

Sacramental Programme 2025-2026

St. Marie's Church, Bury



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Parish of St. Marie's and St. Joseph would like to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 3.15pm to help prepare your child for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as part of their journey in faith.

If your child is Year 3 or older and is baptised, you are welcome to this meeting.

Dates of the Programme:

Event	Date and Time	Venue
Welcome meeting and Enrolment	2 nd October 2025 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Presentation Mass Weekend	5 th October 2025 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Session 1	7 th October 2025 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Children's Mass	12 th October 2025 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Session 2	18 th November 2025 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Children's Mass	23 rd November 2025 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Session 3	3 rd February 2026 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Children's Mass	8 th February 2026 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Session 4	17 th March 2026 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Children's Mass	22 nd March 2026 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Session 5	21 st April 2026 at 3.15 pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
Children's Mass	26 th April 2026 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church
Reconciliation Service	Friday 1 st May -school day 1.30pm	St. Marie's Main Hall
First Holy Communion Weekend PROVISIONAL DATES	10 th May 2026 at 11.30 am OR 17 th May 2026 at 11.30 am	St. Marie's Church

At the welcome meeting you will be able to register your child and choose a time for your child's First Holy Communion over two Masses in May. Our Parish and school volunteers give their time generously in order to help you prepare your child for this special year in their journey in faith. There will be five further meetings and these are an essential part of the Sacramental programme so we are giving plenty of advanced notice for these dates.

Even if you have an older child who has undertaken the programme before, it is essential that at least one parent/carers or other adult who will be involved in the child's Sacramental preparation attend each meeting.

In line with the teaching of the Catholic Church, you and your child are expected to attend Sunday Mass. Throughout the year, there are several Children's Masses scheduled in which the children will part in readings, bidding prayers and the offertory. These Masses play a crucial part in the children's preparation to receive the sacraments and so attendance is essential.

Please consider the above and we look forward to welcoming you to the enrolment meeting in October

Yours in faith,

Fr. William Foley – Parish Priest

Mr G McRae - Headteacher