



St. Mary's Church, Failsworth, and Church of the Holy Family,
Hollinwood

Date 21.09.23

Dear Parent(s) / Carer

We are pleased to announce the start of the Parish Sacramental Programme for the year 2023/24. We are therefore inviting baptised Roman Catholic children from year 2 to year 6 to register on this year's Sacramental Programme.

This invitation also extends to non-baptised children or baptised children from other denominational backgrounds who would like the opportunity to become Catholic or learn about becoming or converting Catholicism.

If your child wishes learn or prepare for and receive any Sacraments, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will provide an application form for you to complete. Please bring the application form with you to one of the registration meetings at Holy Family Church, Roman Road, OL8 3PY.

Registration will be at Holy Family Church in the Lady Chapel after 11:15 am Mass on the following dates:

Sunday 8th 15th 22nd 29th October 2023

The information provided at registration will help us plan the best faith education for your child.

There will be two groups group 1 will start on Sunday 5th November & group 2 on Sunday 12th November.

It is essential you are aware and understand the level of commitment to the sacramental programme in that you and your child/children would be expected to attend Church every Sunday with formation meetings before Holy Mass every two weeks.

The Catholic Church believes that parents are their child's first teachers in the ways of the Catholic Faith. The Sacramental Programme is therefore primarily a means by which the Parish helps and accompanies you in this task.



It is also important to make the Sacramental Programme both a joyful and an educational experience for the children, which will lay the foundation for their growth in faith and lead to their full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. To achieve this and to help you as parents in your role as 'first teachers in the ways of Faith' the Sacramental Programme will also contain an opportunity for you as parents to grow in your faith.

To this end, we will take the opportunity to talk with parents/carers at the registration meetings to explain the content of the Sacramental Programme; its requirements, its practical arrangements and to answer any questions you may have.

You will be notified usually by email as to the start date for your child/children as soon as possible after the last registration meeting on 29/10/23

It is important to note that all baptised children will require evidence of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate. (Please provide a copy not the original)

Our catechists are looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Canon Michael Job