

St Gregory's Parish: Preparation for First Holy Communion 2018 – 2019

The following pages contain all the dates you need for the entire Holy Communion programme for this year. Please keep it safe!

It is colour coded so you can clearly see the different elements. Attendance at all elements is important as together it forms a programme to prepare your child to celebrate their First Holy Communion, which is the beginning of the next stage of their spiritual journey.

Here is a list of the colours and what each one represents:

Dates in blue are the preparation sessions for all the children from the participating parishes. Please note the venue for each session is not the same.

Dates in purple are parents' sessions. After an initial information meeting, there is a session at the school during each of the children's sessions (see dates below)

Dates in red all take place during a Sunday Mass at St Gregory's Church

Dates in green are details about registration and then the actual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Dates in orange are practice dates prior to First Holy Communion

Thank you for your co-operation. If you wish to discuss anything related to Holy Communion please speak to Fr Andrew, Stella Watts, Jean Merriman
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Venue & Date	Content	Time	Other information
St Gregory's Parish Sunday 16 th or Sunday 23 rd September 2018 after either Mass	Registration After Mass there will be forms available in the Church hall to be completed.	After either Mass	Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if possible.
Sunday 14 th October 2018 at St Gregory's Church	Parents' Information session	After 11.00am Mass	Brief meeting (about 20mins)
Saturday 17th November 2018 St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Family session- belonging to a family	2-4pm	For this session your child needs to be accompanied by at least one parent

Dates for families at St Gregory's

Sunday 25 th November 2018 St Gregory's Church	Children presented to the Parish	9.00am Mass	All children to be accompanied by an adult
Saturday 1st December 2018 at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School	First preparation session for the children.	2 – 5pm	Parents' Session 1: 2-3pm at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School
Saturday 12th January 2019 at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Second preparation session for the children.	2 – 5pm	Parents' Session 2: 2-3pm at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School
Saturday 2 nd February 2019 at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Third preparation session for children	2-5pm	Parents' Session 3: 2-3pm at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School
Sunday 3 rd February 2019: Celebration at St Gregory's Church	Distribution of illuminated 'Our Father'	11.00am Mass	All children to be accompanied by an adult
Saturday 2nd March 2019 at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Reconciliation Retreat Day Fourth preparation session for the children Children to bring a packed lunch!	11am – 4pm Please note earlier start time	Parents' Session 4: 2.30-3.30pm at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School 3.30-4.00pm with the children
Saturday 30th March 2019 at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School.	Fifth preparation session for children	2-5pm	Parents Session 5: 2-3pm at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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<p>Monday 1st April 2019</p> <p>St Gregory's Church</p>	<p>Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time for the children (often called First Confession)</p>	<p>Slot 1 5.30-6.15</p> <p>Slot 2 6.15-7.00</p>	<p>All children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>
<p>Saturday 4th May 2019</p> <p>St Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>Sixth preparation session for the children <u>and parents</u></p>	<p>2-4pm</p>	<p>Final practical and mop up session For this session your child needs to be accompanied by at least one parent</p>
<p>Practices at St Gregory's Church. Children should attend one practice on the Tuesday before the Sunday on which they celebrate their First Holy Communion.</p>		<p>All practices are at 5.30pm in the Church and will last no more than an hour.</p>	<p>All children should be accompanied by an adult.</p>
<p>First Holy Communion Celebrations at St Gregory's Church. You are invited to choose one of these Sunday Masses in May for your child's First Holy Communion (a maximum of 10 children at any one Mass). Choose from; Sunday 12th May, 9.00am or 11.00am Sunday 19th May, 9.00am or 11.00am Sunday 26th May, 9.00am or 11.00am</p>			<p>Family & friends are of course welcome!</p>
<p>Corpus Christi Procession at Our Lady's, Great Billing NN3 9EA</p>	<p>Sunday 23rd June 2019 3.00pm</p>		<p>Children to wear their Communion outfits and to be accompanied by an adult</p>