

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 2018**  
**Churches of the Holy Spirit West Bridgford and**  
**Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave**

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**THE CATECHESIS PROGRAMME**

Children who are in Year 3 or above are invited to join the programme of preparation for making their First Holy Communion in May 2018. 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 18/19 November 2017 at the Church of the Holy Spirit or Our Lady of Grace. On Wednesday 29th November 2017 there will be an Induction meeting for parents with priests and catechists at 8.00pm 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 5<sup>th</sup> May 12pm 2018**  
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 Induction meeting on **29th November 2017**. 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.



**NB. Please provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate, if they were not baptized at the Holy Spirit or Our Lady of Grace.**

Where would you like your child to attend their Catechism Sessions at The Holy Spirit or Our Lady of Grace?	
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We wish to present our child \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for First Holy Communion in May 2018. 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 2018 Corpus Christi procession.

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

Please indicate if you can help with any of the children's sessions on Sunday mornings	Yes/No
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COSTS - Girls £20 and Boys £25</b></p> <p><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 (29/11/17). If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount.</b></p>
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Please hand in this form at the Masses of Enrolment at The Holy Spirit on the weekend of 18th/19<sup>th</sup> November 2017. For Our parishioners at Our Lady of Grace it will be the 11am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

This year, there is also extra Enrolment Form for your children to fill in and sign their name as well. Please hand it in at the Enrolment Masses with the other forms.



My Name is.....

I would like to make my First Holy Communion next year in May 2018.

I promise that will attend my Catechism Sessions and complete my book.

Signed.....