



Parish of Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Churches of Our Lady and Saint Gregory the Great, Lydiate

21st January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year

As we begin to look towards 'living with Covid' we are also looking forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion this year.

St Gregory's School will celebrate on 23rd April

St John Bosco's School will celebrate on 7th May

We will provide you with more detail about the celebrations nearer to the time.

In order to prepare your child for this wonderful new moment in their relationship with Jesus, we will do a hybrid system for the preparation meetings/sessions. Some of the sessions will be done online again in school. We hope that by next year these sessions will be undertaken by yourselves via an online learning platform. In addition, there will be 3 sessions at church with our Catechists who will utilise some of the programme we used prior to covid. For the meetings in church it is vital that at least one parent accompany their child and help them to participate in the activities. The dates for the church based sessions we will confirm with you in the coming weeks.

In order to register your child for this year's Holy Communion Programme you will need to collect an application form from church. These forms will be available after masses next weekend – 29th/30th January where I hope you join the community for mass and then introduce yourselves to me after mass. Once you have completed the application form, please return them to your child's school.

Like you, I am looking forward to learning to live with covid and find new opportunities to safely live and celebrate together. This is one of those incredible moments. Let us work together to make sure our children have the wonderful memories we have of our Holy Communion Day.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families.

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