

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The First Communion classes at St.Bartholomew's Church, Norbury, start in January and end in May/June. Children should be in year 3 or above. Classes are on Saturday mornings (10am -11.30am.) The classes are run by volunteer catechists' who are all DBS checked.

The class format follows the "***I belong***" book which has proved extremely successful in preparing the children for their First Holy Communion.

Parents/Guardians play a vital role in our programme. They are asked to attend a number of sessions exploring the catholic faith. They are provided with a parental guidance book to work alongside the ***I Belong*** books. These Sessions will enable them to understand the programme their child is undertaking as well as strengthening their own faith.

It is important for the parents/guardians to attend the meetings, support the child's learning at home, pray often with the child and bring them to Mass each Saturday/Sunday.

During the programme the children will celebrate First Reconciliation (Confession) in Feb/Mar.

The climax to the programme is celebrating the First Holy Communions and ending with the "Going Forth mass" with the children, parents and guardians. This is the opportunity for all to "Go out to love and serve the Lord."

The children are given a certificate on completion of the programme, at the Going Forth Mass.

2017

51 children received Holy Communion and we had 18 catechists.

Currently we only have 5 catechists for the 2018 programme, and possibly the same number of children