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Dear Parent/Carer

Celebration of First Reconciliation & Holy Communion at St Ralph Sherwin Parish, serving the churches of St Mary’s, Holy Family & Christ the King

If your child is a member of the Catholic Church, they have now reached the age when you can decide whether they are ready to participate fully in the Mass by receiving Holy Communion. The first time your child receives Jesus in the Eucharist is a wonderful event for them and your family and indeed for the whole Christian community.

Children’s lessons and preparation will take place at the 9am Mass at St Mary’s Church.

There will be an introductory session for parents/carers on Thursday 7th November 4pm to 5pm at St Mary’s Parish Hall. At this meeting you will receive the dates for the preparation sessions and the First Reconciliation & Holy Communion dates.

The preparation book the children will use is called ‘I Belong’ and costs £7.95 from Redemptorist Publications or other retailers, ISBN NO:9780852313770. If your child attends St Mary’s CV Academy and you would like us to buy a book for them and pass it on in class, please pay the parish via Bank Transfer: NRCDT Account: 00428642 Sort code: 30-92-59. Then email [fran.hazel@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:fran.hazel@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to let us know you’ve paid. Books will also be available to buy at the first parents’ meeting; and at the back of St Mary’s Church, please have the correct change and put the money in the metal chest.

Please return the application form to myself, Fran Hazel, via your child’s class teacher or to St Mary’s Presbytery. You can also email it to me.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

With every blessing,

Fr Gregory Tobin, Parish Priest of St Mary’s, Holy Family & Christ the King Churches, Derby

Fran Hazel, School Chaplain and Parish Catechetical Coordinator