

First Holy Communion Programme 2011/12

Sacred Heart Church Hove

Programme Summary

Saturday mornings 9.30am – 11am Parish Room (please arrive for 9.25am)

These are the preparation sessions, based on the book 'I Belong'. Children work together in a group with the First Holy Communion catechists, who are volunteers who have run the sessions over a number of years.

There are 6 Parents sessions in a separate group to the children, led by Fr Kevin on the dates indicated below. These are designed to help parents look at their own faith and to help the children in their preparation.

Please note Saturday 25 March is Reconciliation **in the afternoon** (also known as First Confession).

Sunday mornings

On each of the Sunday dates, families attend the 9.30am Mass, in which the children preparing for First Holy Communion take an active role – welcoming people into the church, readings, bidding prayers, offertory etc. Please arrive by 9.15am so that children can prepare.

First Holy Communion Mass is **Sunday 17 June, 3pm**

Attendance

It is important that you and your family attend Sunday Mass each week and that children and parents attend ALL sessions, as one part of the programme naturally leads to the next. If, for good reason, attendance is not possible at any given session, please notify the parish office or one of the catechists in advance.

Introductory Meeting [Parents & Children]

Sunday 9 October – 9.30 Mass. To take part in the programme, you must attend this Mass, which will be followed by a short introductory meeting in the church to explain the programme and answer any questions.

Session 1 [Parents & Children]

Saturday 15 October

"I Belong" Books

Sunday 16 October

During this Mass the children will be received formally onto the programme and presented with their course book "*I Belong*".

Session 2 [Children only]

Saturday, 10 December

Children: In the name of the Father and Lord have Mercy p 1-22 (page numbers refer to 'I Belong')

Celebrating our Rescue p 23-34.

Sunday 11 December

Session 3 [Parents & Children]

Saturday 14 January

Children: God Helps Me Get It Right and Glory to God in the Highest p35-58

Sunday 15 January

Session 4 [Children only]

Saturday 25 February

Children: This is the Word of the Lord p59-70

Sunday 26 February

Session 5 [Parents / Children] Reconciliation

Saturday 24 March 1.30pm – 4pm

Children: During this session, the children will discuss all the topics we have looked at so far and prepare prayerfully to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parents: Opportunity to discuss progress and ask any questions.

Reconciliation 3.00pm in the Church

Children and Parents receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday 25 March

Session 6 [Children only]

Saturday 28 April

Children: Bread to Offer and Fruit of the Vine p 71-96

Do this in Memory of Me p 97-108

Sunday 29 April

Session 7 [Parents / Children]

Saturday 26 May

Children: Body of Christ p102-120

To Love and to Serve p121-132

Sunday 27 May

Session 8 [Parents / Children]

Saturday 16 June

Sunday 17 June, 3pm - First Holy Communion Mass

Session 9 [Parents / Children]

Saturday 15 September - GOING FORTH

Sunday 16 September

Children are presented with their First Holy Communion certificates.

Celebration Party in the afternoon organised by parents