ **(Parent / Carer)**

N.B. Photographs and video images of children

It is the policy of this parish to allow members of catechetical team and others working with the children in parish programmes to take photographs and videos showing children taking part in the programme activities. The photos and videos will be used in parish publications such as the newsletter and the website, and on noticeboards.

Children will not be identified by name without their parents/guardian's written permission. We hope that you are happy with this policy.

- *If you DO NOT want your child's photograph to be taken please write to us confirming this.*
 - *If you DO NOT want your child to be included in any videos please write to us confirming this.*
- If you do not attach a letter to this application form, we will assume that you are happy with this policy.*

Finally please enclose the following, when submitting your application:

- a copy of Baptism certificate (ESSENTIAL if your child was baptised outside this parish);