

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 2016**  
**Churches of the Holy Spirit West Bridgford and**  
**Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave**

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**THE CATECHESIS PROGRAMME**

Children who are 7 years old (or older) are invited to join the programme of preparation for making their First Holy Communion in May 2016. The First Holy Communion Catechesis Programme is Parish based. To join the programme you need to register your child by completing the attached enrolment form.

***Please present your completed form to one of the priests during the Masses the weekend of 14/15 November 2015 at the Church of the Holy Spirit or Our Lady of Grace. On Wednesday 18 November 2015 there will be a meeting for parents, priests and catechists at 8.00 pm in the Holy Spirit Church.***

At the Parents' Meeting you will receive a copy of the full programme dates. The classes commence in January and will all take place in the main hall of the Social Centre on Sunday mornings, starting at 9.40am. There will also be further information regarding the programme, so you can find out what is expected from you as a parent, in regards to preparing your child for their First Holy Communion.

The First Holy Communion date will be  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 12pm 2016**  
At St. Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham.

We normally have over 70 children making their First Holy Communion within the Parish. Therefore we now find that the Cathedral is the best venue for the ceremony. We also use the Cathedral for our Confirmation ceremonies too, which always works very well.

The Catechesis programme is based on the "I Belong" series. Your child will need their own copy of the children's "I Belong" book, which can be purchased at the first parents' meeting on **18 November 2015**. Payment for all programme materials can be made at this meeting. The cost for girls is £20 and for boys is £25.

**NB: For boys the cost is a little more, as it covers the cost of the tie for the day of their First Holy Communion.**

We are hoping to expand our team of parish catechists. If you would like to join our team and engage in the rewarding work of preparing our young children to receive the Sacrament please indicate this on your Enrolment Form.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 2016 ENROLMENT FORM

<b>Child's Full Name:</b> (As you wish to appear on certificate)	
<b>Child's Name (day to day):</b>	
<b>Male or Female</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Contact number:</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Father's name</b>	
<b>Mother's name</b>	
<b>School attended by child</b>	
<b>Date of Baptism</b>	
<b>Name &amp; address for church of Baptism</b>	

*(Please also provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate, if they were not baptized at the Holy Spirit.)*

We wish to present our child \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for First Holy Communion in May 2016. We are aware of our responsibility to bring up our child in the practice of the Faith, as promised at our child's Baptism. We shall do our best to help our child prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist by praying as a family at home, by coming to Mass on Sundays, and by living our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. We shall also do our best to attend the 2016 Corpus Christi procession.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>I am interested in joining the team of parish catechists</b>	<b>Please indicate if you can help with any of the children's sessions on Sunday mornings</b>
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<b>COSTS - Girls £20 and Boys £25</b>
Costs include; book, medal, certificate, ties, and a professional 7"x5" group photo taken on the day of the ceremony. Please make cheques payable to 'The Holy Spirit Church'. Please remember to bring your payment to Meeting 1 (18/11/15). If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount.