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Dear Parents,



First Holy Communion – Saturday 16th May

As we are now in April, it means we are ever closer to the children making their First Holy Communion. We have thoroughly enjoyed preparing the children for this sacrament and have been blown away by some of the questions they have been asking us about Jesus and also their faith journey.

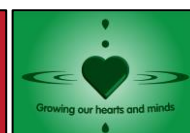
We hope you are all excited about the First Holy Communion Mass which will take place on **Saturday 16th May at 2pm**. The mass will take place at **St Joseph's Church, Hope Road, Sale. M33 3BF**.

The children will sit together in the front pews. All families will be allocated a long pew, which will seat around 7/8 family members. There will be lots of space in the church for other friends and family to join us for the mass.

Below are a few questions and answers to help you. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to ask:

What time do the children have to be at church?

Children should be dropped off at the Parish Centre which is in the car park of St Joseph's Church between **1.15pm and 1.30pm**. Whilst they are in the Parish Centre, the children will have both individual photographs and a group photograph taken.



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Can we take photographs or record the mass?

Photographs and recordings cannot take place during the mass. Please make sure family members are aware that photographs cannot be taken during the service.

What should the children wear?

Boys

White shirt, red tie (having the date on the tie is optional) and black/dark grey trousers with dark shoes. If they have a waistcoat or jacket these will not be worn in church.

The boys will also wear a red sash, which is provided by school and put on the boys as they arrive at the Parish Centre.

Girls

White or cream dress with white or cream sensible shoes. Veils and gloves are optional for the girls. Gloves will not be worn in church.

How long will the mass be?

The mass will be about an hour. There may be a short time to have some photographs after the mass.

After mass the children will process from the church to the Parish Centre where they will be presented with their certificates and then they will be free to go home and celebrate their day.

What will happen at the Going Forth Mass?

We will have a Going Forth mass on **Thursday 21st May at 9.30am**. The children should come to school wearing their Holy Communion outfits. They will lead on the readings during the mass.

After the mass they will get changed into their own clothes (not school uniform) and will have a party to celebrate with the rest of the class. Parents can wait after mass to collect the outfits or we can keep them in school until home time.

Thank you for your continued support with the children as they travel on their faith journey to their next Sacrament. All we need now is the sun to shine on the day!!

Please note that the Sacramental Programme will finish on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sharvin and Mrs McConnell



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