

# Parish of St John Vianney

## Halewood & Hunts Cross

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## First Holy Communions

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Any child in **Year 4 or above**, who has been baptised, is very welcome to take part in our preparation programme for first communion.

You can choose to prepare for and receive the sacraments at any time of the year to suit your family.

The first step is to fill in a registration form and return it to one of the volunteers (catechists) after any Mass **on the last weekend of each month**. They will give you the first of a series of leaflets that will help you to prepare your child for the sacraments. Once each leaflet is completed it can be exchanged at Mass for the next. At a certain point your child will be ready to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (First Confession). Once each part of the resource has been completed your child will be ready to receive their first communion at a Mass of your choice.

**If your child is not baptised** and would like to receive Holy Communion **they will need to be baptised first**. Please get in touch with our baptism co-ordinator, Chris Myles, who will be able to explain the process for baptism (07443 018 816).

Preparing for the sacraments can be a very special and important time when Christ can come alive for us in new ways. I hope and pray that this will be your experience if you and your child decide that now is the right time to take these next steps on your journey of faith.

I look forward to meeting you along the way and pray that this will be a truly blessed time for you and your family.

God bless,



Father Peter McGrail  
Parish Priest