# FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
## PROGRAMME 2026/2027

**November 2026:**

Tuesday 3rd November - Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 17th November - ***Session about "BAPTISM" & explanation about our journey of faith***

**December 2026:**

Tuesday 1st December - ***Session about PRAYER - Introducing our Patrons: Saint Carlo Acutis and Blessed Imelda***

Tuesday 15th December - *THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

**January 2027:**

Tuesday 5th January - ***SACRAMENTS, SACRAMENTALIA & DEVOTIONS - The Miraculous Medals of Our Lady***

Tuesday 19th January - ***THE TEN GOD's COMMANDMENTS***

**February 2027:**

Tuesday 23rd February - ***SACRAMENT of CONFESSION - FIVE necessary conditions for a good Confession***

**March 2027:**

Tuesday 9th March - ***SACRAMENT of CONFESSION - practical guide***

Tuesday 23rd March ***- INSIDE THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST part 1 (Measuring Children for Their First Holy Communion Robes)***

**April 2027:**

Tuesday 13th April - ***INSIDE THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST part 2***

Tuesday 27th April - ***The Holy Body & Precious Blood of Christ (practical guide)***

**May 2027:**

Tuesday 4th May – ***Rehearsal of the First Confession***

Tuesday 11th May - ***Rehearsal of the First Holy Communion***

**June 2027:**

Tuesday 8th June – ***Final rehearsal of the First Confession & First Holy Comunion***

**SATURDAY 12th JUNE at 11.30am - FIRST HOLY CONFESSION**

**SUNDAY 13th JUNE at 10.30am - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

# Application Form for First Holy Communion Programme 2026-2027

## The Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

*(Please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and return to the Parish)*

### A. Child's Details

**A.** Surname _____ Christian Name(s) _____

**B.** Date of Birth ..... ..... .....

***(NB The 2026-27 programme is open only to children born on or before 31.8.2019)***

Date of Baptism ..... ..... ..... Church/place of baptism .....

**(PLEASE, ATTACH BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE)**

***(If your child is not baptised at all or was not baptised in the Catholic Church, please inform Parish Office ASAP)***

Name of child's present school .....

Does your child have medical conditions or special needs (learning/behaviour) that we need to be aware of? YES/NO
***(If answering 'Yes', please attach written details. This will help us make the most appropriate provision)***

### B. Parents'/Guardians' details

Mother's Name _____ Religion .....

Father's Name _____ Religion .....

Home Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Home phone ..... Mobile phone .....

Email address:
_____@_____

### C. Mass attendance

Which Sunday Mass in this parish do you usually attend? .....

How regularly do you usually take part in Sunday Mass? Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly/Less Often

***Our parish follows the guidelines for the protection of children issued by Portsmouth Diocese.***

*To comply with data protection legislation we also need your agreement:*

- *that the information provided on this forms may be retained by the the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey, and incorporated into an electronic file;*
- *that these details may be made available by the the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey, at its discretion, to any person or body assisting with the First Communion Programme;*

***I agree to this information being retained by the the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey and included on its electronic systems.***

Signature_____ Date _____

***Parent / Carer Declaration and Undertaking:***

I, the undersigned, being the parent/carer of _____, and would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Confession and First Holy Communion.

**I understand the conditions of acceptance for the preparation for these sacraments that:**
a.) according to the Baptismal promises made by us, we are his/her ***"first and the best teachers of Catholic faith",*** and that, by the beginning of the course, we will ensure our child can make a proper **"sign of the cross"**, say the Lord's prayer: **'Our Father'**, say prayer to Our Lady: **'Hail Mary...'**, ***(the minimum which they should be taught by Parents until now);***

b.) our child is brought to all the preparation classes dedicated to them and assisted by their parent(s);

c.) we will bring him/her regularly to Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil Mass) to any of our 3 churches (St Joseph & St Mary (St. J) La Couperderie, St Peter Port ***OR*** Notre Dame du Rosaire (ND) Burnt Lane, St Peter Port ***OR*** Our Lady Star of the Sea, Delancey (OLSS) Rue des Monts, St Sampson), in accordance with our undertaking at our son's/daughter's Baptism **to "bring him/her up *in the practice of the Faith and life of the Church*."** And with the understanding that The Holy Eucharist is *the source and summit of the Christian life.*

d.) during the First Communion Preparation we and our child will deepen knowledge of the Faith which includes*: the teaching given during the sessions, which will be shared on the special sheet after each session;* ***10 Commandments of God; 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church; 5 necessary conditions for a good Confession; An act of contrition; A prayer for the deceased; 2 Commandments of Love; 5 precepts of the Holy Church;***

***Signature*** _____ ***(Parent*** / Carer) DATE: .....

*N.B. Photographs and video images of children*

*It is the policy of this parish to allow members of catechetical team and others working with the children in parish programmes to take photographs and videos showing children taking part in the programme activities. The photos and videos will be used in parish publications such as the newsletter and the website, and on noticeboards.*

*Children will not be identified by name without their parents/guardian's written permission.*
*We hope that you are happy with this policy.*

- *If you DO NOT want your child's photograph to be taken please write to us confirming this.*
- *If you DO NOT want your child to be included in any videos please to us confirming this.*

*If you do not attach a letter to this application form, we will assume that you are happy with this policy.*

**Finally please enclose the following, when submitting your application:**

- a copy of Baptism certificate (ESSENTIAL if your child was baptised outside this parish);

NB. **The Application form must be given personally by the parents of a child to the Catholic School Office or to the Parish Office**