

First Holy Communion Preparation 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

As you know, in the present situation, sadly we are not able to gather for our preparation for First Holy Communion. At the moment, it looks likely that the celebration of the First Communion Masses may also have to be postponed.

More information can be found on the website of the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

These are unusual times, but it can also be an opportunity to reflect on our faith, continuing to pray together in our families. You will have plenty of time to work on your books together and make them even more beautiful!

This month, we are reading the account of the Last Supper, so concentrate on Chapter 9 in your books. Read the story of the first Passover, (Exodus ch12) and find out more about the Special Meal that Jesus chose for giving himself to his disciples – and to each one of us. Read the accounts in your book, and in your own Bibles (e.g. Mt 12: 17-29, Mk 14:22-25, Lk 22:14-20) There are some very good dramatisations on YouTube.

Try to find out something about the Seder plate, which Jewish people still have as a special part of their Passover meal each year.

At the end of each chapter in your workbook, there is a 'Family Time' page; you can use these as a focus when you pray together. There are also more ideas on the Bishops' conference website as mentioned above. Please take some time to look at this, and listen to the message from Cardinal Nicholls. Currently, the Gospel of St Matthew is being read in a series of short podcasts, also on the site.

As we continue to prepare for the day when we can gather to celebrate the Eucharist again, some other useful YouTube videos are

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJjW3LXuHzo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdGkTdv4Dt4>

Don't forget, you can also watch the Mass online; as it is live streamed on Sundays!

Continue to pray together; pray for the people of our parish, for those in need, and for those people in the health services working to keep us all safe.

Looking forward to being able to gather once more,

Stay safe and well, look after each other,

Anne, Hilary, Susan and the catechist team.