

The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian
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04/02/2022 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Dear parent / guardian

The dates for our First Holy Communion Course are shown below. There will be a total of 5 sessions, with First Confessions taking place after session three. Please make sure you arrive promptly for each session, as they will start on time. If your child has not been Baptised, please get in touch with the Parish Office, so that Baptism can be arranged as soon as possible. If your child is not Baptised before the beginning of May, First Holy Communion will be deferred to next year. To enrol on our Communion Course, please fill in the information sheet, and return it to the **Parish Office** as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty printing a copy of the enrolment form, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion Sessions

Session 1	Wednesday 16 th February 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 17 th February 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 17 th February 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.
Session 2	Wednesday 9 th March 3:30pm St. Sebastian's School.	Wednesday 9 th March 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 10 th March 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.
Session 3	Wednesday 16 th March 3:30pm St. Sebastian's School.	Wednesday 16 th March 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 17 th March 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.
First Confessions 21 st March 3:30 – 4:45 St. Oswald's Church	First Confessions 22 nd March 3:30 – 4:45 St. Oswald's Church	First Confessions 24 th March 3:30 – 4:45 St. Oswald's Church	First Confessions 25 th March 3:30 – 4:45 St. Oswald's Church
Session 4	Wednesday 30 th March 3:30pm St. Sebastian's School.	Wednesday 30 th March 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 31 st March 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.
Session 5	Wednesday 6 th April 3:30pm St. Sebastian's School.	Wednesday 6 th April 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 7 th April 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.
Catch-Up Session	Wednesday 26 th April 3:30pm St. Sebastian's School.	Wednesday 26 th April 3:30pm St. Oswald's Church.	Thursday 27 th April 6:00pm St. Oswald's Church.

Please note that the Catch-Up sessions are only for those who have missed one or two sessions, due to unforeseen circumstances

First Holy Communion

The children will receive First Holy Communion throughout May and June. As we are blessed with so many children who will receive Holy Communion, the classes will be split up into groups of about 15 children. Each First Holy Communion Mass will take place on a Saturday; at either 10:00am or at 1:00pm. If your child attends either Saint Oswald's or Saint Sebastian's Schools, the date and time of the First Holy Communion Mass your child will be attending will be finalised very soon through the school in the very near future.

First Holy Communion Masses

	10:00am	1:00pm
07/05/2022	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (a)	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (b)
14/05/2022	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (c)	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (d)
21/05/2022	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (e)	Saint Oswald Yr. 4 (f)
28/05/2022	Saint Sebastian Yr. 4 (a)	Saint Sebastian Yr. 4 (b)
18/06/2022	Saint Cuthbert Yr. 4	Children from outside of our Parish Schools

Please note the following information:

- Only the children will be receiving Communion.
- At the time of writing this letter, it is not expected that the building work on Saint Sebastian's Church will be completed before we celebrate First Holy Communion (works are due to start in the very near future). Therefore, all Communion Masses will be celebrated in Saint Oswald's Church.
- Two benches will be allocated for each child, allowing twelve to fifteen guests.

Outfits

I understand that some children may want to wear a special outfit, but I am also aware that there are some children who don't. Children can wear an outfit of their choice. I am also acutely aware of the pressure that can be put on an already strained budget in buying Communion outfits, so please do not feel pressured into buying one. If you have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion is only one part of our faith journey!

In receiving First Holy Communion, we celebrate the second Sacrament of Initiation into our Christian Faith, and I will be looking forward to celebrating the third Sacrament, when we celebrate Confirmation with our children in a few years' time. As this is part of our ongoing faith journey, I would like to invite you and your family to come along and attend one of our weekend Masses regularly. Our Masses take place on Saturday afternoon at 4:30pm and Sunday morning at 9:30am in Saint Oswald's Church, and at 11:00am on Sunday morning in Saint Sebastian's School Hall (until the church re-opens). The more we deepen our faith, the more we can hear the voice of God, calling us and helping us to become the best person we can be, the more we can build a good Christian community within our parishes. I look forward to seeing you soon!

God bless.



Fr. Liam Collister

Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian
First Holy Communion form

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND SEND/PASS INTO:
**SAINT OSWALD PARISH OFFICE; ST. OSWALD STREET;
OLD SWAN; LIVERPOOL; L13 5SB**

Name of child	
School	
Class	
Parent/Guardian name	
Home Contact Details	
Contact Telephone Number	
Date of Baptism	
Church of Baptism (and address if not within our parishes)	
Date, and signature of parent/guardian.	
Please indicate the preferred session you wish to attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday at 3:30pm in St. Sebastian's School <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday at 3:30pm in St. Oswald's Church <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday at 6:00pm in St. Oswald's Church

All information given is private and confidential, and will be held in accordance with data protection laws.