

**St. Columba's Catholic Church, Chesham**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden**

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2026/2027**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are really pleased to be able to offer you a programme of sessions starting in September 2026 for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The sessions will be held at St Columba's Church in Chesham, and will be held once a month on Saturday afternoons, from 3-5pm. The dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

Parents/Carers will have an initial meeting one evening before the sessions begin to meet Father, and the Clergy/Catechists running the programme. We will discuss how the programme will run and what is expected of you and what you can expect from us. At least one parent/carer is required to attend every session with your child. Children cannot be left alone at the sessions under any circumstances. There will be homework to do as a family.

We will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. It is important that you let us know if your child has not been baptised. We can discuss with you and make arrangements to accommodate this.

We would expect to communicate throughout the programme by email, we will not be using text or WhatsApp. You will have the phone number of the Lead Catechist for the programme and also of the church.

We would be grateful if you would consider a contribution to the costs of running the programme. Each child will receive a hard back book to use throughout the course and have as a keepsake. Parents will receive their own parents guide. It costs in the region of £70 per person to provide this programme and therefore any donations will be gratefully received.

Donations can be sent via Bank Transfer or by Cash at the initial parents meeting

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BANK ACCOUNT NAME: Chesham

SORT CODE: 60-06-11

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 46714413

Please quote reference FHC 2027 and Child's Surname

**Please note the following**

**Data Protection** – your personal details given above and those of your child will be stored and used by the parish for the purpose of conducting and administering the First Holy Communion Programme. By signing below, you acknowledge that Canon Law requires some of your personal data to be entered in Registers and stored permanently. Your details will not otherwise be disclosed outside the parish. Details of how we process personal data, and your rights are on the full Privacy Notice which is on the Noticeboard, on the parish website, and/or may be seen in the parish office.

I consent to my details and those of my child being used and shared as above

Mother's Signature .....Date.....

Father's Signature.....Date.....