

Parish of St Patrick  
Stafford



*Preparing to Celebrate  
the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

CHILD'S NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) .....

DATE OF BIRTH .....

PLACE AND DATE OF BAPTISM .....

(Please attach baptism certificate, which will be returned)\*

*\*If the Baptism took place at St Patrick's, just give the date. There is no need to supply the certificate.*

***Before signing this application, please read the notes overleaf.***

We wish our child to be part of the St Patrick's School and Parish programme preparation for First Holy Communion and will do our part to help and support, ensuring that our child attends Mass regularly.

SIGNED .....

DATE .....

FATHER'S NAME .....

RELIGION .....

MOTHER'S NAME .....

RELIGION .....

MARRIAGE (Date and Place)

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Please return this form to the Presbytery or to the School with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate\*. Thank you.

\*Please see note above

Notes:

Parents are asked to take particular note of the following:

Children are prepared for First Holy Communion in Year Three as part of the Catholic School Curriculum. **This preparation in class is not sufficient to make them fully ready for First Confession and First Holy Communion.** As will be explained to you in the Parents' Evenings, it is essential that your child is brought to Mass regularly. They need to see Mass attendance as a normal part of their family life.

Additionally, your child needs to be supported by a religious home life. That is to say they need prayer, spiritual reading and full exposure to a Catholic moral way of living.

Parents are invited to discuss these matters with the priest or the teachers who will do all they can to help you fulfil the promises you made on behalf of your child at Baptism.

It is not possible to admit children to the Sacraments unless they are part of the worshipping community of the Church and living the faith and life they will publicly profess.

Mass is celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturdays and 9.30am Sunday. (There are, of course, additional Masses during the week). The Sunday Mass is attended by many young families with children. There is a Children's Liturgy for very young children during the first part of this Mass. If you feel uneasy about returning to Church life, please be assured that there are other families who have come back to church after years away. You will be made to feel welcome.

God bless you as you encourage your child through this very special period of preparation.