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February 2026

Dear Parents,

Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion (2026/2027)

In September of this year, we will be starting the programme of preparation for the above sacraments in this parish. The preparation will continue through to June 2027. The children will make their First Confession early in the New Year and their First Holy Communion in June. The preparation will be carried out by a group of catechists who will instruct and prepare the children in small groups, in the Church Hall. It is essential that we have the support of the parents, so that the programme may be the best possible preparation for the children, and a joy for you too.

The programme is parish-based. All parishes now have their own arrangements for preparing the children who live within their parish, in fact each parish will want to prepare their own children. It is important you make arrangements with your parish priest if you live outside St. John Fisher Parish. You should sort this out now before the school holidays. It is essential that all names are given to me, Father Francis, by Sunday 7th June 2026, so that the children can be allocated to their catechist.

In St. John Fisher Parish we have a number of meetings for the parents of the children. Please take note of these meetings and put the dates in your diary. The meetings will be on Thursdays 10th September 2026 in the Church and 1st October 2026 in the Hall at 8pm. Please do not bring the children to these meetings. It is very important that you attend these meetings, as the programme will be outlined and explained and your part in it made clear. You will be told which group your child will be in, and you will have the opportunity of meeting the catechist who will be instructing your child.

On Sunday 4th October at the 9.30am Mass, there will be a Service of Commitment for parents and their children. It is very important that you attend this Service during that Holy Mass.

Parents will be expected to bring to the first meeting £40 to cover the cost of books for First Confession and First Holy Communion, plus the other materials needed to make the preparation the best possible.

Parents must fill in the accompanying reply-slip and return to me, Father Francis, at the presbytery, by Sunday 7th June 2026. Do not return the attached reply-slip to the school.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for all involved in the preparation for these Sacraments, the children, the parents, catechists and priests.

If you have any queries contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Wishing you God's Blessings,
Yours sincerely,

Fr Francis Nonyelu

St. John Fisher – First Confession & First Holy Communion 2027

Please complete the following and return to the presbytery by **Sunday 7th June 2026**

I would like my child to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy
Communion in **June 2027** at St. John Fisher Church, Merton.

Address:
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Postcode:

Contact

Number:

Email:

**It is important you return this slip by Sunday 7th June 2026
as the First Confession & First Holy Communion programmes need to be organised**

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE PRESBYTERY