

APPLICATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This form should be completed and returned as soon as possible but at the latest by Friday 9th January by paper or electronically to office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk

CHILD'S DETAILS (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

CHILD'S FULL NAME

BOY ☐ OR GIRL ☐ (PLEASE TICK)

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS
.....

DATE OF BAPTISM.....

CHURCH BAPTISM TOOK PLACE IN:

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL REQUIRE A COPY OF THE CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH THIS APPLICATION IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTISED AT ONE OF OUR LINKED PARISH CHURCHES

CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2024

CURRENT SCHOOL:

MOTHER'S DETAILS

MOTHER'S FULL NAME

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM CHILD
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EMAIL ADDRESS:Telephone Number.....

FATHER'S DETAILS

FATHER'S FULL NAME.....

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM CHILD
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EMAIL ADDRESS:Telephone Number.....

Does your child have any access or learning requirements you would like us to be aware of?

Yes / No - If yes please give details below:

Does your child have any medical, allergy or dietary requirements you would like us to be aware of?

Yes / No - If yes please give details below:

Does your child have any friendship or family groups you would like the catechists to be aware of when planning with groups? **Yes / No - If yes please give details below:**

WHICH MASS DO YOU MOST REGULARLY ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD?

(Please tick the box most appropriate in normal circumstances as this will be used to assign your FHC Mass)

Mass and Church attended	Most regularly Attended	Please give any further details on Mass attendance and locations of churches that you would like to share with us.
Holy Name Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm		
Our Lady Immaculate Sunday 9am		
St Augustine Sunday 9am		
Holy Name Sunday 10:45am		
Our Lady Immaculate Sunday 12Noon		
Our Lady Immaculate Sunday 7pm		

Do you have any further queries or comments for Fr Damien about the First Holy Communion Course?

Chelmsford Linked Parishes : First Holy Communion 2026

We want your child to enjoy this preparation time and ask you to look on it as an opportunity for your family to grow in faith, and in your knowledge and love of God, together. We ask you and your child for all your support and co-operation to help make this preparation time a blessing for us all.

The parish recognizes that you are the primary teachers of your children in their faith and it is our sincere desire to work alongside you and your child to prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion which are important steps in the life of your child.

Parents Role

As parents you have the most important role in the preparation process, which is primarily:

- ♥ to accompany your child to Mass
- ♥ to pray for and with your child
- ♥ to witness to your faith by your family lifestyle and conversation
- ♥ to prepare for and attend the preparation sessions with them

Your support and encouragement during the process is vital to the Catechists and to your child's faith development. Sports events, parties and other such competing attractions must come second to First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation. If this year's dates do not suit your family, another First Holy Communion programme will run next year in the Linked Parishes.

First Reconciliation

Reconciliation is a special sacrament of healing and forgiveness. It will help your children to grow in awareness of the choices they make and enable them to feel closer to God. Please ensure your child attends one of the two sessions available.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is a special time when your children are welcomed into the body of the Church and begin to take a more active part in the parish community.

Attendance

- Each child must be brought and accompanied for each session. A Parent is required to stay for the duration of the session.
- If your child is unwell or there is a valid reason why you cannot attend, please let the Parish Office know in advance of the session via e-mail
- We ask parents to prepare at home in advance of each session.
- All follow-up home activities should be completed as this is a vital part of the process – giving you and your child an opportunity for quiet time together with each other and with God.
- A register will be taken at each session and if your child misses repeated sessions without good reason, you will be asked to contact Fr Damien to discuss this.
- Sessions will begin on time at 9:30am and end at 11am. We ask everyone to be punctual for all sessions in consideration of others in your group. If you arrive late, you not only disrupt the class, but you may miss a vital part of the preparation.
- Please support your catechists as much as possible; they give their time freely to support you and your children and this preparation course cannot be provided without their time and effort.

I agree to support the Parish First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25 as outlined above:

Name of Child:.....

Name of Parent/Guardian:.....

Signed..... Date.....

Photo Release Form.

We use photos and media on our website and in the Parish magazines and Churches to encourage other children to participate in church activities and celebrate their sacramental journey.

Please could you let us know if you would be happy to support photos and media being used in the following places:

	Yes	No
On the Parish Website		
In the Parish Magazines		
Printed in the Parish Churches		

If you have answered “yes” to any of the media usage above please could you acknowledge that you:

- Grant permission to the Chelmsford Linked Parish Churches, to use my child / children’s photos on its without further consideration as outlined above.
- Acknowledge the church has the right to crop or treat the media at its discretion.
- Acknowledge that the church may choose not to use my photograph(s) or media at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date from the date of when the photograph was taken.
- Understand that once if an image is posted on the church’s website, the image can be downloaded by any computer user, anywhere in the world. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the church, its priests, deacons, its members and designees from any claims arising out of the use of the photograph(s).
- The church reserves the right to discontinue use of any photograph(s) without notice.

I hereby give permission / don’t give permission *(Please delete as appropriate)* to use any still and/or moving image being video footage, photographs and/or frames and/or audio footage depicting my child named below.

Name of Child:.....

Name of Parent/Guardian:.....

Signed..... Date.....

Thank you and please return the four pages of this application form to the Parish Office by Friday 9th January 2026 along with the suggested donation of £25 by cash or cheque made payable to ‘Our Lady Immaculate Church,’ as a contribution to the course materials and further costs associated with running the programme.

For more information about the First Holy Communion Sessions 2026 please see our website www.chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk or contact Fr Michael or the Parish Office.