

# The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

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## PARISH YEAR 5 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021

Dear parent / guardian

Thank you for your patience after a very disruptive 18 months for all of us within our parishes. The Covid-19 outbreak has had a knock-on effect on every aspect of our lives, including parish life, but thankfully we are getting back to a more normal way of life. We are also beginning to move into a more normal worship life within the parishes as well, and so the First Holy Communions for our year 5 children will be taking place this term. A short online course will be available for your child to follow. As there are so many children who will be receiving Holy Communion, our classes will be split up into groups of about 15 children and allocated a date and Mass time (information about which Mass your child will be attending will be available within the next week).

Our First Holy Communion timetable will be:

<b>Date</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (a)	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (b)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (c)	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (d)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (e)	St. Oswald Yr. 5 (f)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Sebastian Yr. 5 (a)	St. Sebastian Yr. 5 (b)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	St Cuthbert Yr. 5	Children outside of our parish school

**Please note the final Masses for First Holy Communions will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, not Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.**

All our First Holy Communion Masses take place in Saint Oswald's Church, and each child can have up to **fifteen** guests attend the Mass itself. Please also note that only the children will be receiving Holy Communion, and face masks are

mandatory for all who will be attending the Mass (unless exempt for medical reasons)

### **Communion Outfits**

For those children who wish to wear a communion outfit, but I am also aware that there are children who will not wish to wear an outfit. Children can wear an outfit of their choice. Please do not feel pressured into buying new outfits, but if you have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you and your children should be attending one of our weekend Masses regularly. All our Masses are being celebrated at Saint Oswald's Church, and Mass times are:

Saturday 4:30pm

\*Sunday 9:30am\*

Sunday 11:00am

\*(The children's liturgy should be restarting at the 9:30am Mass in the near future)\*

God bless, and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Liam" followed by a stylized flourish.

Fr. Liam