

Official Photographer and arrangements in Church

For the first time in Holy family these photographs will be taking place on the day itself, rather than at school the following week, as parents requested.

To aid the process we will divide the children into three timed groups for individual photographs. So as to keep the pace and avoid unnecessary distraction parents are requested to drop off their child at the sacristy door, and either return home or go to the Parish Centre until the church doors are opened at 10.15am.

9.15am	1 st Group of children arrive : Tom Brown, Hendrix Chapman, Sonny Cope, Henry Copping, Jamie Griffiths, Caleb Hall, Cameron Lennie, Elgious Louis, Ethen Lowery, Isaac McAllister (10)
9.30am	2 nd Group of children arrive: Seamus McGahan, George McNulty, Jake Naisbitt, Charlie Race, Nicco Rodriguez, Alfie Thompson, Amelie McAllister, Sophie Blewitt, Isla Creek (9)
9.45am	Remainder Group of children arrive: Nicola Dobek, Grace Gayles, Maciej Goralski, Emily McNulty, Millie Newnham, Franscesca Pavey, Tegan-Jade Richards, Evie Weston (8)
10.00am 10.15am	The Group photograph on sanctuary steps, after which the church doors will open for parents and families.


Whilst children are waiting there will be last minute rehearsals for the service.

There will be seat plans showing where families will sit inside church, displayed in the Parish centre and outside the church. Family names will be displayed on the pew ends centre aisle, with spare capacity seats at the back. If you have anyone coming in a wheelchair please contact Fr David and leave contact details to make specific arrangements. (email: darlington.stthomas@rcdhn.org.uk, or ring 01325 463636)

At communion time itself, each child will be called out by name to receive holy communion along with their family members in each pew, beginning from the front pews working backwards. Any individuals not in communion with the Church are invited to come out and receive a blessing from the minister, indicating with an arm across their chest.

At the end of Mass Fr David will lead the children in procession out of church and into the Parish Centre, where the children will be settled to enjoy their communion breakfast. Everyone else are welcome to the Centre to enjoy tea/coffee/juice and biscuits, and when children have finished, are free to leave to go to arranged lunches or home.

Holy Family First Communion Saturday 9th June 2018

Timetable:	
9.00am; church remain locked apart from sacristy door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographer arrives – • Parents directed home or to Parish Centre, children to the sacristy
9.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st group of children arrive and remain in church
9.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd group of children arrive and remain in church
9.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remainder of children arrive and remain in church
10.00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group photo • Children move to sacristy
10.15am: open Church doors 10.20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and guests directed from Parish Centre (ensure Centre is empty and locked) to Church • Booklets handed out (two welcomers) • Children process from sacristy to back of Church (outside if dry/ inside side aisle if windy or rainy) • Fr David settle congregation with pep talk, then join
11.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of Mass Fr David leads children to process to the Parish Centre, settle around Communion breakfast table • Parents and guests follow to parish Centre for tea/coffee/biscuits • Parents take children home as soon as breakfast is finished • Parish Centre tidied, locked and alarmed.